

Thursday 30th January 2025

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It has been a week of happy surprises. Mrs Wilmot was due to start her maternity leave this Friday but after an eventful weekend, baby Alice Elizabeth Wilmot was delivered on Sunday. Mum and baby are doing well and we send them all our love and congratulations. Class 6M now officially passes into the very capable hands of Mr Humphreys.

Parents of children in Years 3 and 4, please take a minute to read our dates for the diary at the end of this letter. There have been some changes of dates for the Year 3 and 4 Spring performances. In reviewing our diary dates, it came to our attention that there is a potential clash with Eid and so we have moved the performances to later in the week so all children can celebrate and perform. Year 4 will not go swimming that week but will make the time up later in the school year.

I have been asked again by local residents to politely remind people not to park over the drives or obstruct access to properties neighbouring the school. Some cars are blocking driveways but also are being left fully on the pavements which is extremely frustrating for residents but more importantly, is highly dangerous for children and families walking on to and from school. A little more time, patience and consideration could prevent a serious accident. Whilst I appreciate the frustrations and people's busy lives, we do need to put the safety of our children first.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse



Interesting Fact:

The **amygdala** is the part of our brain which is responsible for our emotional responses, especially in situations which involve anxiety, fear or anger.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
96.19%

This week's winning class: 4W 98.9% Great!



School Council Break the Rules Day

Break the Rules Day will take place this Friday, 31st January 2025. Please see the end of the newsletter for the list of rules that can be broken for a price! All monies raised will go to Springhill Hospice, the school council's chosen local charity for this year.



PTA Penny Wars

Back by popular demand from our pupils, the PTA Penny Wars will run from Monday 27th January until Friday 7th February 2025. Each class will have a special jar that they can put any coins which they find at home, into. The class that fills their jar with the most pennies will win a film and snacks afternoon. All monies raised by the event will go to PTA funds which are used to buy resources or fund special events in school.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is Know yourself, Grow yourself. Children will be completing activities around this theme in their classes. We will be holding a coffee morning in Highwood Hall at 9.15am on Thursday 6th February. This will be an opportunity for parents to drop in and speak to our Young person's Mental Health Practitioner, Nida. We hope you can join us!

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day.



Children will be completing activities in school around the theme of protecting yourselves and others from scams online. Please visit the staying safe online section of the parents' area of the school website for access to a wide range of information leaflets for parents about the latest games and platforms that children are accessing online.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Raheem	5W: Sarah
R1: Finley	5M: Muhammad
R2: Zahlie	6W: Freya
1W: Isma'il	6M: Maleeha
1M: Hattie	Mrs Cadogan: Aila
2W: Marwah	
2M: Anisah	
3W: Ruby	
3M: Norah	
4W: Fatima	
4M: Eesa	

Lunchtime Stars

Unfortunately, we can no longer award lunchtime stars golf vouchers due to Rochdale Putt Stars being taken over by Hollywood Bowl. If you have any vouchers at home, these can be used until the end of February. Pupils who received our new Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: Anya, Aurelle, Isaac, Xander, Yusuf, Finn, Dylan, Jack and Ava.

Well done to them!



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School Council News

The school council met on Monday to discuss their ideas for an information leaflet about Roblox for parents as this is an extremely popular game with many pupils in school. Councillors agreed what information would be useful and a selection of councillors will get together this week to create the leaflet. Watch this space!

Diary Dates

Please check below for some changes to the dates of some of our Spring Term events. These will be indicated by text in a red font.



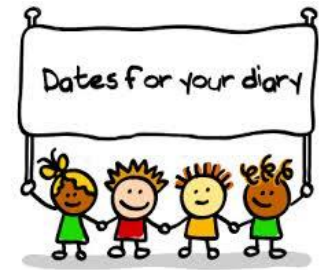
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Hunter	4M: Evie
R1: Deen	5W: Alizah
R2: Jessica	5M: Poppy
1W: Rory	6W: Eliza
1M: Izzy	6M: Emilia
2W: Adeem	
2M: Jacob	
3W: Sara	
3M: Isabella	
4W: Finley	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2025

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



W/C Monday 27 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Friday 31 st January	School Council Break the Rules Day for Springhill Hospice
W/C Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
Friday 14 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Monday 3 rd March	Year 3 Local Walk - Norden and Greenbooth <i>(Please note change of date)</i>
Thursday 6 th March	Year 4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 7 th March	Whittaker Moss celebrates World Book Day. Theme - My Story. Dress in something to celebrate you.
W/C 10 th March	Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Tuesday 11 th March	Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 2 nd April	Eid Party Day <i>(Date added)</i>
Thursday 3 rd April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents <i>(Please note change of date)</i>
Friday 4 th April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents <i>(Please note change of date)</i>
Friday 4 th April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Close for Easter Break

Whittaker Moss School Council Break the Rules Day!

Friday 31st January 2025

The school council has agreed with Mrs Backhouse that certain school rules can be broken for a price! Please look at the rules you can break which are listed below. On Friday 31st January, please bring into school the money for the rules you have broken. All monies raised by this day will go to Springhill Hospice, the school council's local charity for the year. We thank you for your support.

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<u>Broken Rule</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Coming to school in a football/sports kit (no studded boots, please)	50p
Coming to school in pyjamas and slippers (please bring a pair of shoes for outside)	50p
Wearing nail varnish	20p
Coming to school with a wacky hairstyle (not shaved, please!)	20p
Wearing odd socks	10p
Wearing trainers	20p
Wearing non-uniform	50p
Wearing face paint or face jewels	20p