



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring term is in full swing, with children delving into new topics, texts and curriculum opportunities.

Today, our whole school assembly linked our termly value of 'kindness' to Martin Luther King Day, which is on Monday 19th January. We focussed on his quote that 'Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Kindness is like light.' Furthermore, we explore how small acts of kindness create a ripple through a community, and it is important to reflect on the kindness we receive, as well as give. We encourage these conversations to continue at home, celebrating where we see acts of kindness in a variety of settings and situations.



The week began with Year 6 visiting the British Museum, deepening and consolidating knowledge gained in History about the Ancient Greeks. You can see some great pictures of the trip, on our [school Instagram page](#).

Thank you to all parents and carers who have contributed towards curriculum visits so far this year. As shared in the summer and autumn terms, we have moved to a voluntary contribution model to ensure we can continue offering enriching educational experiences for our children. Many families chose to pay in termly instalments, so as we enter the spring term, the next £5 contribution is now due. If you would prefer to make a £10 payment or contribute a little extra, this can also be done at this time. These payments are to be made [via My Child At School](#). Your support makes a real difference; thank you for helping us provide these valuable opportunities.

This week has offered some fantastic opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in school life. On Thursday, Miss Lazell hosted a workshop on our approach to teaching multiplication facts, which is particularly relevant for our Year 4 pupils as they prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer term. In addition, Thursday and Friday provided valuable chances for parents and carers of children in Sycamore Class, as well as those with EHCPs, to visit the school and spend time with the adults who support their children's learning.

Next week we are inviting parents and carers into school for our [Inclusion Coffee Morning](#) on **Friday at 9am**. This informal session is a chance for you to meet other parents/carers and our SENCO, Miss Kutchesfahani, in a relaxed, friendly environment where we'll be talking about inclusion at Horn Park and hearing your ideas for future sessions. Please report to the school office on arrival.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Jack Green

Careers Fair – Thursday 5th February 2026

We are holding our Careers Fair on Thursday 5th February. Throughout the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to visit stalls and talk to a number of visitors from a variety of professions.

At the end of the school day at 3.15pm, the careers fair will continue and provides parents/carers the opportunity to visit with your child.

If you are able to offer support on the day by sharing information about your own career, we would be extremely grateful.

Perhaps you know somebody else who could do this? It will not mean that you have to stand up in front of a whole class, one to one chats are incredibly valuable to the children.

Please complete [this form](#) to register your interest. We will then contact you to discuss this further.



NHS Chicken Pox Vaccinations



The NHS has started to rollout chickenpox vaccinations to young children. They will be offered as part of the existing MMR vaccination at 12 months and 18 months, and the NHS is also planning a catch-up programme for older children up to the age of six. You can read more about this [here](#).



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More info can be found [here](#).

Dates for your diary

- 20/01: 2.30pm Year 6 Drumming Extravaganza Concert
- 20/01: 3.15pm Year 6 (current Year 5) November 2026 School Journey meeting
- 20/01: 3.30pm – 5.30pm Year 6 Parents' Evening – Please book your appointment [via My Child At School](#)
- 21/01: 9am – 9.30am Reception class stay and play
- 21/01: Year 3 British Museum Trip
- 22/01: 3.30pm – 7pm Year 6 Parents' Evening - Please book your appointment [via My Child At School](#)
- 23/01: 9am Inclusion Coffee Morning
- 26/01: Year 4 Westminster Abbey trip
- 28/01: 9am ADHD, Autism & the Link to Anxiety Workshop
- 29/01: 9am – 10am Reception class Maths Workshop
- 30/01: 9.05am Year 6 parent/carer SATs meeting
- 30/01: Year 5 Science Museum Trip
- 04/02: Reception class Local Area Walk
- 05/02: Careers Fair
- 11/02: Year 2 St Paul's Cathedral Trip
- 11/02: Year 5 Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre Trip
- 13/02: Last day of Spring 1 term
- 16/02 – 20/02: HALF TERM BREAK
- 23/02: Children return to school for Spring 2 term

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Term dates for this and next academic year are [here](#).

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Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 95.7%

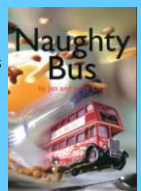
Best Year Group: Year 3 & Year 5 – 97%

Book Recommendation

Willows are reading 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke to support our understanding of the topic 'transport'. We have loved acting out our own adventures with buses in class.

"It's funny when he drives through the beans and past the passengers" – Zion

"I like when he drives in the sink and doesn't go to bed" – Kash



ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Kindness

Lunch menu: Week 3

w/c 19th January 2026