



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 6th February 2026

## Dates for next week

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	P.E. Willow Class Music Lesson for Year 1 and 2 with Mr Chalke <b>Parents Evening: 4-6pm</b>
Tuesday	P.E. Beech Class Oak Class: Trip to Southampton for the Titanic Trip
Wednesday	P.E. Willow Class Tom's Talking Reptile visit for Willow Class ( I hope they do talk!) <b>No clubs</b>
Thursday	Free Active 8 club for Beech Class after school: communication already sent. <b>Parents Evening: 3.15 -5.15pm</b>
Friday	INSET DAY: return to school on <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>

**Parents Evenings** I hope all families have been able to sign up to Parents Evening for next week.

To help ensure the parents' evenings run to time, Mrs Norris and I **will ring a bell every 10 minutes**. This will indicate that the meeting should come to an end.

The intention is to help all staff keep to the schedule so that parents are not kept waiting—especially those who may have taken time off work or arranged childcare.

We know teachers love to talk about the children they teach and always have plenty to share, but it's important that we all respect the timings for every family.

**Thank you for your support**, and I apologise in advance if you go home hearing bells!

**Year 6 children are encouraged to attend with their parents** so they can hear the teacher's feedback directly.

## **Thank You for Supporting Our Trips and Visits**

Thank you to the team for organising the recent and upcoming trips and visits. We subsidise costs wherever possible and always look for the best value when arranging providers and transport.

We are grateful to families who have kindly contributed additional amounts to support others who may find the costs challenging. We are equally grateful to families who may be struggling financially but still make a contribution where they can. We truly appreciate this, especially when we know there are many priorities pulling at household budgets.

Your support ensures all children can benefit from these enriching experiences. Thank you.

## **Worship this week**

This week in worship, I told a story about two children, Bella and Barney. Bella had noticed that something seemed very different about Barney. She wondered: Was it a new haircut? New school shoes? Had he somehow grown taller over the half-term holiday?

Curious, she finally asked him.

Barney smiled and explained that during the holiday he had gone rock climbing and abseiling in Wales. He told Bella that he is normally scared of heights, but his dad encouraged him to take the risk and reminded him that courage doesn't mean not being scared, it means trying even when you are scared.

As Bella listened, she realised something important: Barney hadn't grown taller on the outside. But he had grown on the inside, in courage, confidence, and bravery.

## **Woodland Tree planting**

Thank you to Chloe (Jonah's mum) for arranging the final push with the woodland planting, and to the families who were able to come along after school, despite the weather, to support the event.

We will have a final tree-planting session after half term in school time, where each class will plant one oak, one willow, and one beech tree!

## **🌟 Golden Book 🌟**

Well done to Minnie (Y2) for demonstrating wonderful perseverance in her afternoon learning. Mrs. Radley has noticed a real step up in her focus and maturity, which is enabling her to get the very best out of all the wonderful learning opportunities in the classroom. Keep shining, Minnie — we are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Ewan (Y3) for demonstrating fantastic independence and concentration during the writing section of his English lessons. His improved focus has led to his achievements in recent weeks. Well done, Ewan — keep up the brilliant work!

Well done to Ellie (Y5) who has shown growing courage and confidence in her singing. As previously mentioned, she bravely volunteered to sing a solo in worship. This week, she asked to do it again — but this time chose to stand at the front of the school to perform.

Ellie's willingness to take that first small step has led to something even greater, and we are incredibly proud of the confidence she is developing. A perfect link to worship this week.

Wishing you a great weekend. I'll be celebrating my baby turning 21, and I'm feeling every bit of that saying: the days of parenting are long, but the years are so very short!

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