



NEWSLETTER

20th February 2026

A message from our school leaders...

As the half term draws to a close, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the last seven weeks since the children returned from Christmas. This half term has been filled with lots of learning and many opportunities for pupils to extend their experiences through visitors, trips and celebrations.

We have seen our older children working incredibly hard towards their SATs, with plenty of fun learning along the way too. A definite highlight has been their apple crumble making this week. Children across the school have also thrived on the handwriting challenge over the last few weeks, and we are already seeing a much greater sense of pride in the presentation of their work.

The **AR Reading Party** was also jam-packed this week, demonstrating an excellent commitment to reading. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support - it is invaluable in helping pupils make progress.

Next half term is shorter, but there will be an opportunity for you to hear more about your child's learning at **Parents' Evening**. We are also looking forward to welcoming families into school for our **Mother's Day Brunch Celebration**. Dates for this are detailed in our dates section below. Following the half term break you will have opportunity to book on to one of the sessions to enjoy a brunch in school with the children, if you so wish. It would be wonderful if you could join us for the event.

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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R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true.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

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	93.7%
Yr 2/3/4	94.9%
Yr 5/6	96.3%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

What an exciting and busy week we've had in Nursery! The children have enjoyed two wonderful celebrations: Pancake Day and Chinese New Year. Here's a little look at what we've been up to...

To begin the week, we celebrated **Pancake Day** with lots of engaging activities:

- We read *Mr Wolf's Pancakes* and talked about the story together.
- The children designed their own pancake creations, choosing toppings and decorating with lots of imagination.
- Our role-play area became a Pancake Café, where children pretended to cook pancakes, take orders, and serve their customers. There were plenty of giggles as they flipped, "cooked," and served up their delicious pretend pancakes!

Celebrating Chinese New Year

- Children practised using chopsticks to pick up noodles - great for fine motor skills!
- We made beautiful Chinese lanterns and learned that red is considered a lucky colour.
- We discovered the animals of the Chinese zodiac, sharing which year each child was born in.
- The children decorated a big, colourful Chinese dragon, which became a favourite collaborative activity.
- To end the week, we enjoyed a Chinese banquet, tasting a variety of foods together.

The children loved learning about another culture and celebrating with friends.





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

This week has been full of exciting learning across Reception and Year 1, with the children showing great enthusiasm and curiosity in every area of the curriculum.

Chinese New Year Celebrations - The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year. Our focus story, *The Runaway Wok*, has inspired lots of discussion, creativity, and imaginative thinking. Reception have been practising their writing skills, by creating sentences based on the story - they even had a go at writing some Chinese numbers, which they approached with wonderful concentration. The children also made bright, colourful lanterns and had the opportunity to taste a selection of Chinese foods, which they found very exciting.

Reception - In maths, Reception have been exploring the concepts of longer and shorter, as well as taller and smaller. They have enjoyed comparing objects, using practical resources, and applying mathematical language during their play. Their confidence in describing and comparing lengths and heights is growing beautifully.

Year 1 – In maths, Year 1 have been developing their understanding of place value in two-digit numbers. They have been practising counting larger numbers by grouping into tens and ones, and they are becoming increasingly confident in recognising how numbers are built.

In English, the children have been working hard on their instruction writing. This week, they completed their final pieces on how to make pancakes, using clear command sentences and a range of bossy verbs. Their writing shows real progress in structure and clarity.

In DT, Year 1 have been learning about fire engines and exploring how vehicles move. This week, they experimented with different types of chassis, axle, and wheel systems. The children worked carefully to test how wheels turn, understand how axles help vehicles move smoothly, and build simple chassis structures using a range of materials. They demonstrated fantastic problem-solving skills and creativity throughout the process.





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What have we been up to?

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

What a busy last week of this half term we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed diving into the fascinating world of volcanoes. They crafted some impressive explanation texts, showcasing their understanding with technical vocabulary, correct structure, and fronted adverbials. I have been extremely proud of their presentations; they are really putting in the effort with their handwriting, and it shows!

In maths, Year 2 has been exploring amounts of money, while Year 3 has been calculating the perimeter of rectangles. Year 4 was introduced to the concept of fractions, and I must say, the children are still working hard on their multiplication facts. If you have a bit of spare time over the half term holidays, please encourage them to log onto **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** to keep those skills sharp!

During our science lesson, we investigated light and the various sources, distinguishing between natural and man-made light. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage with the topic in a hands-on way.

To cap off the week, we enjoyed a late pancake treat, which the children absolutely loved!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, filled with fun and relaxation.





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What have we been up to?

Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

This week has been a wonderfully busy and creative one for our Year 5/6 class. On Tuesday, the children wowed another school with their fantastic dance routine at a dance festival, organised by Education Enterprise. They performed with confidence and energy, and we were incredibly proud of the teamwork and enthusiasm they showed. Afterwards, they continued to build on these skills by working in small groups to create their own mini routines, carefully considering the direction of travel and how movement can be used to communicate ideas.

On Tuesday afternoon, the children turned their attention to cookery as they concluded their DT unit by making a delicious apple and blackberry crumble. They demonstrated impressive practical skills, such as peeling and slicing fruit, and their focus and teamwork were excellent throughout. The results were very impressive, and it was lovely to see their pride in their culinary creations.

In writing, the class has finished their diary entry unit, writing from Al's perspective. The children worked hard to capture emotion, detail and voice, and we were delighted with the quality of their final pieces.

In PE, the children enjoyed a final game of badminton before the half-term break, putting into practice the skills they have developed over the past few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the half-term. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
FEBRUARY 2026	
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th Feb	School Closed for Half Term Holiday
MARCH 2026	
Wed 4 th March	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
w/c 9 th March	Science Week
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
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