



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring term.

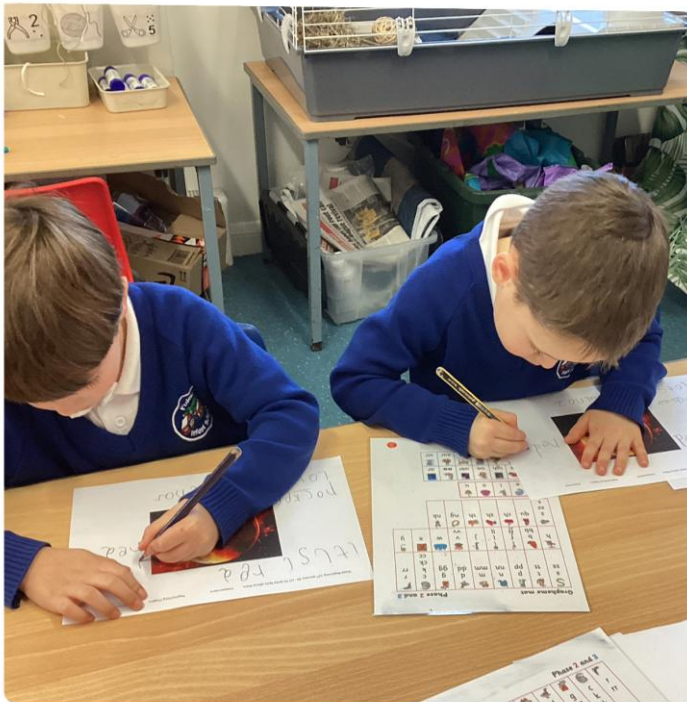
This half term we are trialling an Early Drop Off arrangement for breakfast club. From Monday 19th January, until February half term you are able to use our Early Drop Off arrangement. Your child can attend breakfast club from 8:15am even if they do not require breakfast.

Children can be dropped off at 8:15am for a cost of £3.00 or at 8:30am for a cost of £2.00. No breakfast will be served to children who are using the Early Drop Off arrangement.

The existing breakfast club arrangements remain in place and children can be dropped off from 7:45am, with breakfast provided until 8:30am for a cost of £7.00.

Please note the Early Drop Off arrangement is for children who are not eating breakfast at school. If your child requires breakfast, they will need to use the existing Breakfast Club arrangement.

Reception



Reception have had a fun filled start to the spring term with their space topic. They have been learning about the solar system, naming and describing the different planets. They have enjoyed constructing space stations and planets and have also learnt about gravity.

Year 1



Year 1 made jam tarts in D.T.

Year 2



Year 2 loved making gingerbread in DT this week.
Thank you very much to our parent helpers.



Celebrating our Achievements

At the end of every week school staff choose two children to be the Stars of the Week in their classes. These awards can be made for some special work, for demonstrating good learning behaviours or for demonstrating our school values. Certificates are presented in our Friday Celebration Assembly and the children are congratulated. The Stars of the Week this week are:

Friday 9th January 2026

Stars of the Week

Year R – Zahaa-Noor

Year R – Elijah

Year 1 – Tiarmie

Year 1 – Rayan

Year 2 – Caius

Year 2 – Aryaan

Friday 16th January 2026

Stars of the Week

Year R – Rafael

Year R – Daisy

Year 1 – Elias

Year 1 – Lorna

Year 2 – Sena

Year 2 – Malin

Achievements Outside of School

We love to hear about the children's achievements outside of school and to celebrate these in our Celebration Assembly.

If your child receives a certificate or award for something they do outside of school, please do send it into school and we will celebrate it during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Top Doodlers

Our award-winning Doodlers for last term were:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Aades	***	Aira
Ari	***	Darcey
Saanvi	***	Ayva
Sofia	***	Jivat
Top Doodler	Top Doodler	Top Doodler
Victor	Ayman	Caius



Breakfast Club - Early Drop Off Trial

Breakfast club is open every day from 7:45am. There is no need to book, you can just turn up on the day. Each session costs £7.00 and you can pay by cash or card. Breakfast is served until 8:30am for children attending this session.

Early Drop Off Trial until February half term

From Monday 19th January and for the remainder of this half term we will be trialling an 'Early Drop Off' arrangement at Breakfast Club. The arrangements are as follows:

8:15am drop off - no breakfast provided. Cost £3.00

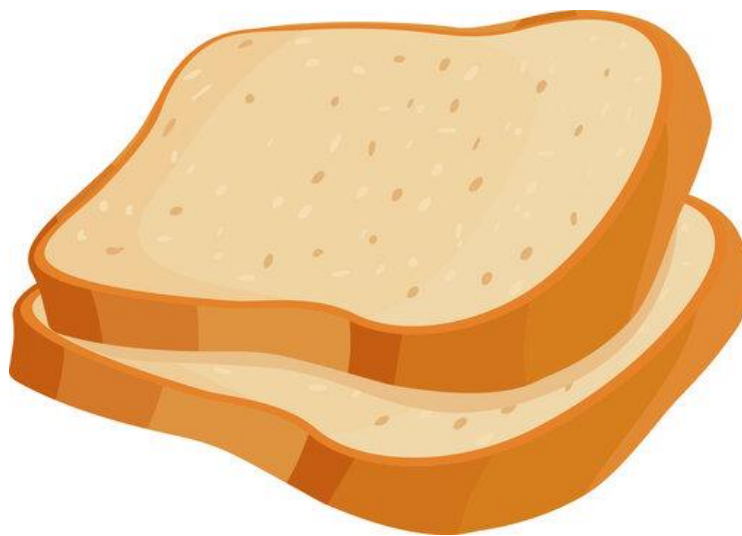
8:30am drop off - no breakfast provided. Cost £2.00

Please note that if your child requires breakfast the full session cost of £7.00 will be payable.

When dropping your child off at breakfast club, please walk them to the hall and wait until they are marked in by an adult.

The breakfast club menu includes:

- Cereals
- Fruit
- Toast
- Eggs
- Beans
- Pancakes
- Milk
- Water
- Hot chocolate





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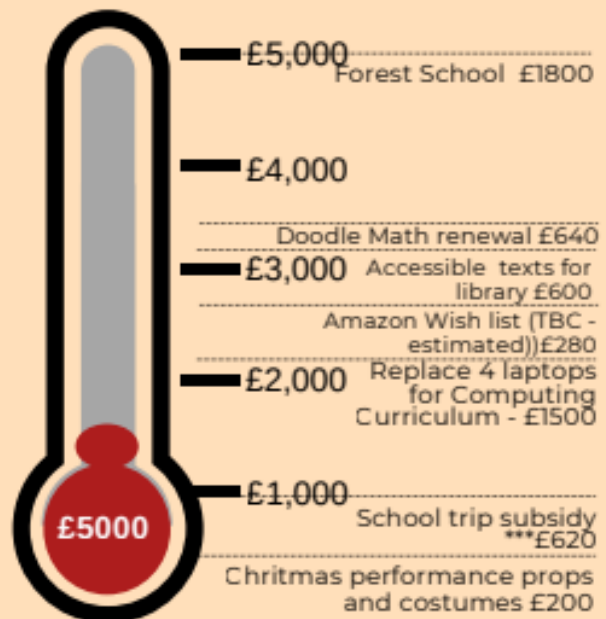
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2026 DIARY DATES

- Friday 13th February - Valentines event, more details to follow.
- Holi Festival Event - Date to be confirmed.
- Parents/Carers coffee mornings will resume, dates to be confirmed in next newsletter.

What are we fundraising for?

25/26 TARGET: £5000**



*FoF financial year and this tracker both run from Oct to Oct.
** Additional items may be requested by school through year, if need arises
*** (£5 per child per trip, 2 trips per year group)



Save the Date

Valentines Event

Friday 13th February
During school day.

More information
to follow.



Festive Mufti Day

We raised £124, thank you
to everyone who
contributed!



Attendance at School

We all know how important it is for children to attend school regularly. To help with this, please avoid booking any holidays in term time because we need children learning in school every day. We have a school target of 96% and ask you to help us achieve it. 90% attendance may sound quite good, but it actually means your child is missing the equivalent of:

- One half day each week
- Nearly four weeks every school year
- Over one year in a school career

Best classes for attendance are:

Week ending 09.01.26: Reception with 96%

Week ending 16.01.26: Reception with 99%

Well done Reception!

If your child is absent from school, please advise the school office by telephone or email by 9:30am on each day they are absent. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

The importance of arriving at school on time

School starts at **8:55am**. The children come into school and begin their phonics lessons as soon as the register is taken. This means **the first lesson of the day starts at 9:00am**. If your child arrives late to school, they are missing the beginning of the first lesson of the day.

Please speak to Mrs Matton if you are experiencing any specific issues with arriving at school on time.



Parking and Respecting our Neighbours

Obstructing our neighbours' driveways

Unfortunately, the Spring Term has not started well for our school and the relationships we have with our neighbours, due to some inconsiderate parking where driveways were obstructed. This has caused distress and inconvenience to our neighbours. **Moving forward please ensure that no driveways are obstructed, this includes both gates to Fulmer Cottage that should remain clear at all times.**

Inconsiderate parking, obstructing the road or driveways reflects poorly on the school as a whole and negatively impacts the relationship we have with the local community. It also places school staff in very difficult situations that are entirely avoidable.

Parking on the yellow zig zag lines

We continue to see a number of parents parking on the zig zag lines in front of the school. This has prompted complaints from members of our own school community. These lines are there to show the area that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when using or crossing the road. Further information from Police.UK about parking outside of school, can be found by using this link.

[Parking outside schools](#)

Please note that in choosing not to observe the zig zag lines you are compromising the safety of our children and their adults on their way to and from school.

The Black Horse Pub continues to allow parents to use the spaces in the front car park, **except for the first 10 bays**, when dropping off their children in the morning. No parking is available at the end of the school day.

We have once again been reminded by Thames Valley Police that parking over a driveway is a violation of the Highway Code. There is also the possibility of parking enforcement officers visiting the local roads and parking infringements may result in a Penalty Charge Notice.

Thank you as always to our parents who continue to park considerately. Your support in making the journey to and from school safe for everyone is greatly appreciated.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 29 th January	Reception Height & Weight School Nurse Visit (see emails)
Friday 6 th February	Number Day (see emails)
Friday 13 th February	School closes for half term at 3pm
Monday 23 rd February	School open
Wednesday 4 th March	New Mozart Orchestra visiting school
Thursday 5 th March	Instrumental Workshop (Yr 2)
Friday 27 th March	School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays

A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives by the Children's Commissioner

Dame Rachel de Souza the Children's Commissioner has published a guide to support parents with the difficult decisions required to balance protecting children from online harm while also enabling them to access resources that are central to learning, socialising and play. The guide acknowledges the rapidly evolving landscape that children and their parents are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits.

The guide was written with the direct involvement of children in schools in England. Dame de Souza explains how when children were asked, with the benefit of hindsight, whether they would give a smartphone to their own teenager, they almost unanimously said no as they wanted to be protected from this for as long as possible. She also describes how children are clear that they value firm, informed and protective boundaries when adults have concerns about the content they are accessing online.

Dame de Souza quotes one young person who told her, "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

The link to the guide is here:

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Julie Matton
Headteacher

