

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to imagine that we are now more than halfway through the academic year. This term has been short but jammed packed with events and activities. World Book Day was lots of fun, both children and staff looked amazing and enjoyed a procession at the start of the day. As part of the procession, children enjoyed identifying a range of different characters from Paddington to Little Red Riding Hood. Red Nose Day was also lots of fun and the children looked splendid in their non-uniform.

All staff would like to wish you an enjoyable Easter break and we hope you and your family enjoy the lighter evenings.

Please note that school closes Friday 27th March at the earlier time of 1.15pm.

School reopens to children on Monday 13th April.

Mrs. F Briggs

All children should have 100% attendance.

School is open for **190** days of the year for teaching and learning.

This leaves **175** days for holidays, family gatherings and other special occasions.

Help your child to be successful in learning for life, by supporting great attendance.

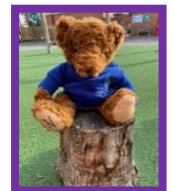
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Fox cubs	98.13%	96.00%	88.50%	91.00%	
Hedgehogs	100%	95.26%	91.05%	82.65%	
Owls	100%	95.00%	90.36%	79.20%	
Rabbits	95.98%	96.07%	94.29%	86.43%	
Badgers	95.87%	97.78%	95.32%	88.53%	
Squirrels	93.52%	92.22%	84.07%	86.30%	

In school, on time, every day

The class with the best attendance from 6th January to 13th February was Owls!
Well done to both children and parents.

Overall, our school attendance is **91.9%** which is well below the national average of **94%**. There are still several families taking leave during term time. Sadly, fines will be incurred.

Mrs Jones will be running more attendance challenges during the summer term.



School gates open at 8.40am, with gates closed at 9.00am. School finishes at 3.15pm.

School office opening hours are 8.30am-12.30pm; 1.00pm-3.30pm.

Future dates for your diary

Readathon-week commencing 18th May

Walk to school week-week commencing 18th May

May Bank Holiday- Monday 4th May

Half term week-Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Arbor APP

This is almost ready and we are hopeful that the App will be launched in April. This will make communication and payments a lot easier for parents and carers. Thank you for your patience.

Staffing updates

Next term we welcome a new member of staff. Rebecca Makin will be joining the senior leadership team as Deputy Headteacher. She will be out in the playground on Wednesday morning so please pop over and say hello.

Security update

Many of you will have noticed that the door to our office reception area now has an added level of security. Please ring the bell and we will get to you as soon as possible.

My happy mind

This term's unit has been **Relate**. We have learnt...

- Why relating to others is important
- How active listening can help us to build relationships with other people
- How to see things from a different perspective

Why not ask your children to tell you what they have learnt?



Welcome to the Year of Reading

2026 has been named the Year of Reading across the UK and it feels like a lovely opportunity to enjoy stories, ideas and imagination in ways that suit every family. Reading takes many forms, and children experience it differently as they grow. Some are drawn to stories, some dive into facts, and many enjoy a mix of both.

There is no single version of what reading should look like at home. However, it appears in your family life, we hope this year brings moments of curiosity, comfort and discovery.

A picture book recommendation for you to enjoy together.

What's the point of art? This is the question Henri asks himself when his class is taken on a school trip to the local art gallery. Who wants pictures of old soup cans or melting watches? But when he encounters a painting with the most perfect blue, it creates a beautiful feeling. It's blueberries, oceans, summer skies and butterflies all rolled into one. And then he wanders into a room with a chair and a sign that reads "Is this really a chair?" Henri decides to test it out, unleashing an explosion of creativity! Finally, Henri understands what art is all about...

