

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the thoughtful gifts we received - they were very much appreciated and a wonderful surprise. Your kindness means a lot to us.



It has been lovely to wish everyone a Happy New Year and see the children return ready to learn. We had an unexpected treat on Monday morning when we woke up to find a light covering of snow! Thank you for following our health and safety guidance by sticking to the paths and coming in through the hall. We were delighted that the children could enjoy playing on the field with the little snow we had. It's great to see so many children with wellies in school. If your child doesn't have theirs yet, please do send them in or ask us to help to source a pair.

Aside from the excitement of the snow, the children have had a really settled and productive first week back. Project work has started and new learning journeys begun. It has been wonderful to visit classrooms and see the children immersing themselves in drama activities, stepping into the shoes of characters from the books they are reading. In maths, classes have been exploring tally charts, multiplication and angles, which has been fantastic to see.



This is a shorter half-term, so we have six weeks to really focus on learning. To support your child at home, even a small amount of time makes a big difference. 10 minutes of reading each evening, and for older children, practising times tables and spellings regularly. Your encouragement at home is invaluable and helps reinforce the great work happening in school.

As always to it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our Celebration Assembly.

Date	Friday 9 January 2026
 Squirrels	<p>Gali has shown a real improvement coming into school in the mornings. She puts her things away independently and gets herself ready for the morning task.</p> <p>Ezra and Matthew have also been noticed for always being focused and trying their best in their work. Year R staff would also like to say a huge thank you to Daisy and Matilda from year 5 and Pearl, Rosa, Esher and Ella from year 6 who did an amazing job tidying for Year R this week.</p>
 Ladybirds	<p>Michaelle has been recognised for not only getting herself ready for her writing this week, but also making sure her classmates were ready and had all the resources they needed before beginning their task. She selflessly collected all of the writing resources for her entire table and made sure every person was ready to write.</p>
 Bumblebees	<p>Peter, Piper, Mia, Marcus, Oliver P, and Daphne have been working extremely hard this week during our English lessons. All of these children gave their all when writing a character description of the girl in <i>The Journey</i>. What a great start to the year!</p>
 Hares	<p>Leo, Amit, Finley A, Alfie, Darcie, Scarlett, Lily and Matilda. All of these children have returned after Christmas with a great attitude towards learning. They have shown respect and readiness throughout the first week. Great work!</p>
 Foxes	<p>Ada D, Mila and Danny have all started the term with a great attitude towards their learning. They have shown that they are ready to learn and have produced some lovely writing. Well done.</p>
 Herons	<p>I have chosen the whole class this week, as I have been extremely impressed by their enthusiasm for their English learning journey. Each day, they have been eager to read more chapters of our class novel, and it has been wonderful to see their excitement grow. When performing a playscript, they all excelled at stepping into their characters' shoes and portrayed their characters' personalities brilliantly.</p>
 Kingfishers	<p>Mason and Pria have been recognised for being ready to learn, take advice and have an all-round positive attitude towards their learning.</p>



Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are:

George I – Ladybirds, William S – Bumblebees, Evie Mc – Hares, Scarlett I - Foxes

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 Oak	 Maple	 Birch	 Rowan
Points this week	340	272	358	320
Leaderboard	2nd	1st	2nd	1st

Coffee and Chat Morning

We are holding a Coffee and Chat session on **Wednesday 28 January 8.45 – 9.15am** where there will be an opportunity to chat with Miss Vittle and Mrs Bordoli - all parents welcome.

Open Classroom Event

Following on from our successful Open Classroom Event last year we are planning on holding another one on **Thursday 12 February 3 – 3.30pm**. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom, have a look at their work and books and have an informal chat with the teacher – everyone welcome.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Miss Vittle
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#)

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊

Coffee and Chat Session – 8.45 – 9.15am	Wednesday 28th January
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 10th February
Open Classroom Event – 3 – 3.30pm	Thursday 12 th February
School breaks up for half term	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Inset Day	Friday 13 th February 2026
Inset Day	Friday 26 th June 2026
Inset Day	Monday 29 th June 2026