



Newsletter



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Recently at Greenfields...

We were lucky to find a gap in the rain to take Reception class out recently to watch our 'volcano' explode – it certainly has been one of the wettest starts to the year that I can remember! But I think you can see by their faces how much they enjoyed the experience. Reception have been learning about dinosaurs and reasons why they might have been made extinct, and volcanos and lava are certainly a theory. Well, reception class have loved every minute of their learning and can tell you all about magma, lava, tectonic plates and extinction – we certainly have a budding class of geologists and palaeontologists! This is always a wonderful topic to do with the children, and I am so impressed with their discussions, their knowledge, their attempts to write all the dinosaur names... I mean, T-rex is easy, but apatosaurus!!! But they have managed it.

Meanwhile, Y3 wowed us all yesterday with a wonderful class assembly all about their learning. Their focus recently has been on the stone, bronze and iron ages and they have been great in their archaeological roles, finding out all about how life changed and making their houses. They also shared their wonderful writing, their increasing maths understanding and performed a rendition of 'We Will Rock You' showing their counting in French! I was so impressed with their assembly, you could hear everyone; and they were all so confident in their delivery. It was lovely to have so many parents and family to share it with.

Elsewhere, Y5 have been busy learning about the Ancient Greeks, Y2 Weather (how topical!) and in Y6 they have been researching their own interests to make a project on a subject of their choice. I have really enjoyed seeing the different

interests: football teams, bikes, animals, famous people – they really are diverse. I look forward to seeing the finished products and being able to share them with you.

Today has seen our annual Pancake Race, which was won by Saxons. This is just a silly event, but it does bring the whole school together and I'm always proud of how our older children support those in younger years to be expert flippers. Speaking of events which bring the community together, thank you all for supporting the disco last week. We had over half of the school attend and the event raised just over £900 for the school. Specific tanks got to all the parents who stayed to help and ran the stalls, applied the tattoos and did face painting – you were amazing. Extra thanks need to go to Miss Chopping who took over the decks and DJ-ed the night away for us all. The money raised is badly needed as the wooden trim trail has now been officially condemned and we need to find a replacement as soon as we can. Please do not allow your child on it after school. We are working on removing it as soon as we can.

Speaking of fundraising, our thoughts now turn to our next events – our Wonka Bar sale and our Mother's Day Sale. Both will have pots open on Arbor after half term. The Wonka Sale coincides with World Book Day – see article later – and bars are £2 each. Mother's Day presents are £4 and will be sold on site on the 11th March in time for the weekend. My office is currently very full of lovely things. If you would like your child to choose you a gift, or gifts for the important ladies in their lives, please make sure these are done by the 6th March so I can ensure there are enough presents.

World Book Day 2026

Thursday 5th March

As usual we will be celebrating World Book Day on the day itself with a non uniform day and our annual house challenge. This year through, we are making a few changes. The whole school will be sharing a book in assembly on the Monday about a pair of shoes. Therefore, instead of asking children to dress up as their favourite character, we are asking the following:

Dress up as a character famous for their shoes – eg Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Puss in Boots, the Old Woman who lived in a shoe, etc

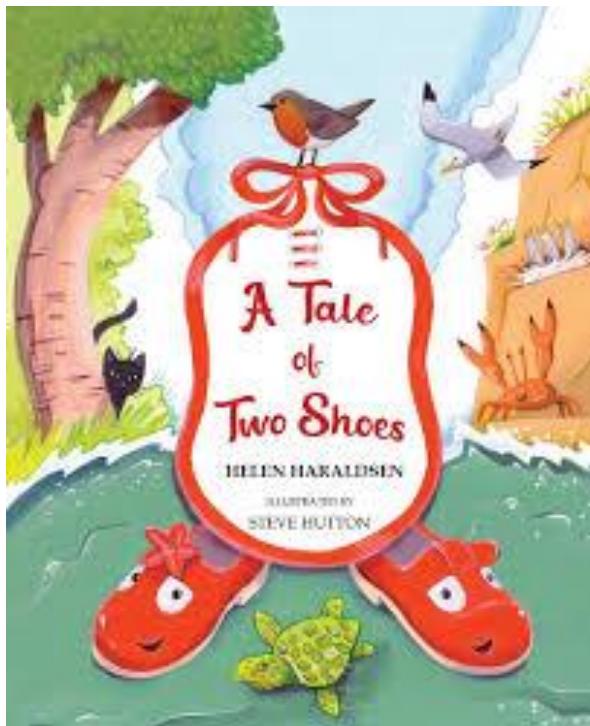
Or

Come to school wearing ODD shoes.

The children will understand why after Monday's assembly.

We will then be spending the day with a shoe theme.

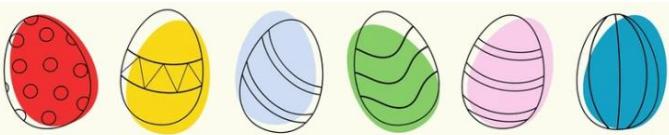
At the end of the day we will be holding our Wonka Bar Sale. We did this last year and it was hugely popular, selling over 350 bars. These will be available for preorder via Arbor at £2 a bar (it's a galaxy bar). The prizes will be a mix of special events in school, toys, books and games as well as some treats. As last year, there will be a 1 in 4 chance of winning something. Please order bars by the Monday 2nd March to ensure we have enough. Any left over we be available to buy at the end of the day from my office.



Easter 2026

The next half term is always packed and short! As always, we will be having our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day, to which you are all invited – our parade will take place on the 27th March at 9am in the hall. We ask that all children make a hat / bonnet at home and bring it to wear to the parade. Prizes are awarded for the best two hats in the class. We look for the input the children have made in the hats, so whilst we appreciate there are some very talented parents out there, it will be the children's work we reward.

As I have always done since becoming head here, I have got an Easter egg (and dietary alternatives) for every child in the school, however, in return, I do ask the children to do something for me. After half term I will be sending home the swap. Children will then be able to bring me their work during the last week of term and eggchange it for an egg of their choice. Each class will be eggspected to do something different. Without the effort, there is no egg. I will send a piota out with more information after the half term.



Site safety

Up until now, we have been quite open about sharing the car park with parents and allowing parents to drive in to collect and drop off children if late or early, but unfortunately the behaviour of a minority recently means we are now retracting that. Unfortunately, parents have not been adhering to the 5 mph speed limit, which has led to some near misses at the end of the day, and we have even had one parent walk in through the gates and activate the vehicle gate button to then be able to drive in at speed, when children and staff were in the car park. This is not okay. Parents will only be allowed to enter the car park if they have a valid blue badge to drop off or collect their child. We now expect parents, late, collecting, early- to park outside of school and walk up to the doors to collect or drop off their child.

We have also had parents walk onto site through the closing vehicle gates to then wander around the grounds during lesson time. Again, this is not okay. We have now put up clear opening times on the gates as to when they will be open. This is for the safety of the children as we are still out in lessons until the gates open and everyone comes on site. Please respect our rules.

Parental Survey responses

Thank you to the 40 families who responded to our parental survey. As we enter the very stressful time of an impending Ofsted, it is helpful to know where you think we are as a school and how we can continue to improve. The overwhelming responses are really positive and show that you have great faith in how the school is going, that your children are happy and safe, and you would recommend us to another person.

Here are the results:

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree / Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school	19	18	1	0	1	1
My child feels safe at this school	21	16	2	1	0	0
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	14	22	3	1	0	0
The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know	15	21	3	1	0	0
When I have concerns they have been dealt with properly	14	13	11	0	1	1
When the school makes decisions, it has the children's best interests at heart	16	21	1	1	0	1
The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well	16	18	5	1	0	0
I would recommend this school to another parent	20	15	2	1	0	2

32 families responded to question about bullying stating it had not happened, with 3 saying it had, and 12 responses stated their child had SEND needs.

Within the comments were only two that need responding to, the others were all lovely for the staff to read. One was regarding the website which I agree needs updating, and I have already approached companies to do this for us this year. However, the costs are beyond what we can afford to give it a complete revamp currently. We do try to keep on top of the website, but as we are all teaching full time, some things do get put on in one place and not others. We have just tried to ensure everything is up to date, but if you see something that is not, please just email the office to let us know and we can do it as soon as possible.

The second comment was regarding homework. Every child is expected to read at least 4 times a week, every child from Y1 up should have brain trainer every night. There are spellings that need learning each week. Year 2 upwards also have times tables rockstars to do to embed their maths skills. Research (EEF) has shown there is no benefit to homework, and it actually causes us a lot more work chasing who has not done their homework than rewarding those who have. Every year we give you the opportunity to purchase the CGP books which are hugely beneficial, and on our website is the curriculum overviews so you can see what your child is learning should you want to support that more. There are also suggested websites for help. Every day children are being spoken to about not doing their homework, so for those who want more, there are plenty of ways you can support with additional work at home which does not add to the teacher's already heavy workload. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like some help in anything specific, but for now, we just ask that children do the homework we do set.

Thank you again to everyone who responded. As always, if there is ever anything you need, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself or Mrs Evans. We will always do all we can to help.



Attendance 2nd – 6th February 2026

Nursery	85.25%
Reception	95.36%
Year 1	91.48%
Year 2	87.2%
Year 3	93.81%
Year 4	93.85%
Year 5	96.51%
Year 6	90.78%

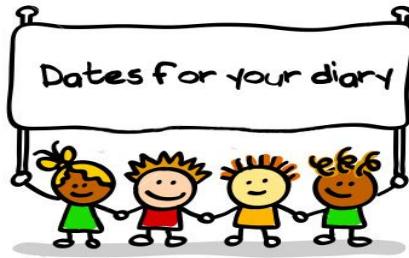
Attendance This Half Term

Nursery	88.07%
Reception	96.31%
Year 1	92.49%
Year 2	92.11%
Year 3	93.98%
Year 4	96.49%
Year 5	95.49%
Year 6	89.64%

Today, Y4 class got a reward for being the class with the best attendance this half term. Normally the contest is between years R, 3, 4 and 5 now, all hitting the government expected attendance each week, and you can see they only just pipped Reception to it. It would be wonderful to be able to give lots of attendance prizes at Easter. Good attendance means children are in school and on time. If they are not here they are missing out on so much, and not just learning.

Historically, the second half of the year always sees better attendance, but please remember that children can learn and be in school with a headache, that stomach aches normally disappear once their minds are off them, and that coughs on their own don't need days off. We will look after your children and if they are ill, we will send them home – but it is better to try to come in in the first place.

I have left the dates in for the rest of the year. Please remember I cannot authorise holidays and they will lead to penalty notices issued by the County if it means more than 10 sessions (5 days) of school are missed.



16-21.2.26	HALF TERM
25.2.26	Stay Active sessions for Y1&Y2
5.3.26	World Book Day
12.3.26	Y1 Class Assembly
16.3.26	Y5 Rugby @ Greenfields
25.3.26	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
26.3.26	Parents Evening 1.30-7pm
26.3.26	Awards Assembly
27.3.26	Easter Bonnet Parade 1pm End of Term
13.4.26	TERM STARTS
17.4.26	Individual and Sibling Photos plus Y6 class photo
1.5.26	Y4 Playleader training day
4.5.25	Bank Holiday
6.5.26	Reception Health Screening
7.5.26	Local Elections – school open but hall in use
8.5.26	Y3&Y4 Basketball sessions
11.5.26 – 14.5	SATs Week
15.5.26	Break the Rules Day
18.5.26	– Y6 Residential to Willow Tree
21.5.26	YN Class Assembly
22.5.26	TRAINING DAY – School Closed
25-29.6.26	Half Term
11.6.26	Y2 Class Assembly
18.6.26	YR Class Assembly
6.7.26	Y6 Production
9.7.26	Transition Day
13-17.7.26	Sports Week
15.7.25	Sports Day
17.7.26	Summer Fair
21.7.26	9am Reception Graduation 11am Nursery Graduation 2pm Y6 leavers Assembly to school 3.30pm Y6 Leavers Party
22.7.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Y6 parents 1pm END OF TERM
23.7.26	Training Day
1.9.26	Training Day
2.9.26	TERM STARTS