



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Happy New Year to you all!

On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy 2026. As always, in school we will be as busy as ever and encouraging great attendance. We look forward to working with you all and providing the best possible education we can.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your generous gifts at the end of last term.

Attendance

You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now a bigger [Government drive to improve attendance](#). When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence. We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school [website](#).

Please click on the [link](#) to see the guidance for parents regarding attendance:

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. Class attendance for last week was as follows: **Year 2 & Year 4 – 99.17%, Nursery – 98.11%, Reception – 97.5%, Year 5 – 96.76%, Year 3 – 90.74%, Year 1 – 90.32%, Year 6 - 88.94%**
Overall school attendance – **95%**.

The classes in **green** are above our target of **96%** and those in **red** are below, some significantly below. We will be targeting those with poor attendance.

*If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider * to report the absence or click [here](#) to send an email to let us know, please try to let us know by 9.00AM. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.*

Info for parents from the DfE regarding fines: [Fines for parents for taking children out of school](#).

National Year of Reading 2026

The Education Secretary is calling on parents to lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure, to help give kids the best start in life as part of the Plan for Change.

The call comes as the Department for Education and National Literacy Trust join forces to launch a National Year of Reading, starting in January 2026 to kick start a reading revolution. It will reverse the trend as just [one in three aged 8 to 18](#) said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025.

Bringing together parents, schools, libraries, businesses and literacy experts, the campaign aims to foster a love of reading for pleasure in children and young people, ensuring all children get the best start in life.

Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence, and even higher future earnings, with new data showing those proficient in reading and writing in primary school [earn £65,000 more over their lifetime](#).

Scooters and Bikes on premises

May we remind you that scooters and bikes should not be used on the school premises.

Parents and Friend Association (PFA)

Our raffle winners were as follows:

1. Luxury Food hamper	Caleb	Y3
2. Sweets & Treats hamper	Hallie	Reception class
3. Pamper hamper	Aniyah	Y1
4. Book & Sweet hamper	Dolly	Y2
5. Pamper hamper	Victoria	Y3
6. Book & Sweet hamper	Harvey	Y3

Dates for Academic Year 2025/26

For school term dates for this academic year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

January

8 th January	Year 6 swimming am
12 th January	Year 6 swimming am. Mini-church 11.15am at church – all Early Years families welcome. All after school clubs begin.
13 th January	Year 6 swimming am. Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm.
14 th January	Year 6 swimming am. 10.00am – Communion at Church for Year 1 – Year 6 all families welcome. 1/2 Year 3 swimming pm.
15 th January	Year 6 swimming am. Mentor Lunch
20 th January	Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm.
21 st January	1/2 Year 3 swimming pm.
26 th January	Y1 Phonics meeting.
27 th January	Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2 pm.
28 th January	1/2 Year 3 swimming pm.
30 th January	TT Rockstars competition.

CAMHS

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact Miss Murtagh, Headteacher and school's Mental Health lead via the school office.

Children's University Winter Challenge

Did your child take part in the winter challenge? Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. If so, please remember to send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

Mentor Lunch 15 January 2026

Our mentor lunch takes place on Thursday 15.01.26. Envelopes are being sent home with children from Y3 – Y6 today. Please return your envelope with payment to school as soon as possible. Please note that there is no facility for packed lunch on this day.

Christian Values This week's Christian Value is **Thankfulness**.

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher



A Prayer for our School

*This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
let peace begin with me.
Let the room be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of human kind, love of life itself
And love of God
Let us remember that as many hands
build a house,
Many hearts build a school.
Amen*

