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## Holidays

**Christmas Holidays - 22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026**

**Half Term - 23rd - 27th February 2026**

**Easter Holidays - 3rd - 17th April 2026**

**Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026**

**\*\*We finish for summer on Friday 17th July 2026\*\***

## Star of the Week

**Lyla - Nursery**

**Charles - Reception**

**Shania - Year 1**

**Qasid - Year 2**

**Elizabeth - Year 3**

**Erin - Year 4**

**Freddie - Year 5**

**Layton - Year 6**

## PD Days for 2025/26

**Friday 28th November 2025**

**Monday 1st June 2026**

**Monday 20th July 2026**

**Tuesday 21st July 2026**

## **Save the Date!! - KS1 Nativity**

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Christmas Nativity play will take place

Wednesday 10th December at 2pm. More details to follow in upcoming weeks.



## **Children In Need - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be taking part in Children in Need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to come to school dressed in non-uniform with a dotty theme and we will all be taking part in a variety of challenges throughout the day!

## **Hot Chocolate Heroes with Mrs Wheeldon - 24th October**

Hot chocolate for 100% attendance and children who have set a good example during our the last half term. We look forward to see who will be this half term's Hot Chocolate Heroes.



## **Anti-bullying Week**

Next week is anti-bullying week and to kick off the week we are inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 10th November. Children will take part in a variety of activities and assemblies throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Bonfire Night Fun in Nursery

This week, the children have been learning all about Bonfire Night! They explored how we celebrate safely by talking about fire safety, looking after ourselves and caring for animals during the celebrations.

The children have also been busy creating their own fireworks using a variety of exciting materials — playdough, paint, foam, chalk, and transient art. Their work has been full of sparkle, colour, and imagination!

Through these activities, the children have been developing their Understanding of the World and Managing Self skills — showing curiosity, creativity, and responsibility.

A big thank you to all our parents and carers who have shared their half-term adventures with us! The children have loved showing their photographs to their friends and have spoken confidently and enthusiastically about their wonderful experiences.

Please keep the photographs coming — they provide a fantastic boost for communication and language development!

A big thank you to you for sending in photographs from home! Your child has really loved sharing and talking about them with their friends, sparking lots of lovely conversations and smiles.



## Reception

This week in Reception, we began a new text as part of our Ready Steady Write scheme — Star in a Jar! To introduce the story, we had a fun 'Jump In' session, going on our own treasure hunt. The children were thrilled to find hidden gems around the nursery garden, which really helped bring the story to life.



In Phonics, we've been focusing on the sounds j, v, w, and x. The children have been practising these sounds through various activities, including writing, reading and matching games.

We also celebrated Bonfire Night with a range of exciting activities in our Continuous Provision areas. The children created their own firework pictures and learned about the importance of firework safety. It has been a busy and creative week, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have engaged with everything.



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## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been continuing to work hard in all aspects of their learning. Learning the new phonic sounds 'ew' and 'ow' and exploring, nouns, verbs and adjectives in their 'Rapunzel' work during English.

In Maths, children have worked hard to use a part, part whole model, working with numbers up to 10 practically. They are really developing their mathematical vocabulary!

During art, we have explored a new artist called Clementine Hunter and are learning all about her life and her art!

## Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been working on balancing in PE. The children worked in pairs and created their own routines to demonstrate their balancing skills. In English, the children have worked on their use of conjunctions and the application of their phonics skills within their writing. During History, the children have been researching how The Great Fire of London spread over several days. It has been a very busy week, and all the children have worked very hard.



## Year 3

Year 3 have returned to school after a busy half term holiday, full of exciting stories about their week off. It's been lovely to welcome the children back and they've had a marvellous first week here, back in school. We kicked off a new Writing topic based around a Fox, there was much intrigue and wonder when the children saw the feathers, charred sticks and vocabulary around the

classroom, they are engaged and full of anticipation about what will come next! In PHSE we have been discussing self-image and what we think we are good at and like about ourselves. Art has seen us continue with Bridget Riley inspired work and the children have produced some very impressive pieces of work.



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## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we welcomed the children back after the half term and everyone was eager to pick up where we left off in the previous term. Our learning this week included starting our new writing strand on Egyptology which directly links to our ongoing topic of Ancient Egypt in History. In Maths we have been converting units of measurement and in Foundation subjects we created 3D Remembrance Day cards which included silhouettes, poppies and a hilly background. As a class we completed some online challenges on the iPad to earn certificates around e-safety. A very successful and engaging week from everyone - keep up the great work.



## Year 5

Welcome back Year 5! What a great first week back we have had. It began with being immersed into our new book for writing (FARTHER by Grahame Baker-Smith). We are excited to write a narrative setting based on this beautiful picture book. We also had a visit from Preston Park museum and we were able to practise writing on slates and using an ink pen like the Victorians. Thank goodness we don't use these pens anymore, they were very messy! In maths we have been reading and interpreting tables and timetables and enjoyed working in partners to tackle reasoning challenges. In music we used the glockenspiels to perform Livin' on a prayer.



## Year 6

We have started preparing for our upcoming class assembly this week and we are looking forward to sharing all of our learning with the whole school and our families. We have also been sewing our 'Flowers for Remembrance'. We needed a lot of patience, steady hands and a growth mindset!

Everyone was excited to start their SATs booklet and we enjoyed a game of bench ball in PE.

**Assembly - Wednesday 12th November 2:15**



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