

# Weekly Newsletter

16th January 2026



## Message from the Head

### SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### School Council and House Captains visit to the Houses of Parliament

On Monday we had a wonderful visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children really enjoyed the experience and seeing such a historic, important building. They asked excellent questions and behaved impeccably and I was very proud of them. One of the children's dads, who works as a police officer there, also joined us which made it extra special. At the end of the tour, the children got to meet our MP, Victoria Collins. Next week they will be presenting an assembly all about the visit.



#### Seasonal Illness Reminder

As we move through this time of year, we are seeing an increase in common illnesses, including various viruses and bugs. To help keep everyone in our school community as healthy as possible, we kindly ask that children do not return to school until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). If your child has experienced sickness or diarrhoea, we ask that they do not return to school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode. We appreciate your support in helping to reduce the spread of illness and keep our children well.

#### Near Miss Crossing the Road

On Tuesday and Wednesday there were two near misses on the crossing outside school. Both were caused by a driver not seeing properly with the low sun. Please remind your children that they must cross at the crossing at all times and be extra vigilant if you are driving. Please find a [guide](#) if you would like something more formal to share with your child. Thank you for your help in keeping children and our crossing patrol ladies safe.

Kind Regards

*Mrs Laura Whateley*

### Values Award

Rewarding all those who demonstrate our values of kindness, respect and resilience.

#### Class 1

**Winnie** for demonstrating excellent resilience with her fossil observational drawing.

#### Class 2

**Amelia** for demonstrating all of our values in her learning, especially resilience.

#### Class 3

**Evelyn** for demonstrating all of 3 of our Christian values.

#### Class 4

**Finley M** for modelling resilience and respect, with a mature attitude and great behaviour choices.

#### Class 5

**Sienna** for her resilience and kindness in History this week. Sienna preserved with a tricky piece of work and then kindly helped her friend too!

### House Points

**Larks 243**

**Martins 336**

**Swifts 186**

**Congratulations to the Martins!**

### Attendance this week

**Class 1 100% Well Done!**

**Class 2 92.9%**

**Class 3 94.6%**

**Class 4 94.2%**

**Class 5 90.9%**

**Whole School Attendance this**

**year: 95.1%**

## Coming Up

### Tuesday 20th January

- Summer Sports - lunchtime
- Mini Olympics (KS1)

### Wednesday 21st January

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

### Thursday 22nd January

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Cheerleading
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- French (KS1&KS2)
- Drums / Guitar Lessons

### Friday 23rd January

- Piano Lessons
- Spanish Lessons



## Social Media and Apps Guide for parents

Please see 'This Week's Letters' on the school website, where you will find a helpful guide to apps and games that children may access. The guide outlines age restrictions, explains how effective parental controls are, and provides information on where to seek further guidance on online safety.

### Gardening Club Reminder

Gardening Club for the Spring term will start on **Wednesday 21st January** and continue on **Wednesdays** at lunchtime (weather permitting). Please ensure that your child has wellies for gardening as it's very wet and muddy. To assist with planning, it would be helpful if parents can sign children up for the club on Arbor. There are a maximum of 10 places available.



### Mini Olympics

Mini Olympics is being held on a Tuesday after school for children in KS1. Numbers are currently a little low and it would be great to be able to offer this activity for our younger children. If your child is interested please contact Game on using the information [here](#).

### Mad Science

Unfortunately due to the lack of numbers signing up Mad Science has been cancelled for this term.

## Dates for Spring Half Term

Date and time	Event
Mon 2nd Feb	Wellbeing week—spirituality focus
Tues 10th Feb 9.00	SEND and PPG coffee morning Headteacher afternoon tea
Weds 11th Feb 9.15	Ash Wednesday service in Church Perform workshop Classes 1 and 2
Fri 13th Feb	Last day of half term Half term
Mon 23rd Feb	Children return to school
Mon 9th March 3.30-6.00	Parent teacher consultations
Weds 11th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church
Weds 11th Mar 5-7.30	Parent teacher consultations evening
Weds 18th Mar eve	Year 6 SATs information evening with Mrs Soar
Thurs 19th Mar	Class 2 Cake sale
Sat 21st Mar	Bridgewater Cross Country KS2
Mon 23rd Mar	Lacrosse taster sessions
Tues 24th Mar	Lacrosse taster sessions
Weds 25th Mar 9.15	Easter Service in Church
Fri 27th Mar 1.30	End of term



### Request for Baking Supplies

If anyone has any muffin tins or cup cake cases that they no longer want we would be very grateful to receive them for some baking activities that we are doing in school.

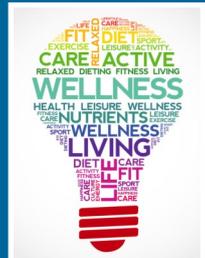
### Caldecotte payments

Just a reminder for children in Class 5 attending the Caldecotte residential the instalments are due as follows:

05/01	£80.40
02/02	£80.40
02/03	£80.40
06/04	£80.40
05/05	£80.40

### Class 1 - Snack donations

As part of our early years curriculum, we are enabling children to make their own snacks mid morning. To do this, we require a small donation each half term. Please make your payment via the school shop on Arbor.



Wellbeing Week  
2nd – 6th February

