



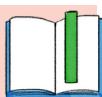
## Headteacher's Note



Ahead of Year 6's Bikeability week, Dr Bike will be visiting the school on Wednesday. Children from all year groups and staff are welcome to bring their bikes in for a free check-up. Please park bikes in the bicycle stands by the back gate, and Dr Bike will carry out inspections throughout the day.

Bookings for this term's parents' evenings will open during the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Appointments will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with their child's teacher about their work and progress this term and to look through their class books. If your child requires additional support, the class teacher will discuss and agree the strategies with you, and these will be recorded on the pupil learning plan. A big thank you, as always, for attending our parents' evenings and working closely with the school.

## Reading Recommendation

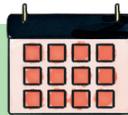


It was our first full week of assemblies since returning after the Christmas break. As well as introducing our snazzy new Star of the Week certificates, we talked about behaviour around the school and how we show respect to one another through the way we speak and act. We agreed that the start of a new term is a good time for a reset - to revisit the goals we've set and the expectations we have for ourselves.

In the Key Stage 1 assembly, we explored the importance of kindness and what it looks like in everyday school life. We read 'A Sprinkle of Happiness', a story about a character who discovers that small acts of kindness can brighten someone else's day, and even their own. The children then thought about how they could sprinkle a little happiness around school by being kind to others to make a big difference to someone's day



## Key Dates



- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** | Dr Bike in the playground
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** | Level 2 Bikeability Year 6
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** | Year 4 Hazel violin concert for parents 10.15am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** | Nursery open classroom 9.00-9.45am
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** | Parent forum 9.00-9.45am; **Date Change** Year 1 Ash/Willow class assembly 2.45-3.15pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** | SEND coffee morning with the Educational Psychologist - Focus SEMH
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** | Parents' Evening
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** | Half term
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** | INSET Day

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** | Children return to school

## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**

- Reception - 83%
- Year 1 - 86.43%
- Year 2 - 93.2%
- Year 3 - 96.58%
- Year 4 - 93.66%
- Year 5 - 91.22%
- Year 6 - 94.64%

We have seen a higher level of sickness in our younger year groups this week. Well done to Year 3 for meeting the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: **91.74%**



## Curriculum Enrichment



Alongside out-of-school visits that enrich their learning, children also take part in workshops, themed days and curriculum-linked activities within school. Children learn best when they feel excited, curious and actively involved in what they're doing. Engaging activities and real-life examples help them make meaningful connections between their lessons and the world around them, deepening their understanding and strengthening their confidence. By bringing learning to life through hands-on experiences, practical exploration and memorable activities, we aim to spark their enthusiasm and nurture a genuine love of learning.

Children also learn best when parents are involved – whether that's supporting learning at home or joining us in school for events such as our open classrooms. When school and home work together, children feel supported, motivated and proud of their achievements, and this has a powerful impact on their progress. Below are some photos of a couple of recent in-school activities to support learning: Reception's dinosaur themed open classroom session and Year 5's Victorian Day.

## Reception Open Classroom and Year 5 Victorian Day

