

Weekly Newsletter

31st January 2025



Message from the Head

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Power cut at school

On Tuesday, we had a dramatic hour and a half in school with no power after a very exciting storm. We really had reached our limit on being able to keep school open as lots of essential resources weren't working. Fortunately, the light came on just before I made the decision. The children were fantastic throughout and were very excited by the unusual experience. Teachers were amazing at thinking on their feet and coming up with lessons with no access to the whiteboards or the photocopier!

If that situation was to happen again, we would send a round robin message on the WhatsApp groups as we couldn't access emails or our webpage via Wi-Fi or on our phones. We actually have amended our emergency plan as a result including purchasing some emergency led lights for the infant toilets (which were pitch black) and investing in some more emergency lighting in the forthcoming budget.

Have a lovely weekend. The good news is that January is now over and Spring is around the corner!

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Hair bobbles and ties

A reminder, please, that children need to come to school with hair tied up if it is long. Please can we ask that bobbles are school uniform or hair coloured. We're seeing more and more bright bobbles and hair bands which are great for Mufti but not day-to-day please. Thanks very much.

Kurling and Boccia workshop

On the 30th of January all of KS2 took part in a new sport called curling and Boccia. My favourite was the Curling because it was different from all the other stuff. When doing Boccia you have to throw a ball and try to land it on a number to get points for your team. We also took part in bowls where you have to throw or roll a ball and whoever gets it nearer to the white ball wins. It was really fun trying these new sports.

By Charlotte and Eloise



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Lilly La for demonstrating kindness to her peers and respect to the adults in class on a daily basis.

Class 2

Isaac for his resilience in maths and English this week, trying really hard with all of his learning.

Class 3

James for his kindness and respect shown when enthusiastically keeping the classroom clean and tidy.

Class 4

Felicity for always showing respectful behaviour and smiling through a challenge.

Class 5

Savannah for her kindness. She always thinks about how she can help her friends and others in school.

House points

Larks 191

Martins 150

Swifts 195

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 92.1%

Class 2 96.3%

Class 3 86.3%

Class 4 96.4% Well Done!

Class 5 90.8%

Attendance this year: 94.3%

Target for this year: 96 %



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Tuesday 4th February

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 5th February

- Mad Science

Thursday 6th February

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

Friday 7th February

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below

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PPG/SEND Coffee morning

9.00am 11th February

Anna Cottis, a specialist in family support, will be coming to talk to families to share information around what SEND support is available including access to short breaks and other incentives. Please park around the back of the village hall or on the road if you are coming along as there may be events at the village hall who require the parking at the front. See poster attached for more information.

Class 3 forest school after half term—volunteers needed

Next half term will be class 3's turn to take part in forest school. We are in need of some volunteers for Thursday afternoons or mornings so these sessions are able to run. If you are available to help, even for one afternoon, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email the office with your availability. Many thanks.

PTA update

World Book Day- Wonka Bar Fundraiser. Pre-sale of chocolate bars **March 3-6**, we will set a stall to sell remaining chocolate bars after school. Kate will do a flyer to better explain, but here's an overview

<https://wonderlicious.uk/>



Pizza Kit Fundraiser- Collection on March 14th, this is in partnership with Doughies Pizza, will do advertising and preorders after Feb half term.



Special Person Plant Sale- A plant sale for Mothering Sunday to celebrate mums and all mothering figures to the children. More details to follow.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 3rd Feb	Wellbeing week - 5 ways to wellbeing and random acts of kindness. Music concert ks2 with visiting musician.
Tues 4th Feb	KS2 author visit
Weds 5th Feb	Paralympic athlete visit
Thurs 6th Feb	Year 6 school nurse questionnaire
Fri 7th Feb	KS1 5-5:45 KS2 6-7.00 School disco after school (N children with parents)
Tues 11th Feb	9.00 PPG/SEND coffee morning
Tues 11th Feb	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 14th Feb	Last day of half term Mufti day 'wear what you love' £1 donation
17th-21st Feb	Half term
Mon 24th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 27th Feb	Forest school starts for Class 3
Weds 5th March	9.15 Ash Wednesday church service
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day—inspired by 'The day the crayons quit', children to wear their favourite colour to school
Fri 7th March	Class 3 trip - Milton Keynes museum
Mon 10th Mar	3.30-6.00 Parents' Eve in school
Weds 12th Mar	5.00-7.00 Parents' Eve online
Fri 21st Mar	World Down's Syndrome Day—wear different coloured socks
Weds 26th Mar	9.15 Mothering Sunday service in church—parents welcome KS2 author visit
Thurs 27th Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Tues 1st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 4th April	Talent Show Last day of term 1.30 pick up



Caldecotte payments

Just a reminder for children in Class 5 attending the Caldecotte residential the instalments are due as follows:
7/03/25
4/04/25

If you are paying in instalments, January and February payments are now over due.

Outdoor play

In our bid to develop our playtime offer we would be grateful for any donations of **Bird feeders, mixing bowls, pans and wooden spoons, binoculars, pebbles, tarpaulins, babies and pushchairs, small trowels, dressing up clothes, outdoor games, tyres.**

KS2 Author Visit - 4th Feb

Parents, can order a copy of Dungeon Runners here...

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/dungeon-runners-sky-battles/>



PTA Disco
7th February

