

Date: 14/11/2025

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Good afternoon,

It has been another brilliant week at school. The children have involved in lots of learning, and it has been lovely speaking to them about their week and what they have been learning. Mr Ford was quizzed by the School Parliament about school decisions, processes, and procedures for making changes, and they have suggested some fantastic ideas to make our school even better... watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend, and hopefully the weather will improve for us all.

Mr Woodward and Mr Ford

Notices

Odd Sock Day

It was brilliant to see all the odd socks (including the wacky combinations!) on Monday to help remind the children how different and unique we all are, and to celebrate those differences. The children had opportunities to speak positively about themselves and others, and it was a wonderful celebration of individuality.

Individual and Sibling Photos

Your child should have had their photo taken this week and once we have more information from Photojenix about purchasing we will share that with you. If your child wasn't in but want them to have a school photo, please contact Photojenix as you are able to go to their studio to have it done.

Children in Need Day

Today we have celebrated Children in Need, and the children came into school wearing their own clothes. If you would like to donate, please head to the Children in Need website.

School Plays

We're delighted to let you know that our Christmas performances will be taking place during the school day this year. We have chosen to only have performances during the school day as we understand that evening events can make for late nights for children, mean changes to routines, and have potential clashes with clubs or other commitments, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

With around a month's notice, we hope this allows everyone time to make arrangements to attend and enjoy these special performances. Due to hall capacity, each child will be allocated **two tickets** for the shows.

We also plan to record the performances and, where possible, share them securely via the school website. However, please note that on occasion, technical issues mean this may not be possible – We will try our best though!

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Thank you for your understanding and continued support—we can't wait to share the festive fun with you!

Performance dates and times:

Snowdrops – Tuesday 9th December 2:00pm

Daffodils and Buttercups class – Wednesday 10th December 2:00pm

Daisy and Honeysuckle class – Thursday 11th December 2:00pm

Upcoming dates for the diary

18.11.25	Lantern Making in the hall for the lantern parade (It is happening just before our Winter Fair on 28.11.25)
20.11.25	Immunisations (for those that have completed the online form)
21.11.25	PTA non-uniform day – Christmas items – non-uniform (date swap)



UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please be aware that these dates may change. We will keep you updated via text or Class Dojo if they do change.

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Date	Event
18.11.25	Lantern Making in the hall
20.11.25	Immunisations (for those that have completed the online form)
21.11.25	PTA non-uniform day – Christmas items – non-uniform
28.11.25	PTA non-uniform day - Bottles PTA Winter fair
06.12.25	PTA Story with Santa and Breakfast event
09.12.25	Nursery performance
10.12.25	Daffodil/Buttercups performance
11.12.25	Daisy/Honeysuckle performance
15.12.25-19.12.25	Christmas Party Week
15.12.25	Winter music concert (provisional date)
17.12.25	Christmas Service
18.12.25	Christmas dinner day
19.12.25	Christmas jumper day and last day
20.12.25-04.01.26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
05.01.26	Children's first day back at school
03.02.26	PTA Movie Night
09.02.26-12.02.26	Children's mental health week
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
13.02.26	INSET
14.02.26-22.02.26	HALF TERM
23.02.26	Children's first day back
02.03.26-06.03.26	Book Week – 06.03.26 World Book Day
06.03.26	PTA Wonka Bar
17.03.26	Parents' Evening 1
19.03.26	Parents' Evening 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day
25.03.26	Easter Service
27.03.26	INSET Day
28.03.26-12.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS
13.04.26	Children's first day back
22.04.26	Spring music concert in church (provisional date)
01.05.25	PTA non-uniform day – children's tombola/gifts
04.05.26	Bank Holiday
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs week
19.05.26	PTA Disco
22.05.26	INSET Day
23.05.26-31.05.26	HALF TERM
01.06.26	Children's first day back
09.06.26	PTA Scoot and Skate KS2
12.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – TBC
16.06.25	PTA Scoot and Skate EYFS/KS1
17.06.26-19.06.26	Y6 Residential

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22.06.26	Sports Day Nursery 9:15/R-Y2 10:30/KS2 1pm
26.06.26	PTA non-uniform day - Bottles PTA summer fair
03.07.26	Transition day
08.07.26	Summer music concert in school (provisional date)
14.07.26	Y6 Leavers' play 2pm/6pm
16.07.26	Y6 Leavers' party
23.07.26	Y6 Leavers' assembly to parents 2:30pm Last day