

January Newsletter

'Walking and Learning with faith in the footsteps of Jesus'

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Bikeability

Well done to the children in Year 5 that took part in Bike ability training. The group of pupils braved the January weather to take part. Initial training took place on the school playground and then quickly progressed to the streets neighbouring the school. Bike ability is a really important part of being to develop a better understanding of how to use roads safely and evaluate potential risks. As always we ask that children wear helmets when cycling –especially when coming to and from school.



School Meals

Thank you to everyone that has got to grips with the new system for ordering school meals. I hope that everyone is becoming increasingly familiar with how the new system works. Please can you make sure that children are happy with the choices of meals, unfortunately, it is not possible to change meals 'on the day' as they have already been prepared.

Parents Evening

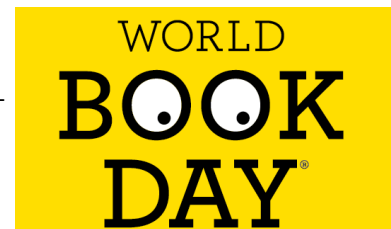
Parents evenings are taking place on Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March. Attendance by a parent or carer is of importance, as it is a chance to find out how things are going, look at books and meet your child's teacher. Thank you to all parents and carers that attend –details of how to book have already been sent via email with a link to a Microsoft Form. If you are having any problems with this please speak to the school office.

Chair of Governors

Following the retirement of Mrs Rigg, the new school Chair of Governors is Mrs Higgin. Mrs Higgin has been a member of the governing body for over 3 years and already is a regular visitor to our school, visiting Early Years classes each week.

World book day

World book day this year is on Thursday 6th March and to mark this we are asking children to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. During the day we will have a special assembly and share different stories.

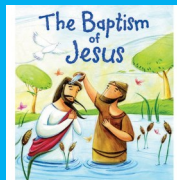


Collective Worship

The theme for this half-term is:

The People Jesus Meets

We will look at the many people that Jesus met during his time on earth. We have learnt about John the Baptist, Simeon and Anna, and Jesus's time in the desert.



Term Time Holidays

Term time holidays are rarely authorised and most result in a fine. They can be very disruptive to learning leaving gaps in understanding. Please avoid taking holidays during term –time. A list of school holidays up to July 2027 is included in this newsletter.

On time and in the line...

Please remember that school starts promptly at 8.45am and learning starts straight away. Please help us to get off to a good start each day by being on time and in the line.

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Attendance Update – January 2026

Our Attendance Team continues to work hard ensuring that we closely monitor attendance and regularly report children’s attendance to parents. The team meet every four weeks to monitor. If your child’s attendance is below 96%, we will inform you of this in a few different ways:

Percentage	Action
94 – 95.9	Telephone call from class teacher to make you aware of your child’s current attendance
92 - 93.9	Telephone call from a member of the Attendance Team to discuss and offer support
90 - 91.9	A letter explaining that we will be monitoring over the next for weeks to see an improvement
Below 90	A letter inviting you to an attendance meeting and the discussion of a plan

It is really important that we prioritise attendance for our children. As you are aware, changes were made to the reporting of attendance at the start of September 2024 and this is now monitored at a higher level. This is to ensure the best outcomes for all children.

As we begin the Spring Term, our overall attendance sits at 93.5%. This is quite a lot lower than at the same time last year and 2.5% below the expected level. We do appreciate that we have been hit hard by a nasty flu-like illness and tummy bugs. However, it is important that children are in school as much as is physically possible to ensure they don’t miss vital steps in their learning. Please keep working with us to improve attendance – Everyday Counts.

Upcoming dates at school

Tuesday 10th February: Safer internet day
 Monday 23rd –Friday 27th February: Half-term week
 Thursday 5th March World Book day
 Parents Evenings Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March
 DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER EGG RAFFLE ARE VERY WARMLY WELCOME



YEAR 6 SATS WEEK 2026 –ALL YEAR SIX PUPILS

- **Monday, May 11:** English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (Paper 1 & 2)
- **Tuesday, May 12:** English Reading (Paper 1)
- **Wednesday, May 13:** Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic & Paper 2: Reasoning)
- **Thursday, May 14:** Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)

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Terms Dates 2025/26 and 2026/27

Christmas holidays are: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026 (PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 5th JANUARY IS A TRAINING DAY)

Spring term 2026

The Spring term is: Tuesday January 6th 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026

Half-term is: Monday 23rd February 2026 to Friday 27th February 2026

Easter holiday is: Friday 3rd April 2026 to Friday 17th April 2026

Summer term 2026 Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026

Mayday is MONDAY 4th May 2026

Half-term is: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer holiday 2026 is Monday 20th July 2026 to Wednesday 2nd September

Autumn term 2026

The Autumn term is Thursday 3rd September to Friday 18th December

Half-term is: Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October (PLEASE NOTE FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER IS A TRAINING DAY)

Christmas holidays are: Monday 21st December to Monday 4th January 2027 (PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 4th JANUARY IS A TRAINING DAY)

Spring term 2027

The Spring term is: Tuesday 5th January to Thursday March 25th 2027

Half-term is: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Easter holiday is: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer term 2027 Monday 12th April to Tuesday 20th July 2027

Half-term is: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Summer holiday 2027 is Wednesday 21st July 2027