



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely break and managed to avoid the many bugs that are unfortunately still doing the rounds.

This week we returned to school to the possibility of snow, although the children's hopes for a snow day were not granted. Breakfast Club certainly made the most of the little snowfall we did have on Tuesday!



We were delighted to welcome Rev Cortney into school to mark the Epiphany. As we begin the new year, the children have been thinking about their hopes and dreams for 2026. We explored what steps we can take to achieve these goals and how we can support others with theirs—living out our vision to **Aspire and grow together**.

We also revisited our OPAL breaktimes. The children discussed some of the new resources and how to use them safely. We celebrated the many things they enjoy — such as having FSU outside with everyone else and being able to use the field — and reflected on some of the challenges, thinking about how we can overcome them. This week we have made a small change to our welly swapping routine to help reduce the number of children ending up with wet socks for the rest of the day. Whilst we are going to be offering spare socks to children that we feel may need a change of socks, it would be really helpful if children could bring an extra pair in their bags too.

All classes have now been introduced to the Corefulness programme. Corefulness is a series of short, equipment-free exercises designed to help children maximise their learning potential by building core stability and coordination. These activities support sport, confidence, self-esteem and overall readiness to learn. If you get a moment, do ask your children to show you some of the exercises!

Thank you to everyone who has already returned sponsorship forms or made online donations for our Santa Run in support of Helen & Douglas House. We will be totalling these early next week, so please ensure any outstanding forms are returned to the office by Monday.

It has also been wonderful to see the Good Deeds Christmas Advent Calendars coming back into school, showcasing such a wide range of thoughtful tasks—from setting tables to helping with pets. If you still have one at home, please send it in on Monday.

Wishing you all a safe and warm weekend,

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Our Stars of the Week

Freya

Pollyanna

Annabel

Lorilee

Sophia

Beatrice

Emily C

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2,
Year 3&4 and Year 5/6 with:

98% attendance

Whole school attendance

95%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am

8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

PTA

Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. If you have any duplicate or unwanted gifts, please drop them off at the school office for our gift amnesty. These will be greatly received.

There will be a Little Recyclers collection on Tuesday 20th January. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 12th January. Please come along if you are interested in joining the PTA or feel free to speak to a member at school drop off/pick up for more info.

Diary dates

- **15th January-5th February—Swimming Lessons Yr3-Yr6 (Thursdays)**
- **12th January—FSU + Yr1/2 Drama Workshop (in school)**
- **20th January—Yr5/6 Fire, Road + Water Safety Talk**
- **11th February—Yr6 Junior Citizens Trip**
- **16th-20th February—Half Term**
- **18th & 19th March—Parents Evening**
- **8th-10th July Y5&6 residential**



FSU

We have focused on 'We're going on a bear hunt' this week, and we created our own actions and performed the story as a class. Then we went on our own bear hunt around the school. On Thursday, we started to look at colourful semantics, each type of word is represented by a colour to build sentences. They understood this really well considering it is quite a tricky concept. The children have really enjoyed the start of our theme 'Once upon a time' and have been dressing up and performing stories for each other. I'm excited to see how these develop over the next few weeks.



Year 1 & 2

We have had a cold but productive first week back at school in Year 1 and 2. We have started studying a new text in English lessons called 'The Queen's Hat'. In one lesson, the children took turns to play the characters of interviewers and the Queen herself, carefully writing down what would be said during the interview. They have also designed a new hat for the Queen and written a diary entry from her point of view. In Science, we have started a new 'Materials' topic, and the children completed various practical investigations into the properties of the different materials.



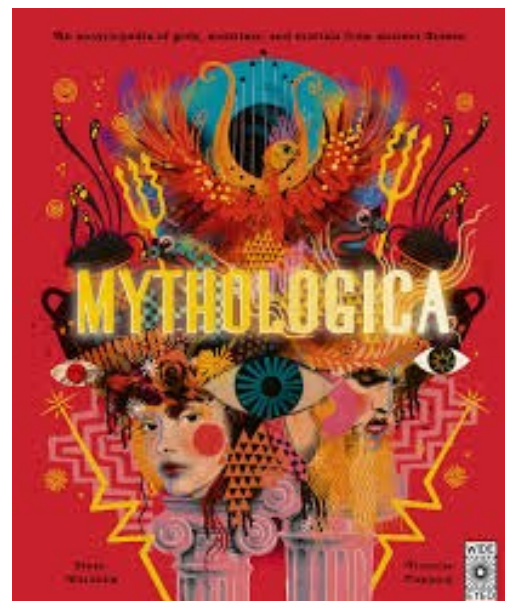
Year 3 & 4

The children in Year 3 and 4 are getting used to being back after the Christmas festivities. We have started several new topics including a combined English and Guided Reading project based on the story 'Charlotte's Web'. On Monday we started an RE topic about Christian prayer. The children had the opportunity to visit 6 different stations with a variety of resources that Christians might use to help them pray e.g. prayer books and devotionals, postcards with bible verses, prayer bookmarks, a kneeler, bibles post-it notes and notebooks, pebbles and candles. They were very engaged in exploring what everything was and how they might be used.



Year 5 & 6

It has been a great week back at school, starting our new topic of Ancient Greece. We are reading a great book called 'Mythologica', which details lots of myths and legends. The Greek Gods were quite brutal, though! In art, we looked at some pottery as inspiration for making our own vases.



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School



Christmas Trees

If you are throwing out your Christmas tree, we would be very grateful if you could please bring it to school as the children at Forest school love to play with them
Thank you!

