

Thursday 2nd April 2026

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This week we have had some very carefully crafted Easter bonnets and eggs. The office ladies always judge them and as usual, they have had difficult decisions to make! Congratulations to our winners and thank you again to the adults at home who have assisted with the purchase of the decorations and helping to decorate them all at home. The ideas were very creative!

To end the week, we have Mrs Cadogan and the School council drawing the Easter raffle. The school council will update after the holidays with the final total raised but it will certainly be impressive and put towards very good use for the children of the school. Thank you for supporting our school councillors who have worked hard to complete their fundraising tasks for the benefit of both the school and outside charities.

We have finished on a high note (literally!), with our Year 3 and 4 performances on Monday and Tuesday of this week. As always, the children have worked hard to remember and perform a very impressive range of spoken poetry and songs. This supports the Year 4 speaking, listening, music and performing curriculum as well as being a treat for parents to watch your children perform. Wishing you all a lovely holiday. I wish you restful times, good weather and we will see you all when school reopens on Monday 20th April.

We have had reports of someone using inappropriate language in the carpark at the end of the school day when referring to other drivers. Please can I remind everyone that our conduct expectations are that we do not tolerate abusive or offensive language on site and require all adults to treat others, whether they be parents or staff, with dignity and respect.

Have a lovely holiday Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.6%

This week's winning class: 6W 99.6% Amazing!

Last school week the total days of lost learning due to children being absent from school was **86 days**.



Easter Events

Thank you to everyone who entered our decorate an egg or bonnet competition this week. Your entries were amazing! The ladies in the office had a really hard time choosing the winners because the standard was so high. Winners received an Easter egg to enjoy during the Easter break. Pictures of the Easter events can be found on the school website and Facebook page. Winning pupils are listed below:

Hagan, Arthur, Biny, Hayat, George, Zach, Penelope, Esme, Wilfie, Lottie, Izzy, Lilah, Ava, George, Eric, Rosie, Jessica, Isabella, Idabella, Haris, Bobby, Eliza, Stanley and Adam. Well done!

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the School Council Easter Raffle over the past few weeks. The raffle has raised over £300. This money will be used to purchase new musical instruments to be used across school. The raffle will be drawn in Thursday's assembly. Winners of the name the chick and bunny competition will also be announced in the assembly.

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 Week

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

Nursery: Reyah	5W: Lucia
R1: Billie	5M: Willow
R2: Ismaeel	6W: Ayaan
1W: Bobby	6M: Jack
1M: Freddie	Mrs Cadogan: Evie
2W: Layke	
2M: Maya	
3W: Remi	
3M: Iqra	
4W: Yusuf	
4M: Elaiza	

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates for last week were: Adam, Reuben, Zahlie, Freya, Sumayyah, Elaiza, Salah, Muhammad and Daisy.

Well done to them!



Eid Party Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations of food for Eid party day. Children and staff had a fantastic day!

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School Council News

Councillors have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks, running the Easter raffle and name the chick and bunny competition and contributing to a successful network event. Thank you to all members for their time and commitment. You are an amazing group!

Clubs

A form to book clubs for the summer term will be sent out during the first week back after the Easter break. We will let you know the date and time it will be sent out and when it needs to be returned by.

Eid Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents who attended our Eid coffee morning last Thursday. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.



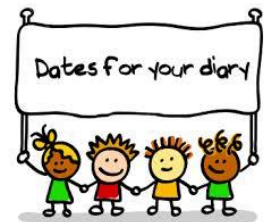
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Max	5W: Kiswa
R1: Patsy	5M: Buddy
R2: Roman	6W: Azeem
1W: Harper	6M: Zaynab
1M: Alfie	
2W: Laitham	
2M: Wilf	
3W: Rosie	
3M: Eliza and Archie	
4W: Layla	
4M: Aleena	

Dates for the Diary Spring / Summer Term 2026

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.



Wednesday 1st April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 1 st April	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	School Council Easter Raffle Drawn
Thursday 2 nd April	Close for Easter Break
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens after the Easter Break
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 5/6 Mixed 7 a side rugby tournament
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 5/6 Girls' 7 a side football tournament
Thursday 30 th April	Year 5/6 Boys' 7 a side football tournament
Monday 4 th May	Clubs recommence
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 1 Trip to Smithills Farm
Thursday 7 th May	Year 3/4 6 a side handball tournament
W/C 11 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 11 th May	Year 5/6 handball tournament
Wednesday 13 th May	KS2 Boules Competition
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 19 th May	Neil Griffiths Author Visit
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 3/4 Unihoc Tournament
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 5 Nurse Talk
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5/6 Unihoc Tournament
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes For The Half-Term Break

School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...



Academic Achievement

Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.



Social Skills

Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.



Routine & Responsibility

Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.



Focus & Engagement

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.



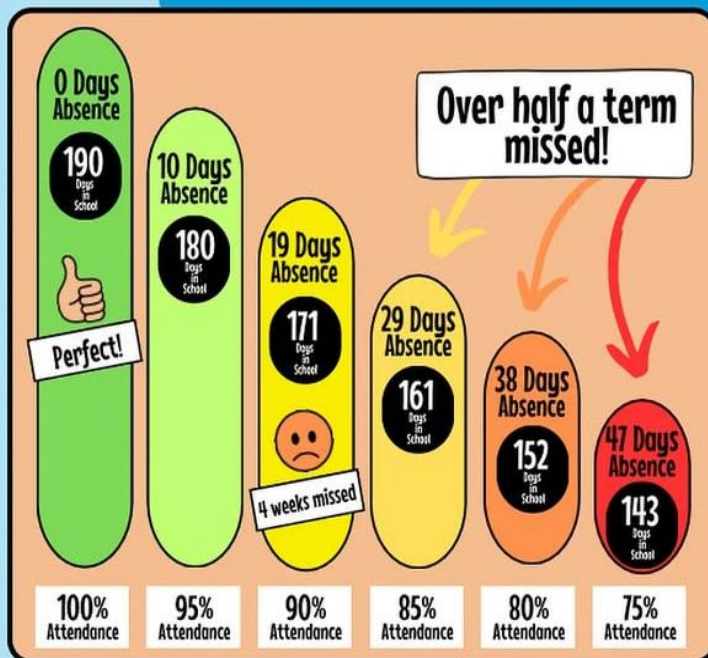
Building Confidence

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.



Enhanced Learning Opportunities

School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.



Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a regular routine

A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.

Aim for every day

Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.

Plan appointments carefully

Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.

Talk positively about school

Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.

Stay in touch

When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.

Prepare the night before

Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.





WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TIKTOK (13+ FOR AN ACCOUNT)



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If a child engages with unsuitable content, more videos like it will follow. The sharing of inappropriate content is prohibited but the volume of content means that some unsuitable material slips through the net.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With over one billion users of the app, the potential for contact from strangers is high. Content is set to public by default. Remember to change privacy settings.



DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Some videos encourage children to participate in dangerous stunts and challenges. Unfortunately, some children have died as a result of these.



BE RESPONSIBLE

Enable family pairing so that restricted mode can be turned on.

Block in-app spending.

Discuss the potential dangers of the app.

