Friday 23rd October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for all their hard work and support over the past eight weeks. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which the children have embraced their learning, taken part in the many opportunities on offer and continued to demonstrate our school values each day.

As always, our pupils represent the school brilliantly and have much to be proud of.
The half-term break provides an opportunity for everyone to rest and recharge before returning for what is always a productive and exciting second half of the autumn term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November (when winter will be with us) and hearing about the children's adventures over the break.
I hope you all have a happy, restful and safe half term.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week! Keep shining!

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Star	Writer of the Week
Reception	Theo	Hamdaan	Freddie
Year 1	Coby	Sienna	Isaac
Year 2	Orla	Aida	Lian
Year 3	Rhea	Jaxon	Edi
Year 4	Eleanor	Eden	Jeremy
Year 5	Zach	Serena	Alfie
Year 6	Ayla	Oriana	Ghalia

Attendance Advice

Our attendance figures have been impacted this week by the sickness bug that is currently circulating in the community. Thank you for your support in helping us to reduce the spread of illness within school.

A gentle reminder that children should not return to school until **48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea**. Whilst we appreciate that this can be inconvenient, it is an important measure to help protect all members of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

WB 19th Oct	
Class	Attendance
Reception	97%

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Year 1	92%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	98%
Whole school	97%

Reception Open Days 2027

We have been delighted to welcome prospective families to our first two Open Days. It has been a pleasure to showcase our school, introduce visitors to our wonderful children and staff, and share what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow and flourish.

There is still an opportunity for families to visit before applications open. If you know a family with a child due to start school in September 2027, please encourage them to book a place and see our school in action.

Tours take place at **9.30am** and **1.30pm** on the following date:

- Thursday 5 November
- Friday 13 November

Please note that attending our Pre-School does not automatically guarantee a Reception place.

PTA News: We have several important PTA updates and upcoming events, so please take a moment to read the information below.

Break the Rules Day: A huge well done to all the children who took part in today's **Break the Rules Day** fundraiser. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces around school, all while helping to raise money for our school community. Thankfully, the children mostly kept to the rules they were allowed to break!

We are delighted to share that, together, we raised an amazing **£387.70**. A special congratulations goes to **Year 3**, who proved to be our ultimate rule-breakers and raised the highest amount of any class with **£64.51**. Well done, Year 3... even if you did enjoy breaking a few rules along the way!

Thank you to all our families for your generosity and support, and to the children for entering the spirit of the day with such enthusiasm. Events like this remind us of what a fantastic school community we have.

As always, the children represented the school brilliantly. They showed that it is possible to have lots of fun, enjoy something a little different, and still demonstrate the excellent behaviour, attitudes to learning and sense of community that make us so proud.

Christmas Fair: This year's **Christmas Fair**, which will take place on **Friday 27 November from 4.30pm to 6.30pm**.
The fair is always a highlight of the school calendar and a wonderful opportunity for families, friends and the wider community to come together. We look forward to sharing more details over the coming weeks.

To support the Christmas Fair, we will be holding two non-uniform donation days:

- **20 November** - Rainbow Raffle Prize Donations (details to follow)
- **27 November** - Bottle and Chocolate Tombola Donations

BBC Children in Need: A reminder that we will be supporting **BBC Children in Need** on **Friday 13 November**. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and make a donation if they wish.

As always, donations are entirely voluntary, and we appreciate that families are often asked to support a number of events throughout the year. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps to make a difference to children and young people across the country.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parents' Evenings

Bookings are now open for our **Parents' Evenings on 10 and 12 November**. Thank you to the many families who have already booked their appointments, with most available slots now taken.

If you have not yet booked, this is a gentle reminder to do so via the online booking system. Parent consultations are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and learn about the next steps in their learning.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Before and After School Club

Thank you to the families who responded following last week's newsletter and have now booked regular places in our Before and After School Club. This has been extremely helpful and will support us in planning provision more effectively for the weeks and months ahead.

As previously explained, staffing levels and capacity are based on regular, long-term bookings. While we appreciate that families occasionally require additional childcare at short notice, the number of ad hoc places available is very limited and cannot be guaranteed.

To help us manage places fairly and sustainably, families requiring an occasional additional session should contact Laura Barnett, Harris Hub Manager, who will be able to check availability before confirming a place.

We would continue to encourage families to book regular sessions wherever possible. This enables us to plan staffing appropriately, maintain safe ratios and ensure the long-term sustainability of the club for all families who rely upon it.

Community Information – SEND Family Drop-In



Community Opportunity



Thought for the Week: *If It's to Be, It's Up to Me*

The philosopher Søren Kierkegaard wrote that 'Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.' As we reach the end of a busy half term, it is worth taking a moment to reflect

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on all that our children have achieved, whilst remembering that growth often happens quietly and gradually. The small steps taken each day eventually become the foundations for future success.

With ambition, kindness and thankfulness,

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