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Friday 15th May 2026

We are currently overhauling our playground provision for our pupils, phase 1 was creating our new garden area and our allotment. You will have seen we have purchased some new storage sheds, we are currently filling these with a variety of different play resources for the pupils to use at breaktime and dinnertime. We have a new large mud kitchen coming next week, we have put a sand pit in the play ground and we are also looking at adding a water tray too. We have purchased some new resources, but we are asking if anyone has the following that is no longer being used that they would like to donate.



- Dolls, prams, pushchairs or baby doll accessories
- Cars, trucks, diggers, any small transport vehicle
- Figures for small world play
- Water play resources
- Sand play resources
- Construction/ building toys
- Plastic dolls houses
- Car mats, tracks
- Plastic till, shopping baskets, shopping trolleys

If you have something on the list you think maybe useful for us please speak to Mrs Crozier to see if we have use for it.

Thank you in advance

Did you know?

Each school year children spend 146.25 hours in the playground, we need to give them the resources so they can make this quality playtime. That equates to 134 days over years 1 to 6.



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Come and help us celebrate the National Year of Reading at our book fair which is being held after school from Monday 18th May to Wednesday 20th May. There will also be a before school opening on Wednesday 20th May from 8:30am.

Attendance Matters

Spring 1 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>Wk 6</u>	<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>	<u>Year so far</u>
<u>Nursery</u>	86.9	96.9	93.8	88.5	92.3		91.0	84.7	84	88.9	
<u>Reception</u>	92.4	97.6	94.1	94.8	97.6		97.1	91.4	94.1	95.4	
<u>Year 1</u>	99.0	96.3	96.7	98.8	98.7		97.5	94.3	95.6	95.9	
<u>Year 2</u>	99.2	96.4	99.2	99.5	95.2		98.7	94.7	96.6	95.6	
<u>Year 3</u>	99.3	94.0	90.3	94.6	96.0		97.1	93.5	95.7	96.8	
<u>Year 4</u>	92.4	97.0	95.7	95.3	99.0		99.1	95.9	97.8	96.5	
<u>Year 5</u>	97.3	98.3	95.0	92.9	98.0		94.5	95.2	95.1	95.5	
<u>Year 6</u>	99.7	96.0	97.7	97.5	100		93.6	93.1	96.0	95.6	
<u>Whole school</u>	96.4	96.5	95.3	95.7	97.5		96.5	93.5	96.1	95.5	

Well done **Year 6** you have the best attendance this week.

Whole School Attendance since start of the year is currently running at 96.2%



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Musician of the Week

Across two weeks, we have a musician of the week to promote a range of music from different genres, countries and time periods. Here is this week's musician of the week

Musician of the fortnight

Name: John Williams

FACTS ABOUT OUR MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK!

1. John Towner Williams was born on 8th February 1932.
2. He is an American composer and conductor who's career has spanned seven decades (70 years!)
3. He has composed music for some of the most iconic films in history including Star Wars, ET, War Horse and Harry Potter.
5. With 54 Academy Award nominations, he is the second-most nominated person, after Walt Disney, and is the oldest Oscar nominee in any category, at 92 years old



GENRE

Film/TV soundtrack

Sensational Singers!

The following children were chosen as our Sensational Singers for their participation and enthusiasm in singing assembly this week;

R - Zain
Y1 - Momo
Y3 - Bella
Y4 - Yusuf
Y5 - Olivia
Y6 - Younes

Our class choir of the week is Year 6! Well done for your excellent singing!_



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Online Safety for Parents

Each week, we are aiming to provide you with information to help keep your children safe when online. This links to the Online Safety mind maps the children complete with their class teachers at the start of each half term.

What is an Algorithm?

Algorithms are used on social media and websites to decide what we see online. They work by looking at things such as what videos we watch, what we “like”, who we follow and what we search for. The platform then shows us more content it thinks we will enjoy or spend time watching. For example, if a child watches lots of football videos, the app may begin showing them even more sports content.



Why is this important?

Algorithms can be helpful because they make it easier to find content we enjoy. However, they can also encourage children and young people to spend longer online by constantly showing them interesting videos and posts. Sometimes algorithms may also repeatedly show harmful or unhealthy content, including unrealistic body images, unkind messages or extreme opinions. This can affect how children think and feel. Another concern is something called an “echo chamber”. This means users may only see content that matches their own views, rather than a balanced range of opinions and information.

Dates for your Diary – 2025 – 2026

(don't forget you can download our calendar by following this line- **new** things added today are highlighted in green)

Month	Date	Event
	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 1 st	Training Day – school closed to pupils
June	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 4 Multiplication test to be administered this week
	June 3 rd	5pm new reception intake parents meeting (parents only no children for this meeting please)
	June 4 th	Hearing screening for year 1 pupils am



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	Friday 5 th	Class Photos
	Monday 8 th – Friday 2 nd	Year 1 phonic screening test to be administered this week
	June 10 th	New Nursery class open afternoon 12.30 – 1.30
	June 12 th	Early Years Sponsored Scoot
	June 17 th	Fathers day stay and play for EYFS 9 – 10.15
	June 17 th	1pm stay and play for new reception children who have not attended our nursery.
	Wednesday 17 th	School Health Nurse drop in for parents and carers 9.15 – 9.45
	Tuesday 23 rd	Paul Willmott – bible story assembly
	Friday 26 th June	Nursery - Teddy Bears Picnic
	Monday 29 th	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
July	Monday 6 th	Sports Day – times to be announced
	Monday 6 th	School Health Nurse – safe sun at Sports Day
	Thursday 9 th	Year 6 summer show – 1.45 – 3.00
	Friday 10 th	School reports sent home today
	Monday 13 th	Year 6 Prom 6pm – 8pm @ Thimblemill Recreation Club – tickets £15.00 per pupil
	Tuesday 14 th	Nursery Graduation in the school hall.
	Wednesday 15 th	Class swap – pupils will meet their new teacher
	Thursday 16 th	Year 6 leavers assembly
	Monday 20 th	Training Day – school closed to pupils

PE days for the coming year

PE						
	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer term	
	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm
Monday	Y3	Y1	Y4	Y1	Y4	Y1



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Tuesday	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y2	Y3	Y4
Wednesday	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y2
Thursday	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2
Friday	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y3

Year 5 will be swimming through out the Summer term on a Wednesday afternoon.