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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.

Autumn 2 Week 1 2026

Weekly update

It has been a positive first week back after half term, with children settling quickly back into routines and engaging well in their learning.

This week, we have been celebrating Faith Week across the school. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed visits to our local church, where they learned more about Christian beliefs, worship and the role the church plays within our community. Meanwhile, pupils in Key Stage 2 took part in engaging workshops focused on Islam, providing valuable opportunities to learn about different faiths, cultures and traditions. These experiences have helped our children develop respect, understanding and appreciation of the diverse world around them.

In our assemblies this week, we have focused on the important topic of bullying. Children explored what bullying is, how to recognise it and what they should do if they experience or witness it. We emphasised the importance of speaking to a trusted adult and reporting concerns rather than trying to deal with problems themselves. We want all children to feel safe, supported and confident that there are always adults in school who are ready to help.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to parents' evening next week. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's successes, discuss their progress and share ways that home and school can continue to work together to support learning. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school and sharing updates on what has been a positive start to the half term.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Gotheridge

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 95.1%
Overall attendance so far this year: 95.6%
Class with the best attendance this week: Foxes: 98.8%
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 – pop in or give us a call.

Staffing update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Taylor to our school team. Mrs Taylor is an experienced teacher who has joined us this term and will be working in Foxes and Owls on Wednesdays and in Rabbits on Thursdays. She has already made a positive start, getting to know the children and supporting their learning. We are pleased to have Mrs Taylor join our team and are sure that the children will enjoy working with her.

Our Halloween Disco was a brilliant evening and it was lovely to see so many children having fun with their friends. There were some fantastic costumes on display, plenty of dancing and lots of smiles throughout the event.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the disco. As well as being a fun event for the children, it also helped to raise money for our PTFA, whose fundraising efforts make a real difference to the opportunities and experiences we can provide in school.

With Halloween over, we are now looking ahead to our Christmas events, which will be here before we know it. We hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us for our performances and craft afternoons, and we look forward to sharing the festive season with you all. 🎄

Online Safety Update

As we move towards the festive season, many children are beginning to spend more time online, whether that is gaming, watching videos or chatting with friends. This week, we would encourage families to take a few minutes to talk with their children about who they communicate with online and to remind them never to share personal information such as their full name, address, school or passwords.

A useful question to ask children is: "Would I be happy if an adult I don't know said this to me?" If the answer is no, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

Regular conversations about online activity, combined with parental checks of privacy settings and age restrictions on apps and games, can help children enjoy the online world safely and confidently.

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Diary dates

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

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

Friday 13th November – Children in need – wear something bright (non-uniform) £1 donation

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