SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

'Transforming lives through inspirational learning'

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break. It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back looking refreshed, positive, and ready for an exciting half term ahead.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Parent Consultation Meetings. We hope that you found the discussions with your child's class teacher informative and helpful in understanding the progress they are making in school.

Thank you also to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey. We value your feedback greatly and appreciate your thoughts and suggestions. Your views help us to continue improving our school, and we will carefully consider your feedback and keep you informed about the actions we take as a result.

The children have started the term by launching their new learning themes and have thoroughly enjoyed their engaging and empowering curriculum launch days. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity, and eagerness to learn as they begin exploring their new topics.

We look forward to sharing their learning journeys and achievements with you over the coming weeks.

Engage and Empower!

Rabbit Class - Year 2

Titanic



In Year 2 we boarded the Titanic this week. The children heard the story of a little boy called Tom and his experience of being on the Titanic. We also watched some clips of the Titanic setting sail to get a really good idea of just how big the ship was. The children played games like 'Penny Shuffle', made White Star rosettes and experienced a third-class meal on board the famous ship.

Fox Class - Year 4

Where does our food come from?

To launch our exciting new topic, Where Does Our Food Come From?, we became food detectives, taking part in quizzes, sorting challenges and investigations to uncover the journey our food takes before it reaches our plates. We explored where different foods begin, whether they come from plants, animals or both, and discovered how ingredients are grown, produced and transported. By the end of the day, we were amazed to learn just how far some of our favourite foods travel before ending up in our lunch boxes!

Stag Class - Year 6

Crime and Punishment



In year 6 this half term, our theme is Crime and Punishment. We will be learning about how this has changed through history and discuss our ethical stance on it. On Tuesday, we started reading the book Holes by Louis Sachar. The children worked together to dig holes in out digging patch, just like the characters in the book. We also talked about how rules and consequences have changed in schools over time, before having our own mock trial in the afternoon.

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLEY



We are delighted to announce a special remembrance assembly on Remembrance Day morning, led by the Royal British Legion. This event honours the sacrifices of armed forces members and educates children on history and gratitude. Poppies are available at the office, with donations supporting veterans and their families. On Tuesday, November 10th, Year 5 and 6 students will hear from veteran representatives. On Wednesday, November 11th, the entire school will attend an assembly led by the Royal British Legion. Poppies and RBL items are available for donations at the school office.





CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November, Children in Need will be marked across the country. This year, on Friday 13th, we have decided to invite our pupils to enhance their usual school uniform by adding a fun, novelty accessory. This could be a hat, headband, hair accessory, homemade badge or similar such fun item. The item will be worn along with their usual school uniform. If your child wishes to participate by wearing a fun, novelty item, we suggest a donation of 50p to £1, although larger donations are welcomed too. Any donations brought in will be collected and donated directly to Children in Need on behalf of our school community. We thank you in advance for your support and will share the total raised by our community once counted.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 16TH- 20TH NOVEMBER

'Break the Silence: Kindness Starts With Us'

Throughout this week, we will be focusing on kindness with our theme, 'Break the Silence: Kindness Starts With Us'. Children will explore friendship, empathy and inclusion, learning how small acts of kindness and the courage to speak up can make a big difference to others. Please can the children begin this week by wearing Odd Socks on Monday 16th November, celebrating our unique qualities that make each one of us special.



SPORTS WHEELCHAIRS

We are very happy to share with you an exciting new experience for the children. Over the next two weeks, all children from Year 1 up to Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in PE lessons using a sports wheelchair. Get In And Go are a company partnered with Alfie Hewett OBE, the number one UK wheelchair tennis player. Alfie has won major titles around the world and taken part in multiple Olympic Games. Their purpose is to give disabled children better access to sport and bring non-disabled children into that experience alongside them. We think that this is a wonderful opportunity for all of our children to begin to see and understand the difficulties that other people may have when accessing sport and therefore raise awareness. Thanks to our brilliant PFA, who are sharing the cost with us, we will be giving pupils multiple opportunities over the next two weeks to take part in sport using the chairs. We hope that this is something that the children will be excited to talk to you about at home. If you would like to learn more, you can visit the website www.getinandgo.co.uk .

GARDENING CLUB

🌿 Join Us in Supporting the Gardening Club! 🌿

The Gardening Club is on a mission to create a thriving, bird-friendly garden and they need your help! Your donations will aid in crafting bird feeders and planting bulbs. They would appreciate donations of the following:

- Bird Seed: Crucial for filling the feeders and attracting diverse birds to the garden.
- Vegetable Stock Cubes: To make vegetable soup using the vegetables that we have grown
- Chia Seeds: Great for making bird feed mixtures
- Lard: Combined with seeds, it creates high-energy bird feed balls.
- Compost: Vital for enriching soil and supporting healthy bulb growth.
- Terricotta Pots; To decorate and plant our bulbs in.

Any support is greatly appreciated! Donations can be left with the Office 🌻

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you and/or your child loves to read please see the latest FREE interactive newsletters here;

September/ October

October/ November

They contain book reviews, suggestions, and themed activities for the whole family

YEAR 4 TRIP TO MILDENHALL MUSEUM

Last term, Year 4 enjoyed learning about the Romans. As part of their topic, they visited Mildenhall Museum, where they explored a range of Roman artefacts, worked together to identify what they might have been used for, and learned about the famous Mildenhall Treasure.







WRAPAROUND





The Nest

Ofsted Registered

Monday - Friday 3.15pm-6.30pm

Call 07915 073 138 to book



PFA NEWS

WINTER FAIR RAFFLE

Our Winter Fair Raffle is back and promises to be bigger and better than ever! Thanks to the incredible generosity of local businesses and organisations, we have some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including a Center Parcs Family Day Pass for 5 people, Red Lodge Karting vouchers, Amazon vouchers, family tickets to local attractions like Jimmy's Farm, activity passes, gift vouchers and much, much more!

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly, with additional tickets available to purchase in the lead up to the Winter Fair. More information, including ticket sales and full prize details, will be shared soon. Good luck!

WINTER FAIR FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER – VOLUNTEERS

To enable the Winter Fair to be a success we need volunteers to help run stalls and games. Without enough support we may not be able to offer as many fun areas as our previous years. If you can spare any help, it would be much appreciated, please complete the following form: Winter Fair Volunteer Sign Up Form Thank you!

AUTUMN DISCO

A big thank you to Partytime Roadshow Mobile Disco for another great disco before half term! The children had a brilliant time! The Disco helped raise an incredible £729 for the school!

NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

As part of our Winter Fair preparations, we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 20th November.

In exchange for taking part, we are asking families to donate an item in a particular colour to help us create our popular colour themed hampers, which will be featured as raffle prizes at the Winter Fair.

Each year group will be assigned a colour for their donation and full details will be shared with parents shortly.

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes and do not need to dress in their class colour.

We look forward to creating some fantastic hampers with the help of our PFA community!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th Nov	Remembrance Day
13th Nov	Children in Need
16th - 20th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
16th Nov	Odd Sock Day
20th Nov	Non Uniform Day
27th Nov	Staff training day - school closed to children
4th Dec	PFA Winter Fair

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th & 16th Dec	Nativity - More details to be shared soon
17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
17th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert- More details to be shared soon
18th Dec	Last Day of Term & PFA Tuck Shop