

**Attendance WOW!**  
 Congratulations to Ayden M (3/4M) who has won a £5 voucher for Amazon today for 100% attendance this week. Who will it be next week? You've got to be in it to win it!

**THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM!**  
**CLASSROOM DOORS OPEN AT 8:50 AND CLOSE AT 9:00.**  
**NOTE: IF LATE PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT THE OFFICE, WHERE YOU WILL BE ASKED TO THEN WALK YOUR CHILD OUT TO THEIR CLASSROOM DOOR**

Handwriting is such an important part of writing, involving many different aspects that contribute to a child's overall development. From core body strength to fine motor skills, each of these elements needs to be secure before even picking up a pencil or pen.

In Nursery, we focus on preparing our children for writing by building their core strength and developing fine motor skills, along with finger and hand strength. As they transition to Reception, we introduce them to forming letters correctly through our Little Wandle handwriting programme, which runs alongside our phonics curriculum.

In Year 1, children continue to enhance their understanding of printing letters correctly. Once they have mastered this, Year 2 marks the beginning of learning how to join their handwriting. They are taught joins in letter families, which helps them learn how to form each individual letter. This journey continues throughout the school until Year 6, ensuring a solid foundation in handwriting for all our students. If you would like more information about how we form our letters, ask the class teachers for a copy of the letters and how they are formed.

Class	Percentage
RG	95%
2C	99%
4M	98%
5R	97%

#### Dates

13<sup>th</sup> February - School break up for half term  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February - INSET day - SCHOOL CLOSED  
 24<sup>th</sup> February - School reopens  
 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 2/3/4 - Liverpool FC Game on  
 9<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair in school  
 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 residential to Condover

As we close the doors to the end of the half term, it's important to note that we are already halfway through the school year. Wow, how quickly it has gone! The children have learnt so much this term; it's been lovely to see their confidence in every subject grow as they talk so positively about their learning.

From engaging in exciting projects to participating in lively discussions, their enthusiasm has truly shone through. We are incredibly proud of their progress and can't wait to see what the next half term brings. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing their love for learning!

**ATTENDANCE STATS!**  
 166 children have had 100% attendance for this half term  
 260 children have had no late marks this half term  
 2C are the highest attendance winners this half term at 99%  
 The class with the least amount of lates is 1W

## SMART AWARDS

Number Smart	Jayden M - 2C
Self Smart	Maisie F RD
Art Smart	Lincoln A 1W
Body Smart	Tyr Z - 5/6M
Nature Smart	Sienna H-G ¾M
People Smart	Mert-Aras G Nursery
Music Smart	Olly P 3B
Word Smart	Joy N 6F
Smart Learner	Mason H 6F

**Dinner Menu**  
 Next week is week: 2



