



Weekly update

It's been a lovely half term in school. The children have settled really well into their new classes and made good start with their learning.

Next half term is always busy in lead up to Christmas and we're looking forward to you coming in for the craft afternoons and plays etc. Please see the dates below for information about these events.

During the first week back, we'll be messaging about Parents' day/evening - this will take place from 9am-11:30am and from 3:45pm - 6pm.

I hope all of the children have a good break over half term and we'll look forward to seeing them on Monday 3rd November.




Thanks, Mr Gotheridge.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 95.09%

Class with the best attendance this week: Owls 100%

What attendance percentages look like over the course of a year.

Attendance	What is your attendance?		
	100%	0 days off	Perfect!
	98%	4 days off	Very impressive
	96%	7 days off	Good
	95%	9 days off	Almost there
	94%	11 days off	Needs to improve
	90%	1 month off	Concerns
	80%	2 months off	Serious concerns



TT Rock Stars and Numbots

If there's time over the half term break, it'd be good for the children to spend a bit of time on TT Rock Stars/Numbots.

We'll be organising rock battles for TT Rockstars after half term.




Online safety




1. Use Parental Controls and Kid-Friendly Platforms

Set up parental controls on devices and apps to filter content and limit access to age-appropriate material. Choose platforms designed for young children, such as YouTube Kids or educational apps with built-in safety features.

 *Tip:* Review app settings together and explain why certain restrictions are in place—it helps build understanding and trust.


2. Create a Balanced Tech Routine

Help your child develop a healthy relationship with technology by mixing screen time with offline activities like outdoor play, reading, or crafts. Use visual schedules or timers to make screen time predictable and manageable.

 *Tip:* Try a "tech ticket" system where kids earn screen time through positive behaviour or completing tasks.

3. Stay Close and Talk Often

Young children benefit from supervision and guidance while using technology. Sit with them during screen time when possible and talk about what they're watching or playing. Encourage questions and curiosity.

 *Tip:* Use tech time as a chance to bond—ask them to show you their favourite game or video and talk about it together.

Diary dates

- Flu Vaccinations: Wednesday 5th November
- Parents' day/meetings Wednesday 19th November
- Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December from 3pm
- Christmas Craft afternoons - Reception classes: Monday 15th December KSI classes: Thursday 11th December KS2 classes: Friday 12th December (all in the pm - exact times to be shared at a later date)
- Cinema trip - KS2 classes - Monday 15th December KSI classes and Otters - Tuesday 16th December
- Christmas performance/songs - KSI Tuesday 9th December from 9:30am and Wednesday 10th December 2:15pm Reception - Monday 8th December 2:30pm