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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.
Autumn 1 Week 4 2026

Weekly update

In assembly this week, we talked about why attendance matters. Children reflected on how we improve at things like sport, music and dancing through regular practice. We discussed how attending school every day gives us more opportunities to learn, practise and succeed.

We were also pleased to welcome the Air Ambulance team to school for KS1 and KS2 assemblies. The children learned about the important work they do and how they help people in emergency situations.

Thank you to everyone who supported today's non-uniform day in aid of Brain Tumour Research. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are having our Phonics and Early Reading information events for Reception and KS1 parents which will take place on:

- 15th October at 4:00pm
- 16 October at 9:15am

These sessions will help parents understand how phonics and reading are taught in school, as well as provide practical ideas for supporting children at home. Further reminders will be shared next week.

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

Mr Gotheridge

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 93.6%

Overall attendance so far this year: 95.6%

Class with the best attendance this week: Foxes: 97.5%

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

If you need any support with attendance, please get in touch with me or Mrs Barber - pop in or give us a call.

Pupil Leadership Update

Our pupil leadership programme is now underway, with classes selecting representatives for a range of committees across the school. We are pleased to announce that our School Council has been elected and has already held its first meeting, where members have begun discussing ideas and making plans for the year ahead.

Over the coming weeks, more children will become involved as our other committees begin their work, giving pupils a greater opportunity to contribute to school life and develop their leadership skills.

A special mention goes to our Year 6 Mini Leaders, who are doing a fantastic job each Friday supporting younger pupils with sporting activities. Their enthusiasm, responsibility and encouragement are helping to keep children active and engaged at lunchtime. Well done, Year 6! 🙌🏆

Online safety

For primary-aged children, one of the biggest online safety risks is communicating with people they do not know through online games, group chats or apps. Many games include chat features that allow children to talk to others, sometimes without parents realising.

We encourage parents to take an active interest in the games, apps and websites their children use, and to have regular conversations about staying safe online. Remind children never to share personal information, photographs or passwords, and to tell a trusted adult if anything online worries them.

It is also worth remembering that not everything children see online is true. As AI-generated images and videos become more common, talking to children about checking information and asking questions about what they see can help them become safer and more confident digital citizens.

Diary dates - more information will be provided nearer the time about specific events

Thursday 15th October - 4pm - Reception and KS1 Phonics and reading meeting

Friday 16th October - 9:15am - Reception and KS1 Phonics and reading meeting

Monday 2nd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - KS2 Halloween disco

Tuesday 3rd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - Reception and KS1 Halloween disco

Tuesday 10th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Thursday 12th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Friday 13th November - Children in need

Friday 4th December - Non-uniform (in return for a Christmas Fair donation)

Monday 7th December - 2:15pm - KS1 Christmas performance

Tuesday 8th December - 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Wednesday 9th December - 9:30am - KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 10th December - 2:30pm - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Bake Off entries

Friday 11th December - 2:45pm onwards - Christmas Fair

Monday 14th December - 2:30pm - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Craft afternoon

Tuesday 15th December - 2:30pm - KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 16th December - Nursery (Dragonflies) and Reception Christmas Craft afternoon - 2:30pm

Thursday 17th December - last day of Autumn term