



Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.
Spring 1 Week 3 2026

Weekly update

This week we've had our local PCSO visit the Year 5 and 6 children to discuss hate crimes and keeping safe online. We are exploring several other workshops that our local PCSOs can offer.

Children have had the opportunity to take part in gymnastics sessions run by Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club this week which they've enjoyed.

In assembly this week, we spoke about Martin Luther King Junior and discussed the themes of racism and segregation and how we should be kind to others regardless of who they are or their appearance. Next week, I'll be talking to the children about bullying, what this is and how we deal with this in school. We teach the children about STOP - several times on purpose - and START - start telling and reporting trouble.

It's been lovely to see so many children at the office this week with their fantastic work - I'm getting through lots of gold stickers!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Thanks, Mr. Gotheridge.




Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 96.22%

Overall attendance so far this year: 95.71%

Class with the best attendance this week: Hedgehogs 99.26%

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

Class with the most active players on TT Rock Stars:
Badgers - well done!

Class with the most active players on Numbots: Robins - well done!

Even 3-5 minutes a day at home makes a real difference. If you need any help or support with TT Rock Stars or Numbots, please contact your child's teacher and they'd be happy to help.



Online safety



We have heard several worries this week about children using Snapchat or having access to games rated well above their age. Accessing apps like Snapchat or playing 15/18 rated games can expose primary-aged children to risks they are not emotionally or socially prepared for. These platforms and games may include inappropriate language, violent or sexualised content, and unfiltered communication with strangers. Early exposure can increase anxiety, affect behaviour in school, and make children more vulnerable to online grooming, cyberbullying, or harmful influences.

When school becomes aware that a primary-aged child is using age-inappropriate apps or games, we have a responsibility to follow safeguarding procedures. This includes recording the concern, informing the designated safeguarding lead (DSL), and engaging with parents or carers to provide guidance on online safety. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to message me, ring or pop in and see me.

Diary dates

Thursday 5th February - PTFA Family Bingo night in the school hall from 5pm. More information to follow on Dojo.

Friday 6th February - Number Day - children can 'dress up for digits' by wearing something with a number on/adding a number to something you already have.

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week. Children will take part in some activities throughout the week e.g. baking. On Friday 13th, it is 'come as you' day (non-uniform).

Friday 13th February - last day of term.

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March - parents' evening 3:45pm - 6pm

March 18th - March 20th - Borreaton Park residential for KS2 children