

Friday News 24.01.2025

This week I have had many visits to my office from pupils with fantastic work to share with me. This is one of my favourite parts of the job. It is such a privilege to share the joy of learning with these pupils. They are awarded with one of my special smelly stickers which they wear proudly. I was especially heartened to be visited by 2 pupils who had gone home and produced some amazing art work based on the artist they were studying in class. Mrs Hutchings and Oceania class welcomed parents in as well to share their amazing photos. We are looking forward to sharing more of our learning with you in the class assemblies.

PD Days 2025-26

We have set the following PD days for the next academic year.

1st and 2nd September 2025

24th October 2025

5th January 2026

20th July 2026

T-Birds

Just a quick message to say that we have many children joining T-Birds after their sports club. T-birds have finished serving snack at this time so we would ask if you could please pack a snack for your child to have at T-Birds if they are joining after a club.

PE - Earrings

Following recent changes in guidance, we ask all children who wear earrings to have them removed for all PE sessions. Taping up of earrings is not sufficient to prevent injury. This is updated guidance for all schools. We now ask that if your child cannot remove their own earrings, that you remove them before school on that day. After half term, the school will no longer be providing tape to cover earrings and your child could miss PE if they cannot remove their earrings. Thank you for your support with this health and safety issue.

Attendance

We achieved **94.3%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week.

Year 6 are our attendance champions this week with **99%**, well done Year 6! They were followed closely by Year 1 with 97.7% and Years 2 & 3 with 97.1%.

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Key dates

Thursday 30th January - Year 1 Class Assembly.

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week.

Thursday 6th February - Year 3 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th February - Thursday 27th February - Year 5 Bikeability.

17th - 21st February - Half Term

Thursday 27th February - Year 2 Class Assembly.
Thursday 6th March - Year 4 Class Assembly.
Thursday 13th March - Year 5 Class Assembly.
Tuesday 18th March - Year 4 to Sutton Hoo.
Thursday 20th March - EYFS Class Assembly.
Tuesday 25th March - Parents Evening **YR-Y5 only**
Tuesday 25th March - Year 6 to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds
Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Friday 28th March - Year R to watch the Gruffalo at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds.
Tuesday 1st April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00
Thursday 3rd April - Year 6 Class Assembly.
Thursday 3rd April - Parents Evening
Friday 4th April - Last Day of term

Have a very happy weekend everyone!



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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14