

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

This week I spoke to the children in assembly about kindness and how even small positive actions can make a big difference in our school community. We talked about using kind words, showing respect to friends and adults, and making thoughtful choices. The children were reminded that kindness is a superpower we all have—and using it can create ripples that help our school feel happy, safe and welcoming for everyone. I have set the children a challenge this week, hopefully our parents can join in with them too. I've asked the children to complete 3 tasks, they are:

1. Do one kind thing for someone in your class.
2. Do one kind thing for someone in a different class or at home.
3. Do one kind thing for themselves.

I hope we can spread kindness around our school, homes and community this week and brighten everyone around us.

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 95.45%

Best performing class: Rec & Y4 - 98.96% - Amazing!!

Minutes late across whole school: 750 learning minutes lost

Good attendance is important in school because being present every day helps students keep up with lessons, understand new concepts and build strong learning habits. When children attend regularly, they don't miss key explanations, class discussions or chances to ask questions, which makes learning less stressful and more effective. Good attendance leads to better wellbeing and progress in our children.



Calendar Dates

- 13 Feb** Break up for half-term. School finishes at 3.20pm (3.30pm for Nursery children)
- 23 Feb** Spring Term 2 starts, 8.50am Rec-Y6 (8.30am for Nursery)
- 5 Mar** Ask the Occupational Therapist session in school
- 13 Apr** Inset Day - school closed for all children

Uniform reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform for their day. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. Hoodies or none school sweatshirts should not be worn. For safety and comfort, children should not wear jewellery, make-up, false eyelashes, false nails, or similar items. These do not benefit them in school and can distract from their learning. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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Classroom Focus

Year 6 Class Review by Miss Hunter

Year 6 have had an action-packed week! We have been fully immersing ourselves in our class text *Animal Farm*. Over the past few weeks, we have been busy writing character descriptions, chapter summaries and are now focusing on the pivotal roles of Snowball and Napoleon on the farm. In maths, we have started a new topic this week looking at decimals. We have focused on the place value of decimals, reading and writing decimals. We then used counters and place value grids to look at multiplying decimals by 10/100/1000. In Inclusive curriculum, we have been continuing our topic on Ancient Egypt, exploring the importance of water in early civilisations, focusing on the River Nile and creating some beautiful research pages. In art, we have been working on creating black history portraits. We have also been lucky enough to have some exciting visitors in our class. Every week we been enjoying POWER sessions ran by LSSP, which are looking at physical and mental wellbeing. This week we created our own warm up games and taught them to each other, looking at how warm ups are important to preparing our bodies for movement. As well as this, we had Food for Thought come in on Wednesday and deliver a great workshop on plant adaptations. We looked at different plants and how they have adapted before inventing our own adaptations for different vegetables. I think we may have inspired some budding botanists! Well done for working so hard this week year 6!



Happiness Heroes!

This week we have appointed some new Happiness Heroes in our school. Two children from each class have been chosen as ambassadors of kindness for our school. The children selected are as follows: (Rec) Cole & Rose, (Y1) Mia & Kareem, (Y2) Aurora & Othello, (Y3) Martha & Rockie, (Y4) Corey & Maggie, (Y5) Rahela & Max, (Y6) Peter & Frankie



A Special Mention

Congratulations Edosa, Year 2

This week, my special mention goes to someone who never holds back on creative tasks and always expresses his artistic ideas beautifully. Edosa is a pupil with a good artistic eye and he showcases his talents every day in Y2 working hard to improve his skills and support those around him. Well done Edosa!



Competition Time!

This February half-term, we're encouraging children to get outside and take part in our photography competition. To enter, your child simply needs to take a photo of their favourite animal while out on a walk or in the garden. Please upload the photo to your child's Seesaw account and note that it's for the competition. The best photograph will win a prize after half-term.

