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Welcome back!

We are at the start of our final term of the year, and it is going to be a busy one! Please do keep an eye on the dates for your diary in the newsletters as we have lots planned and lots going on for the children and families this term.

This week our Year 4 children have started their wider opportunities music lessons. They are learning djembes and even though they have only completed one session, they are sounding great! Going forward, wider opportunities lessons will be delivered to all children as they go through Year 4. We will arrange a date towards the end of the term for Year 4 parents to come into school and see the children perform and share their progress.

This term we will be relocating some of our provision in school. This won't affect classes but will affect some of our other provision such as The Cove which we will have to take out of service for a short while whilst work to the fabric of the building is completed. Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to book the work in for during the holiday periods, but we will be as quick as we can and get The Cove back up and running as soon as possible. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience. In the meantime, each class will have their current sensory provision added to and we will be using as many of the other areas in school that we can.

Finally, a very big welcome to our new families whose children have been allocated a place with us in Reception for September. Once again, we were significantly oversubscribed. If you have been allocated a place for your child for Reception, it would help us a great deal if you could log onto the portal and accept your place. There are a large number of children on the waiting list and the admissions team would appreciate a clear indication of how many potential places they might have available to offer.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
96.1%

This week's winning class: R2 90.7%



Clubs

Clubs will commence from Tuesday 6th May and will run through to the end of the year. Class teachers will let your child know which club they have been allocated by Friday 2nd May. The clubs booking form will be sent out on Friday 25th April at 3.45pm via Parentmail.

Easter Raffle

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the School Council Easter Raffle before the Easter break. The raffle raised over £400. This money will be used to purchase new Lego sets for every class in school. Well done to the winners of the colouring competition who received their prizes of art materials from school council members.

Year 6 Residential Meeting

There will be a meeting for year 6 parents about the upcoming Year 6 Residential on Tuesday 29th April at 5.30pm. Please try to attend as important information will be shared at this meeting.

Mental Health Support

Please look in the mental health section of the school website (bottom of the home page), to access links to parent and child Padlets that contain a wealth of information and support on a range of mental health topics.

Stars of The Term

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Term Award before the Easter break. You are superstars!

Nursery: Eesa	5W: Khadijah
R1: Charlie	5M: Muhammad
R2: Hattie	6W: Saarah
1W: Grace	6M: Jaxon
1M: Zander	Mrs Cadogan: Arnie
2W: Inam	Mrs Backhouse: Ibrahim
2M: Xander	
3W: Layla	
3M: Norah	
4W: Adam	
4M: Jack	

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates before the Easter break were: Rex, Ismael, Charlie, Zain, Aria, Aria, Adam, Hadi and Evie.

Well done to them!



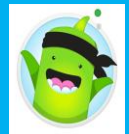
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School Council News

The school council will meet next week to discuss the purchase of Lego sets for classes with the funds they have raised this year. They will also begin to plan a school Race for Life for Cancer Research, their chosen national charity for this year.

Water Bottles

Please do not send children into school with screw top water bottles as children often accidentally knock these over. The spillages caused can ruin work. Push top bottles that only allow a small of water out are the preferred option. School water bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.20. Thank you for your support with this matter.



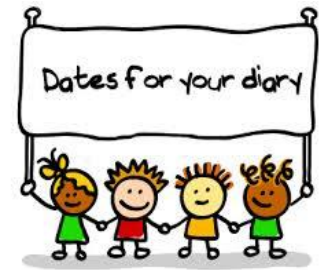
Dojo Winners

Well done to the following children who were the overall dojo winners for the Spring term:

Nursery: Lottie	4M: Emily
R1: Ben	5W: Gabriel
R2: Hattie	5M: Isla
1W: Oliver	6W: Rubens
1M: Amber	6M: Yousaf
2W: Aayan	
2M: Matilda	
3W: Ciara	
3M: Libby	
4W: Finley	

Dates for the Diary Summer 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.



Tuesday 22 nd April	School re-opens after the Easter Break
Wednesday 23 rd April	Years 5/6 Swimming Gala
Thursday 24 th April	Robotics Day - group of year 3/4 children
Monday 28 th April	Year 4 Girls Football Match
Tuesday 29 th April 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents' Residential Meeting
Thursday 1 st May	Year 4 Greenbooth walk
Tuesday 6 th May	Clubs recommence
Tuesday 6 th May 3pm - 5pm	Years 3 & 4 Mixed Handball Tournament
Thursday 8 th May	Dress in red, white and blue for V.E. Day 80 th Anniversary. Small donations for the Royal British Legion are welcomed.
Monday 12 th - Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 20 th May 3pm - 5pm	Years 3 & 4 Mixed Unihockey Tournament
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half-term break
Tuesday 3 rd June	School re-opens after the half-term break
Tuesday 3 rd June - Friday 6 th June	Year 4 Times Table Check Week
Tuesday 3 rd June 5.30pm	New to Reception Parents' Meeting
Thursday 5 th June	Year 3 Trip to Synagogue
Thursday 5 th June 3pm - 5pm	Years 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament
Monday 9 th June - Friday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check Week
Monday 9 th June - Friday 13 th June	Whole School Sports Week
Wednesday 11 th June 3pm - 5pm	KS2 Boys Netball Tournament
Thursday 12 th June	Year 3 Trip to Ribchester Roman Museum
Thursday 12 th June 3pm - 5pm	KS2 Girls Netball Tournament
Monday 16 th June 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3 & 4 Parents' P.E. Afternoon
Tuesday 17 th June 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1 & 2 Parents' P.E. Afternoon
Tuesday 17 th June 3pm - 5pm	Years 5 & 6 Boys Tennis Tournament
Tuesday 17 th June 5.30pm - 6.30pm	New Nursery Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 18 th June 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery and Reception Parents' P.E. Afternoon
Thursday 19 th June	Children's University Graduation Event
Thursday 19 th June 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5 & 6 Parents' P.E. Afternoon
Thursday 19 th June 3pm - 5pm	Years 5 & 6 Girls Tennis Tournament
Monday 23 rd June - Friday 4 th July	New Nursery Stay & Play Sessions
Monday 23 rd June	Year 5 Trip to Neeli Mosque
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Wednesday 25 th June	Years 5 & 6 Boys Cricket Tournament
Thursday 26 th June	Year 6 Magistrates' Competition

Monday 30 th June	Year 4 Geography Fieldwork Day
Tuesday 1 st July	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 1 st July	New Reception Visits with Parents
Wednesday 2 nd July	PTA Bags to School
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 5 Local Walk to Ashworth Valley
Wednesday 2 nd July	Years 5 & 6 Mixed Rounders Tournament
Thursday 3 rd July	School Council Celebration Event
Monday 7 th - Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook
Tuesday 8 th July	New to Reception Visits & Coffee Morning
Tuesday 8 th July 3pm - 5pm	Years 3 & 4 Athletics Tournament
Thursday 10 th July 3pm - 5pm	Years 5 & 6 Athletics Tournament
Friday 11 th July 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Year 6 Red Carpet Event
Monday 14 th July 2.30pm - 3.30pm	KS2 Childer Assembly
Wednesday 16 th July	Reports go out to parents
Wednesday 16 th July 9.15am -10.30am	Years 5 & 6 Show for Year 5 Parents
Thursday 17 th July 9.15am -10.30am	Years 5 & 6 Show for Year 6 Parents
Friday 18 th July 9.30am - 10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Sunshine Award Assembly
Friday 18 th July 1.45pm - 2.15pm	KS2 Sunshine Award Assembly
Monday 21 st July 9.15am -10.45am	Star of the Year Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July 9.15am - 10.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July	School Closes for the Summer Break

junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!



junior parkrun