

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 3

November 2025

Attendance Matters



We continue to encourage high attendance for all children in school. There are 195 school days - 5 of these days are allocated training days, leaving 190 days per year for children to attend school - so every day counts!

Where children are fit and well, they should be in school.

As a school, we have a minimum target of 97% attendance for every child.

We currently have **132 out of 206** meeting the 97% attendance target.

It is still early in the year, where one day's absence counts at a larger %.

Attendance at school will only improve this figure as the year progresses.

This is the figure we would love to see: 206 out of 206 children with 97% attendance or above

We currently have **144 out of 206** children who are on track for their 100% attendance sticker for Autumn half term 2.

We also have **86 out of 206 children** currently on track to receive their 100% attendance certificate for attending every day during the Autumn term.

We continue to celebrate attendance every week in our Friday assembly.

Our attendance mascot, Bobby Bear, joins the class with the highest attendance each week.

Getting to school on time really matters...

If in a school year your child is late everyday....	your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	15 lessons
10 minutes	5 days from school	25 lessons
15 minutes	7 days from school	35 lessons
20 minutes	9-10 days	45 to 50 lessons

School doors open at 8.40am, with the first lesson starting at 8.45am.

As the winter weather approaches, please allow extra time to ensure that your child continues to arrive ready for an 8.40am start.

Many thanks for your support.

Staffing Update

At the end of last term, Miss Pullan who worked in Reception class and as our Out of School Club Manager, left to take up a new role in the building trade. We wish her all the best in her new profession.

Following recruitment, we welcome

Miss Lydia Parker



Miss Parker joins the team as a teaching assistant, working in Reception class, and also in Out of School Club.

Dates for the term ahead

Thursday 27 th November	Y4	Year 4 Class Assembly 2.40 pm (hall)
Friday 28 th November	Rec to Y6	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 28 th November	Y5	Year 5 Class Assembly 2.40pm (hall)

December 2025

Wednesday 3 rd December		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2026/27 Sessions at 1.15pm and 6pm
Thursday 4 th December	GOVS	2 nd Meeting of the Full Governing Body 3.30pm
Friday 5 th December	ALL	APPCA Christmas fair 4.15pm to 6.15pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Stage Festive Concert 2.15pm (hall)
Wednesday 10 th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Thursday 11 th December	Y3 & Y4	Year 3/4 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Friday 12 th December	Y5 & Y6	Year 5/6 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Monday 15 th December	ALL	Christmas Lunch served
Wednesday 17 th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Thursday 18 th December	Y3 to Y6	Key Stage 2 Christmas party
Friday 19 th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Christmas party
Friday 19 th December	ALL	School Closes 3.10pm OOS Club Closes 5pm

Christmas Break Holiday

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January 2026

Monday 5 th January 2026	Rec to Y6	School Opens for all pupils in Reception to Year 6 8.40am
Monday 5 th January	Nur	Nursery CLOSED for home visits
Tuesday 6 th January	Nur	Nursery OPEN

And finally...

Outdoor Clothing

We aim to get the children outside every day, regardless of the weather, whether for playtimes or for lessons held outdoors.

Please make sure that your child wears appropriate footwear and brings a waterproof, warm coat to school every day.

Gloves and hats are also recommended, but please make sure they are **named** - gloves in particular have a tendency to lose each other!

