

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... |
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| 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 Gemma Sunley

Miss Sunley joins us as a teaching assistant and will be working in KS1 as well as supporting in Out of School Club.

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

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| 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

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| 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

SPRING TERM 1

January 2026

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| 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!

