

13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an incredibly productive and rewarding half term as we prepare for a well-deserved break and take a moment to celebrate the energy and creativity our pupils have brought to the classroom.

This week, we joined schools across the country to mark Children's Mental Health Week, which we launched off with a live online assembly centered around the theme "This is My Space." The children explored what it means to have physical and emotional spaces where they feel safe, heard and themselves and it has been wonderful to hear their reflections on how they protect their own wellbeing.

On Tuesday, we turned our focus to the digital world for Safer Internet Day. Mr. Patel and our fantastic Digital Leaders led a brilliant assembly sharing vital tips on navigating the web safely and respectfully. We encourage you to ask your child what their top rule for staying safe online is, as they have some truly great advice to share. After the holidays, we will be holding a parent's Online Safety session held by our DSL team where you can ask any questions and explore up to date guidance.

Get your books ready because this half term break we are officially launching our Extreme Reading Competition. We want to see the most creative and unusual, yet safe, places you can find to enjoy a story. Whether it's reading to a pet, sitting under the kitchen table or perched on a climbing frame, please take a photo and send it in via Class Dojo.

This week, our students also began their Spring Assessments. These checks help us understand how much progress the children have made and where we can offer extra support. The children have handled these tasks with great resilience and we can share the outcomes of these assessments during our next Parents' Evenings on Monday 27th April and Wednesday 29th April.

Our classrooms have been looking like a gallery lately as the children have been busy getting hands-on with our sculpture curriculum. We've seen some incredible 3D work using a variety of materials; looking ahead to next term, we will be transitioning to further developing our painting skills by exploring color theory and studying famous artists.

We wish all of our families a restful, safe, and happy half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at the school gates soon.

Mrs A Berry  
Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman  
Head of School

 Be Respectful

 Be Responsible

 Be Reflective

 Be Ready to Learn

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Executive  
Headteacher

Mrs A Bateman  
Head of School

Mrs S Davies  
Assistant Headteacher

Chair of Governors: Mr M Clements  
Safeguarding Officers: Mrs A Berry, Mrs A Bateman,  
Miss D Croisdale, Mrs L Dearnley, Miss J Darby

### World Book Day 2026

We are thrilled to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, with a focus on fostering a lifelong love of reading, aligning with the National Year of Reading 2026. Children are invited to **dress up as a word** to spark creativity and develop our language. We will have fun and engaging activities designed to help children discover the joy of reading for pleasure and develop their vocabulary.

### Extreme Reading Competition!

We are thrilled to announce our school's upcoming Extreme Reading Competition, a fun-filled initiative to celebrate World Book Day by challenging students to enjoy their favourite books in the most unusual, creative, and wacky places imaginable. Whether you are perched high in a tree, cozying up in a homemade blanket fort, reading upside down on the sofa, or sharing a story with your pet in the garden, we want to see it!

To enter, children should ask a parent or carer to take a photograph of them reading in their "extreme" spot and submit it to their class teacher via Dojo on **Monday 2nd March**. The most creative and imaginative entries will win a prize and all submissions will be displayed to inspire our school community to love reading anywhere and everywhere. Remember: the more bizarre the location, the better, but please make sure to stay safe and ask for an adult's permission before starting your adventure.

### Nursery

A thank you to the Nursery parents for a fabulous turn out for our Chinese New Year celebrations. We enjoyed seeing you all celebrating through song and craft. We enjoy seeing the children working alongside you all in the provision.

A thank you to Penelope Blu's mum for providing the soil and beans for our Reception class to have a go at growing their very own beanstalks! Good luck growing them over the half term, we can't wait to see pictures of them on Dojo in the Spring!

### Learning Mentor Coffee Afternoon

Miss Croisdale will be holding half-termly coffee afternoons for parents, this is an open invite to join us for a drink, chat and ask any questions you may have or seek any advice from Miss Croisdale in an informal setting. Our first afternoon will be held Thursday 12th March at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there!

### Careers Week

Week beginning 2nd March we will be hosting a careers week in school. We will be inviting visitors into school to share with the children inspirational careers that may inspire the children.

If you think you would be able to give an hour of your time at some point during this week to discuss your career, please contact Mrs Dearnley via email [ldearnley@inspirepartnership.org.uk](mailto:ldearnley@inspirepartnership.org.uk)

We would love some practical careers eg: plumbers, hairdressers, builders, beauticians, joiners etc

### Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance update. Well done Year 4 who have achieved the best overall attendance this week. **As a school, we strive to ensure our weekly attendance is at least 97%** and your continued support is vital.

Year Group	This week's school attendance %
Reception	94.29%
Year 1	94.81%
Year 2	82.41%
Year 3	90.00%
Year 4	97.14%

Year 5	91.67%
Year 6	93.67%
Whole School	<b>91.93%</b>

School Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
13.02.26	Break Up Today	Whole School Including Nursery
23.02.26	INSET Day - School Closed	Whole School Including Nursery
24.02.26	Return To School	Whole School Including Nursery
28.02.26	Nursery Open Morning	New Nursery Parents
02.03.26	Careers Week	Whole School
05.03.26	World Book Day	Whole School
09.03.26 to 11.03.26	Bikeability	Year 5
09.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
16.03.26	First Steps Together	New Nursery Parents
18.03.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Year 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day	Whole School
26.03.26	Spring Fair 10am - 11.30am	Nursery and Reception
27.03.26	Break Up Today	Whole School Including Nursery
13.04.26	Return To School	Whole School Including Nursery
27.04.26	Parent's evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Reception - Year 5
29.04.26	Parent's evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Reception - Year 5
01.05.26	Sports Day	Whole School
06.05.25	Class School Photos	Whole School Including Nursery
07.05.26	INSPIRE Afternoon 1.30pm	Reception
11.05.26	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
20.05.26	Grandparent's Day	Nursery
21.05.26	Break Up Today	Whole School Including Nursery
22.05.26	INSET Day	Whole School Including Nursery
08.06.26	Return To School	Whole School Including Nursery
W.C 08.06.26	Phonics Check	Year 1
	Multiplication Check	Year 4
23.06.26	Open Classroom	All classes
13.06.26	Nursery Open Morning	New Nursery Parents
19.06.26	Farm Trip	Reception
09.07.26	End of Year Disco	Year 6
17.07.26	End of Year Performance	Year 6
20.07.26 - 22.07.26	Residential	Year 6
21.07.26	End of Year Performance and picnic	Reception and Nursery
24.07.26	Celebration Afternoon	Year 6 Families

24.07.26	Break Up Today	Whole School
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