



NEWSLETTER

13th March 2026

A message from our school leaders...

Thank you for your support in promoting our Healthy Eating drive in school. We have noticed many more children bringing fruit and vegetables as their snacks this week. As parents, we understand that children can sometimes be fussy and that it can be difficult to think of imaginative ideas for breaktime snacks. To help with this, we are working with our School Council to create a helpful guide for parents to ensure snack choices give children the best start to their mornings. Once the School Council have completed their work, we will share this with you. In the meantime, we kindly ask for your continued support with healthy snack choices in school.

Children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Science Week, and it was lovely to begin the week with a whole-school discussion about this year's theme: *Curiosity*. The children were very engaged and came up with some wonderful questions. Throughout the week, they have extended their learning in the classroom with some class topic-based themes. Great scientific work everyone!

With the weeks flying by and Easter just around the corner, we are busy planning some exciting activities for the children before they break up for the holidays. More information on these will follow shortly.

We hope you all have a wonderful Mother's Day and enjoy spending this special time with your children.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

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S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk

BE SMART WITH A HEART Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	98.4%
Yr 2/3/4	99.5%
Yr 5/6	94.0%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, our learning has continued to take us ‘out of this world’ as we explored more of our exciting space theme!

★ **Wondrous Words of the Week** - the children have enjoyed learning and using new vocabulary linked to our topic. Our special words this week were:

Machines, Spluttered, Space and Martian.

We’ve loved hearing the children experiment with these words in their play and storytelling!

🪐 **Learning About Neil Armstrong** - the children were fascinated to discover the story of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. We talked about his famous journey in 1969, what astronauts wear, and how it might feel to explore somewhere no one has ever been before. The children had wonderful questions and imaginative ideas!

🪐 **Creative Planet Collages** - we let our imaginations soar as the children created their very own planet collages. Using a variety of colours and textures, they designed unique planets—some sparkly, some stormy, and some that looked like they could even belong to friendly martians!





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

This week, in Reception, our classroom has been blooming with excitement! The children have absolutely loved learning about the life cycle of a sunflower, exploring how a tiny seed grows into a tall, bright flower.

To celebrate British Science Week, we also explored a fascinating question: “Could we grow food on the moon?” We talked about how the moon can be either really hot or really cold, and what that might mean for plants. To test out our ideas, we planted seeds and placed some in the warm sunshine on the windowsill and others in the freezer. We’ll be checking on them next week to see what happens!

The children have also been very busy creating beautiful Mother’s Day cards and gifts. We hope these handmade treasures help make the day extra special for all our wonderful mums.

Maths: Reception have been focusing on the numbers 9 and 10, exploring different ways to make, represent, and understand these numbers through practical activities. Year 1 have been learning all about length and height, using cubes and other classroom objects to measure a variety of items. They’ve enjoyed comparing sizes and practising using the language of measurement.

Writing: Reception have been busy writing all about the life-cycle of plants and sequencing the events. Year 1 have been preparing their plan to change the story of Little Red Riding Hood to their own version of the traditional tale that takes place in the city.





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Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

This week, the children have been busy exploring the wonderful world of Roald Dahl! They have been researching fascinating facts about his life to help them craft their own biographies. Alongside this, we have been focusing on using past tense verbs and formal language, which they will use when they come their writing.

In maths, Year 2 has continued their journey into the world of money, specifically learning how to find change. Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 have been delving into equivalent fractions, using number lines to visualise their understanding.

Our new topic in geography, **Settlements in the UK**, enabled us to discuss the differences between villages, towns, and cities. We looked at a range of images to identify these differences. The children have been investigating various regions in England, including the one we proudly call home.

In Design Technology, the children had a delightful experience tasting Eton Mess before designing their own version, which they named Middleton Mess!

At the end of the week, we have been busy making cards and little gifts in preparation for Mother's Day. We hope you all have a lovely time celebrating on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our 'Brunches' next week, where we can continue the celebrations together!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week, Year 5/6 have been working incredibly hard and have achieved so much across the curriculum. In writing, the children completed their explanation texts, making sure to apply the grammatical features they have been practising throughout the unit. They took real care when proofreading and editing, and it was wonderful to see their pride when publishing their final pieces.

Linked with British Science Week, the class showed great curiosity as they explored how long it takes different planets to orbit the sun. After researching these orbital periods, many were surprised by the vast differences in time between each planet, and some children even decided to use their new knowledge to enhance their explanation writing.

In art, the class continued developing their sketching skills, focusing on techniques such as hatching and cross-hatching to create depth, shade and texture. Their enthusiasm has been so impressive that several children chose to continue practising these skills during indoor break times, showing real dedication to improving their work.

Our history learning has also been full of discussion and discovery as we delved deeper into our Tudor topic. This week, we examined the lives of Henry VIII's wives in more detail, exploring their stories and why each played a significant role in Tudor history. The children engaged thoughtfully with the topic and showed excellent understanding through their discussions and activities.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week filled with curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for learning.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
MARCH 2026	
Mon 16 th March	Family Brunch for Mother's Day, 9-10am
Tue 17 th March	Family Brunch for Mother's Day, 9-10am
18 th – 23 rd March	Scholastic Book Fair, in school
Thurs 19 th March	Adder Patterns Workshop, Yrs 4+5
Fri 20 th March	Adder Patterns Workshop, Yrs 4+5
w/c 23 rd March	Shakespeare Week
Tues 24 th March	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Taster Day
Fri 27 th March	Girl's Football Competition, Yrs 4,5+6
Mon 30 th + Tues 31 st March	Parent's Evenings
Tues 31 st March	Tennis/Raquets Festival, Yrs 3+4
APRIL 2026	
Wed 1 st April	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Fri 3 rd – Fri 17 th April	School Closed for Easter Holiday
Mon 20 th April	School re-opens