

18th October 2024

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We are thrilled with our new library space!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our new library. It's looking wonderful and will be open during parents evenings for you to explore.

This week we had Open Day in school and I am pleased to say we had a really good turnout of parents and children who are interested in joining our school in September 2025. This year I did a welcome and tour of Reception class, and our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies led the tour of the rest of the school. I was so proud of how they articulated the journey they had been on at school, the parents were very impressed.

Something that has been going really well in school is naming the classes after inspirational people. This gives the children opportunity to learn about their person and the values they had to show to become inspirational. Each class also has a display outside of their classroom about their person, so there are lots of conversations about the inspirational people in the corridors, which has been fantastic to see. As a reminder to parents here are the classes below:

Reception (Mrs Dhami) Attenborough Class

Year 1/2 (Mrs Briggs) King Class based on Martin Luther King

Year 1/2 (Mrs West) Nightingale Class

Year 1/2 (Mrs Singh) Queen Elizabeth II Class

Year 3/4 (Mrs Herdman) Einstein Class

Year 3/4 (Miss Arnold) Pankhurst Class

Year 3/4 (Miss Siddique) Armstrong Class

Year 5/6 (Miss Brown) Frank Class based on Anne Frank

Year 5/6 (Miss Muir) Malala based on Malala Yousafi

Year 5/6 (Miss Sard) Mandela Class

House points

Children receive House Points when they show one of our school values. Godiva are currently in the lead!

Improving our school

Alongside our new library space we have also been thinking about how we can improve other areas of school. During half term we will have a canopy built over the courtyard area in Year 1 and 2. This will be used as learning space and will also help during wet play times.

Pencil Cases

Unfortunately, we are having increasing problems with pencil cases. They are taking up too much space in the classroom and on tables, they are becoming very distracting for children. We have also had some issues with items going missing and being swapped, therefore after Christmas we will not be accepting pencil cases in school. We wanted to give parents as much notice as possible on this so that no further stationary is purchased for Christmas and pencil cases can be used for craft and home projects.

The Big Question

The Big Question is designed to be a conversation starter for you and your child. In assembly I will ask a question for the children to think about and the following week I will collect answers from the children. There are questions with no right or wrong

answers but are designed to be talked about. Often the highlight of my day is a child coming to discuss their views on the 'Big Question' with me. The question this week is:

Would you rather be a superhero or an alien?

Christmas Pantomime

Don't forget you can pay in installments for this trip on ParentPay.

Year 5 and 6 trip to Liverpool

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the International Slavery museum and the Maritime Museum in Liverpool, this can also be paid in installments on ParentPay.

BromCom

This year we have new internal system in school called BromCom. This system has the capability to have an App for parents, called My Child At School (MCAS). We will be sending instructions via email on how you can sign up for this App, which will support communication across school. We are hoping to launch this soon.

Parents Forum feedback

Thank you again to the parents who attended Parents Forum. We have been working hard behind the scenes to establish which suggestions are feasible. I will add items onto the newsletter that we have been addressing in school. More feedback will be provided at the next meeting and through future newsletters. Please see the information below about water bottles and attendance.

Water Bottles

Many parents have requested that children are allowed sugar free squash in water bottles. Although we would still recommend water as it is the healthiest option, if you as parent make a choice to provide sugar free squash this will now be accepted. We are in the process of buying water bottle trollies for classrooms which will ensure bottles are kept together and centrally so every child knows where their drink is. Children can have a drink at anytime the teacher isn't giving a direct instruction- which is most of the time!

Children that have a school dinner are provided with a drink in the dinner hall and can have as much to drink as they would like. For children with packed lunches parents are expected to provide a drink in the lunchbox however, children can collect their water bottles if they need to from the classroom. If a child does not have a drink in school with them we have cups in the classroom for children to get water.

Attendance

Thank you for your feedback on our attendance reward system. As most of you will know, we reward the children with a sweet treat if they come to school every day per half term. This gives the children 6 chances to earn this per year. We also reward a class if they achieve 100% attendance in a week. We give individual awards for children who improve their attendance over time but do not achieve 100%, we do not always do this in assemblies as sometimes this needs to be done on a 1-1 basis.

After half term we will also be introducing a new raffle system. If children earn 100% attendance for a week they will be entered into a prize raffle.

Inset Days for the year

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Friday 28th March

Monday 21st July - meaning we break up on Friday 18th July.

Asda Cashpot for Schools


As you may have seen on our Facebook page, Asda are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative on their Rewards App until 30th November 2024. Please can you sign up and choose to donate to our school if you are shopping at Asda. Currently we have £196.82 in our schools cashpot! <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



World Mental Health Day

Thank you for all your support on World Mental Health Day. We raised over £260!

Future Dates

<u>Monday 21st October</u>	Photo Day - individuals & siblings - all children to wear school uniform, even if this is your PE day.
<u>Tuesday 22nd October</u>	Reception vision screening - AM
<u>Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October</u>	School disco, more details to follow
<u>Friday 25th October</u>	<p>Parent Celebration Assembly- you will receive an email to attend if your child is receiving an award.</p> <p>Wear bright colours for Diwali.</p> <p>Break up for half term.</p>
<u>Monday 4th November</u>	Children return to school following half term.
<u>W/C 4th November</u>	Scholastics Book Fayre will be available after school each day - please enter via School Reception at 3:30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday 5th November</u>	3 p.m. - Please join us on the play ground for a brief firework display to celebrate Diwali, which was in half term, and Bonfire night.
<u>Tuesday 5th November</u>	Parents evening 3:45-6 p.m
<u>Wednesday 6th November</u>	Parents evening 3:45-6 p.m.
<u>Thursday 14th November</u>	<p>World Diabetes Day - Children can wear blue and if you wish to make a donation to the</p> <p> Diabetes UK - Know diabetes. Fig... please send it with your child.</p>

Friday 15th November

Children In Need. Children can wear spots or have spotty face paint for the day. We will also be doing a Pudsey challenge and ask that children bring some small change with them to fill a giant Pudsey.

