



Parent newsletter - Friday



Happy, Healthy, Hi

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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed precious time connecting with family and friends over the Christmas period. The start of a new term always brings renewed energy and excitement to our school community.

We were privileged to host the Agents for Change conference this week, welcoming colleagues and children from other schools to engage in this important work. It's always inspiring to see educators coming together to drive positive change in education.

Year 5 returned from their swimming session today, brimming with enthusiasm. There are numerous events and activities planned for our children in the coming weeks, so please review the diary dates to stay informed.

Today is Mrs Horbatiuk's last day working in Purple and Silver class. She will be starting an exciting new chapter, training in psychology from next week. While she will be stepping back from her current position, we're delighted that she will remain part of our school community, continuing to support our pupils through care clubs.

We look forward to a term filled with learning and growth, and hopefully some better weather in the coming weeks!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Strange

Values Winners

YR- Albie

Y1- Ananth

Y2- Eris

Y3- Maya

Y4- Jiayou

Y5- Radu

Y6- Louis

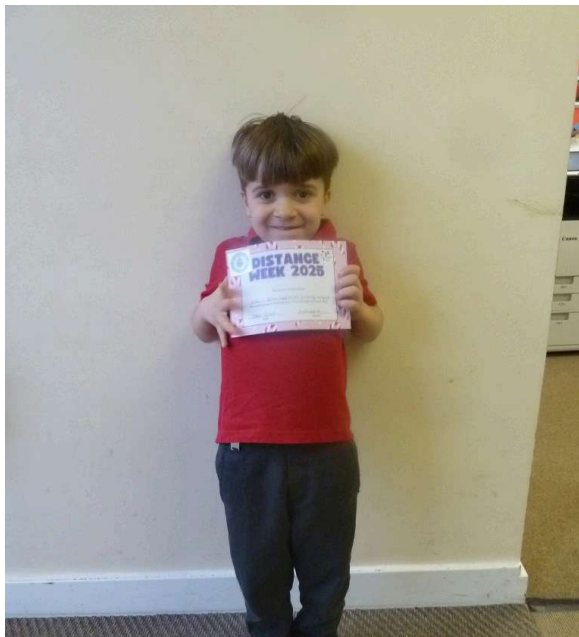
Personal Achievements

Children can bring in something once a term to share in the Friday assembly.

Anton- Y3 received a trophy for coming 1st in the National diving competition

Edo- YR received a certificate for swimming 40m kicking on his back

Well done both of you!



Golden Table Winners

Clayton Y6

Bonnie Y6

Jake Y2

Class catch ups - Silver

Each week, the individual classes will take it in turns to share some details about the exciting events happening in their classroom.

We have brought the Autumn term to a close with a memorable hands-on exploration of the heart. Pupils approached the dissection with curiosity, focus, and real resilience - there may well be a few future heart surgeons in the making. Observing the structure of the heart up close has deepened their understanding of the circulatory system in a way that diagrams alone can not achieve.

Our persuasive writing unit has also taken great strides. It has been encouraging to see pupils selecting topics they care about and beginning to use more formal, precise, and convincing vocabulary. Their ability to shape an argument is growing steadily.

In maths, We are moving into work on decimals, fractions, and percentages. Pupil are beginning to make connections between these representations, strengthening their number sense and confidence in applying these skills across different contexts.

We have also continued developing our graphic novel project, with pupils planning how to combine visual storytelling with clear narrative structure. This has been a thoughtful and creative process, and it's been lovely to see ideas taking shape.

As we begin the new term, there is a calm sense of purpose in Silver Class. Pupils are settling back in with focus, curiosity, and a growing confidence in taking ownership of their learning. We are looking forward to seeing how the children build on this strong start.

Healthy You Week

Next week is our Sports Partnerships 'Healthy You' week. This week is all about supporting and encouraging all to lead an active and healthy lifestyle whilst promoting the Chief Medical Officer's recommended 60 active minutes a day guideline.

Pupils will complete different activities in class and have the opportunity to complete further activities outside of school:

- Active and Healthy Passport – The active and healthy passport will allow children to track what they have been eating and drinking and how much they have been moving throughout the week. Pupils are able to bring this into class on the Friday to share. This document was sent via Parentmail.
- Healthy Selfie – Pupils are encouraged to share with us how they keep active and healthy at home by sharing 'Healthy Selfies'. Please email any photos to the office. We will use these photos to create a whole school display in the hall. Please send in by Monday 19th January.

Please see the Parentmail sent this week for more information.

Agents for Change

This week our school hosted Equaliteach Agents for Change an event that took place on Wednesday 7th January 2026!

Equaliteach Agents for Change explore issues of equality, diversity and inclusion and provide young people with the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and confidence to empower them to be active citizens and implement initiatives to challenge bullying and improve equality, diversity and inclusion in school.

Pupils from local participating primary schools came together for the day to help devise solutions which will help to educate others about the harms of identity-based bullying and create support structures for pupils who experience bullying. Pupils will then have the opportunity to implement initiatives across the school, such as delivering an assembly, making a banner or helping improve how pupils can report incidents.





Playtime Ambassadors

An exciting start to the Spring Term as Year 6 are busy settling into their new roles and responsibilities. Our Playtime Ambassadors for this half term have been out in their Hi-vis and looking forward to running activities with the younger children from next week.

The Lunch Time Hall Helpers have been in the lunch hall helping things run smoothly and guiding the younger children back out to play.

Our School and Eco Council will be meeting shortly to continue their good work around school. Watch this space for more news.



Subject Spotlight - Music

This week, lots of our classes have started their new music topic for this half term. Yr 6 have begun learning about songs from WWI and WWII and Year 1 have started their topic on dynamics. In Year 1, the pupils used percussion instruments to represent sounds of the sea. They explored creating different dynamics using various percussion instruments and used the dynamics to accompany a story about the sea changing from being calm to stormy. The children really enjoyed using their instruments in this lesson and were very engaged in creating the atmosphere for the story.



NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Program

We are excited to announce that our school will be taking part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe programme. This is a nationwide initiative designed to help keep children safe by giving them the knowledge and confidence they need to speak out if something is wrong.

The programme is delivered in a child-friendly way and helps pupils understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children

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Why are we running this programme? Children have the right to feel safe, and education is one of the most powerful tools to protect them. By teaching these important messages early, we empower children to speak out and seek help when they need it. The sessions will be age-appropriate and engaging, using assemblies and classroom activities to ensure every child understands these vital safety messages.

For more information, you can visit the NSPCC website: www.nspcc.org.uk.

Children's Commissioner Guide - Manag

Please see the recently published guide: [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner

Playworker Job Opportunity

Care Clubs provides a place for children to come and play, explore, build on friendships, and enjoy the outdoors during both term time and holiday periods.

Our wraparound care provision and holiday club are thriving and we are seeking a Playworker to join the team. Initially on a one year fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave with the possibility of becoming permanent for the right candidate. We are a committed and experienced staff team, who care deeply about the children in our care. We give children who attend a great start and end to their school day,

understanding that children have different needs and cater to them. In addition our popular holiday club provides exciting play opportunities in a safe fun environment.

We are seeking someone who has experience of working with 3-11 year olds; who can facilitate the provision of safe, creative, appropriate play opportunities, allowing the children in our care to explore on their own with unobtrusive adult supervision. Our ideal candidate will take a role in activity planning and preparation and will be required to actively contribute to the development and quality of the setting.

This part-time fixed term role is for a total of 18.5 hours per week during term time, this will be a mixture of mornings (7:35am – 8:45am) and after school sessions (3:00-6:00pm). During the school holidays Playworkers will be required to work on days that the club is open from 8:15am until 5:45pm. Our holiday club closes for two weeks during August and on other selected holiday dates throughout the year where annual leave would need to be taken.

Should it be required, childcare for your own child is available at the club during your working hours at no cost.

If you would like to arrange a visit prior to making an application please contact Mrs Church in the school office on 01954 210263 and we will arrange to show you around.

Diary Dates



Dates for the Diary

2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DONT MISS ANYTHING

* against the date is a new addition to the calendar

Date	Event	Time
Monday 12th-Friday 6th January	Healthy You Week	All day
Wednesday 14th January	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 16th January	Purple class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Monday 19th January	Public speaking final	1.30pm
Tuesday 20th January	YR & Y6 Weighing & Measuring	10.45am
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices @ O2 Arena London	10.00am-11.00pm
Thursday 22nd January	MCT meeting for parents	TBC
Friday 23rd January	Silver class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 27th January	NSPCC "Speak out stay safe workshop"	All day
Wednesday 28th January	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 30th January	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
*Friday 30th January	Red class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Friday 30th January	Break the rules day	All day
*Thursday 9th February *	Y6 SATS meeting	TBC
Friday 6th February	Blue class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 10th February	Catch your breath-Healthy schools in Y6	All day
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	All Day
Wednesday 11th February	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 11th February	KS1 Phonics parents meeting	TBC
Thursday 12th February	Quicksticks Competition (selected Y6)	All day
Friday 13th February	Green class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Friday 27th February	Orange class celebration assembly	8.40am-9.00am
Tuesday 24th February	Y3 Wying Arts Trip	All Day
Wednesday 25th February	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 4th March	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football tournament	12.30am-3.30pm
*Thursday 5th March *	World Book Day	All day
Friday 6th March	Green class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 10th March	Y2 Botanical Gardens trip	All day
Wednesday 11th March	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 11th March	Scholastic book fair for a week	3.30am-4.00pm
Wednesday 13th March	Purple class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Monday 16th- Friday 20th March	Big walk and wheel week	All day
*Tuesday 17th March *	Parent Consultations	8.00-10.30am
* Wednesday 18th March *	Parent Consultations	3.40am-7.00pm
Friday 20th March	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 20th March	Silver class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 25th March	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 27th March	Red class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 5th May	Y4 Bunwell House overnight stay	All day
Friday 8th May	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Monday 8th-Wednesday 10th June	Y6 Frontier Centre residential	All day
Friday 26th June	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am