



A note from Mrs Beardsley

It has been a joy to see all of the Talk for Writing work happening across the school this week. Early Years have been finding out all about what the Evil Pea has been up to in Supertato and Key Stage One have been creating new portal stories based on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. The children and staff love learning our English in this way, using drama and storytelling skills to allow our imaginations to come to life. Ask your child about what they have been doing in their writing lessons this week.

School Milk

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact

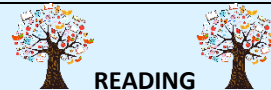


Tiny Happy People is a new BBC website designed to help develop your child's language and communication skills.

There are lots of simple activities and ideas that the whole family can join in with for more information please visit www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people

Parking

We appreciate that parking around school is limited and can be an issue at drop off and home time. However, please can we remind parents that it is dangerous and illegal to park on the Yellow Zig Zag road markings. Blocking this area even momentarily causes a hazard for our families on both sides of the road. Parking Enforcement Officers are in the area and any cars found parked on the zig-zags will be issued with a Penalty Notice.



We are really excited that 2026 has been announced as the National Year of Reading.

It is the 'biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people rediscover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives'. This is a Department for Education initiative, in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust. Watch this space for events and initiatives coming up through the year...

Attendance Matters

If your child is too unwell for school, please let us know by 9.15am. You can contact us by any of our communication channels e.g. leaving an answer phone message, telephone call, email, verbally informing a member of staff and Class Dojo.



Don't forget our Free universal breakfast club everyday from 8.15 for those in Reception and year's 1 & 2. Come along and meet friends before school. Our Valentine disco theme nights are now available to book via the school money app please see flyer for further details.



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Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Wednesday 14th 21st 28th January 4th 11th February	Ice Skating	pm	Y1
Wednesday 14th 21st 28th January 4th 11 th 25th February	Martial Arts	pm	Y2
Tuesday 3rd February	Valentine Disco	15.15-18.00	Kingfishers Puffins Flamingos
Wednesday 4th February	Valentine Disco	15.15-18.00	Nursery Reception
Friday 16th January	Height/Weight check	pm	Reception
Wednesday 11th February	Parents Evening		Whole School
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening		Whole School

Half-Term : Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February

Inset Day Monday 23 February

SCHOOL REOPENS: Tuesday 24th February

Year Group News

Early Years Foundation Stage (2 Year olds, F1 and F2)



Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies
We have had another busy week this week. The children have been working hard to learn their story map for 'Supertato' in talk for writing. These will be coming home with the children on Friday this week, and part of the homework learning will be for them to re-tell the story to you. Also, in talk for writing, we have innovated the story changing some of the characters and objects- we can now tell the story of "super carrot and the evil tomato who lives in a cupboard!"



In phonics, children from all groups have been working hard on their spelling and using their 'fred fingers'. They have enjoyed using these new found skills to write captions on their pictures! Last week, the children came home with a QR code directing them to different videos to support their phonics learning this half term. Please look at these they will really benefit their learning.

In maths, we have been looking at 1 more and 1 less. The children have grasped the concept of this well and have applied their knowledge in the continuous provision.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Gabi's nana Caroline, who has come into school to speak to the children about her role as a nurse to support our 'Real life superheroes' topic.

Busy Bees Blue and Yellow.

The children have adapted well to many small changes this week. The blue group have moved their carpet area and now have lots more carpet space for their learning. Yellow group continue to work hard with Ms McNeil and are growing and changing each week.

In phonics this week we have played lots of sound games and the children have tuned in their listening and rhythm skills. They have particularly enjoyed the noisy dice game!

In maths, we have been looking at more and fewer. The children have used the vocabulary in context when sorting the pom pom sweets in the jar. We have also been looking at 2d shapes and their names- the children have been brilliant at using these shapes in the provision to make different shape pictures.

Creative Caterpillars.

It has been great to have the creative caterpillars spend some quality time in the nursery and reception provision some mornings this week. They have adapted to the new surroundings amazingly and have played alongside all of their peers in the continuous provision. The children who started last week have settled beautifully, following our routines and settling for nap time as well as joining in with "What's in the box." This week, we have followed the orientation schema and the children have enjoyed making dens and binoculars.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



This week the children have really impressed the staff during their English lessons as they collected ideas of adjectives we could use to describe the characters in our stories. The children have really enjoyed thinking of different characters for their own version of 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.' Next week the children will continue to write their own version of the story using lots of talk for writing language.



In Maths the Year 1 children will be exploring the relationship between subtraction and addition. They will be telling 'First, then, and now' stories and linking these to addition and subtraction number sentences or equations. The Year 2 children will be continuing their multiplication topic. They will look at doubling numbers and relating this to multiplying by 2. They will be investigating the relationship between doubling and halving. They will be using the vocabulary of factors and product.

We will continue with our 'Winter Wonderland' topic. In DT we will be planning and designing our own bridges. During computing we will be using the laptops to create images.



In RE we will continue to learn about Islam and what it means to be a Muslim.



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