



Weekly Newsletter



News of the Week

In the news this week

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the types of books or other materials you enjoy reading.
- > Ask an adult to describe their reading journey, e.g., what they liked reading as a child, what they read now.
- > Why do you think fewer people read in today's world? What do you think of the initiative – is it a good idea in your view?

Homework

Homework starts again today following the Christmas Break. Children will have new homework set via the Seesaw App every Thursday and it is due to be completed by the following Tuesday. Homework is a time to practise and consolidate skills taught in school. The time children spend practising is so beneficial and we strongly urge you to engage in homework as much as possible. Completing homework with high expectations also builds strong habits for the future.

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop:

Miss Kennedy, as English Lead, is looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to her Early reading and Phonics workshop for parents and carers of Reception and Year One children. The workshop will be a recorded zoom meeting on **Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 4pm**. *The login details will be shared nearer to the time*. Miss Kennedy plans to talk to you about how we develop phonics in school and she will also cover how we support children as they learn to read. We hope you can make it. For those of you that can not make the live session, we will send a link.



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Parents Meeting for upcoming Residentials

This is just a reminder that we have our Parent Information Meetings approaching for a couple of our planned residentials. These meetings give you lots of opportunity to learn about the planned visit and ask any questions you may have. Medical forms and packing lists etc will also be shared. Should you be unable to make these meetings, information will be shared via Seesaw following the meeting.

Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents is Wednesday 14th January at 5:30pm

Y2 Residential Meeting for Parents is Monday 19th January at 5:00pm

Weather Updates

You will be aware that the weather is forecast to be poor over the next few days as we are well and truly in the grip of winter. In the case of any potential school closure, we will endeavour to inform you as early as possible (hopefully no later than 7:30am). We will of course work as hard as possible to keep school open but it will be dependent upon being able to staff school adequately. We thank you for your understanding.

Term Dates and Dates for the Diary

Attached are Term Dates 2026-2027 to assist you all if you are planning on booking any future holidays. This will help reduce holidays taken in term time.

Dates for Diary are also attached, this document is very fluid so please be mindful this changes regularly. Dates are also on our website.

We remind all parents and carers any holidays taken in term time do require a completed Leave of Absence Form which the Head does need to action.

Appointments taken in school hours do require a copy of an appointment card/ screen shot of booking in at the medical centre. Failure to do so will then be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Weekly attendance

w/c 15.12.2025

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| Year Rec | 96.33% |
| Year 1 | 93% |
| Year 2 | 97.67% |
| Year 3 | 97.59% |
| Year 4 | 98.28% |
| Year 5 | 100% |
| Year 6 | 97.32% |

Enrichment Clubs

There are a few spaces left at this terms new Goalie Training with Joe Higgins. If you are interested in joining or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Joe directly. I have attached his details.