

Half Term ending Friday 14th February 2025

Deputy's Message

As I write, the sun is shining and there are definite signs of Spring around the school site as we finish the coldest and darkest of the half terms of the year.

As usual I have seen, heard and observed some fantastic teaching and learning across the school. New core stories have been read, none of which had been taught before in school and I know there are more new ones to come next half term. We have welcomed visitors into school and have several planned to tie in with Science week next half term and healthy schools week in the Summer. All of our visitors have commented how polite, kind and knowledgeable our children are—well done all.

If you haven't signed up for **parents evenings in the week of 3rd March** please do contact the office once we are back. This will be an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about their progress and next steps at the half way point through the academic year—we have a lot to celebrate with you.





On **Monday 24th February** (first day back) we are inviting anyone who is a member of Girl Guiding and Scouting to come to school in uniform as part of World Thinking Day.

My favourite event of the next half term is our **World Book Day celebrations**. Half term would be a fantastic opportunity to get reading in an unusual place and take a photo for our competition. We have had a donation of a £10 book token prize for each class for this so do join in! Please send these photos to us by message on Dojo.

As usual, staff will not be checking messages etc after the end of the day today as they also take a well earned break.

Have a good half term.



Come dressed as your favourite book character or wear your pyjamas and bring to your favourite book on Thursday 6th March 2025

Costumes do not need to be expensive or extravagant. Remember you need to be able to do all your normal activities in what ever you wear (Kestrels see your class dojo re: swimming)

Take part in our competition to win a book token. This year's theme is to "READ YOUR WAY" Take a photo of you reading in an any such place and send it by do not a your class teacher

before World Book Day. The most unusual Wins!

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Information

Family Friday for the Spring Term - 9am unless otherwise stated

7th Mar: Owl

14th Mar: Eagle

21st Mar: Kestrel

28th Mar: Owl

School Day

Our attendance this half term has been pretty much in line with the national attendance target which is amazing. Well done everyone

We are getting a lot of late arrivals in the morning (arriving after 9am). Registers close at 9am and arrivals after this are counted as late. We know sometimes this is unavoidable—if you know you are going to be late please leave a message at the office, especially if your child would like a lunch as after 9.15am we can not add any more lunch orders.

Key learning such as phonics and spelling often takes place at 9am and missing this can make other learning harder to access.

PARENT READERS—PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES IN BOLD

Owl: **Mondays** at 2.50pm

Kestrel: Thursdays at 2.50pm

Eagle: Wednesdays at 2.50pm

Clubs

Please contact the office to sign up for after half term. There will be no clubs on Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th March.

Friends

Thank you to all who supported the cake sale today. We will release a total after half term. Do keep supporting Cake Friday—you can buy a half term's worth of tickets in one go from the Friends.

After half term we have our non-uniform for a hamper item—EASTER THEMED—eggs, crafts, games etc.

Save the date: FAMILY FUN NIGHT JUNE 27TH

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Save the date!

| February | |
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| Monday 17th—Friday 21st February | Half Term |
| Monday 24th February | Members of Guiding and Scouting invited to attend in uniform. |
| Friday 28th February | Non Uniform for an item for the Easter Hampers |
| March | |
| Monday 3rd March | Y6 parents receive High School offers—keep an eye out for your email as you need to accept the offer place. |
| Tuesday 4th February | Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30 |
| Wednesday 5th February | Clubs on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th will not take place. |
| Thursday 6th March | World Book Day –see poster on page 1 |
| Friday 21st March | Wear a red item with school uniform for Comic Relief |
| Tuesday 25th March | Y6 parents meeting re Y6 SATs. 9am in the hall |
| April | |
| Friday 4th April | Easter Service at Church 9am—pupils only. |
| Monday 7th—Monday 21st April | Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 22nd April | INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS |
| VERY ADVANCED NOTICE! | |
| Friday 27th June | Family Fun Night—come and support the Friends to raise money for the school. 4.30-7pm—stalls, raffles, games, cakes, food and more! |
| Monday 7th July (Proposed date) | This is the most likely date at present for our sports day this year. We will confirm the date after Easter. We expect to follow the usual pattern of a morning of carousel sports, family picnic and afternoon races to which you are invited to attend all or part of the day. |

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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

This half term's attendance: 96.7

Class with the best attendance: Kestrel 97.26

Minutes lost to late arrivals: 473

Number of pupils recorded as arriving late at least once this half term: 11

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