

NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wish a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to you all. I trust you all managed to get some well-deserved rest this Christmas whilst spending quality time with loved ones.

Many thanks for the lovely cards and gifts myself and the staff team received for Christmas. Your generosity and kindness really are appreciated.

We continually explore the British Value of 'Mutual Respect' within school. It is wonderful seeing so many children showing respect to each other and showing other values such as care, appreciation and understanding.

In our school, everybody is equally valued and there is mutual respect in all relationships: staff/child, staff/staff, staff/parent, governor/child, etc. We encourage everybody to be a 'role model' for mutual respect within our school community. As we begin a new school year, we want to take a moment to emphasise the importance of treating members of our school community with respect. A supportive and positive relationship between staff, parents and our wider community is crucial for our children's success and overall well-being in the classroom.

Diary Dates – Including Holiday Dates 2024/2025

2025	
January	
Monday 6 th	First day of Spring 1 term
Monday 13 th	Nottingham Trent University in school working with Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 20 th	National Bird Watching Week
Wednesday 29 th	Chinese New Year Dinner
February	
Monday 3 rd	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 th	Scholastic Book Fair – up till the 11 th of February
Friday 7 th	NSPCC Numbers Day
Monday 10 th	National Pizza Day Dinner
Tuesday 11 th	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 11 th	5:00pm Year 5 Hathersage Residential Parent Meeting
Wednesday 12 th	Choir trip – Young Voices
Friday 14 th	Last day of spring 1 term
Monday 24 th	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 25 th	First day of spring 2 term
Tuesday 25 th	Road Safety Day – Classes to take part in road safety sessions

Wednesday 26th	Year 2 Creative Workshop Day
Thursday 27th	Year 6 trip to the Holocaust Centre
March	
Monday 3rd	Women's History Month
Tuesday 4th	5:00pm Year 6 Parent Meeting – KS2 SATs information meeting
Wednesday 5th – 7th	Year 5 Hathersage residential
Thursday 6th	World Book Day
Thursday 6th	World Book Day Dinner
Friday 7th	International Women's Day
Monday 10th	Science Week
Tuesday 11th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 12th	Parent Meetings: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 18th	Global Recycling Day
Friday 21st	Dress in Red for Comic Relief
Friday 28th	1:00pm Family High Tea event
April	
Tuesday 1st	9:15am EYFS Easter 'Eggstravaganza' 2025
Wednesday 2nd	1:00pm Year 3/4 Easter Craft afternoon
Thursday 3rd	Easter Dinner
Friday 4th	Last day of Spring 2 term
Tuesday 22nd	First day of Summer 1 term
May	
Monday 5th	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tuesday 6th	Class photographs
Tuesday 6th	5:00pm Year 6 Tenby Residential Parent Meeting
Monday 12th	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 22nd	Sports Day 2025
Thursday 22nd	Last day of Summer 1 term
Friday 23rd	INSET DAY – School Closed
June	
Monday 2nd	First day of Summer 2 term
Monday 2nd	Year 4 multiplication Check Week
Tuesday 3rd – 6th	Year 6 Tenby residential
Monday 9th	Phonics Screen Week
Thursday 12th	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 13th	7:30am Family Breakfast event
July	
Thursday 3rd	9:30am F2 trip to Pizza Express
Wednesday 9th – 11th	Year 6 pupils transition to Holgate School
Friday 18th	Reports to Parents

Tuesday 22nd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Wednesday 23rd	5:00pm Year 5/6 Summer Production
Friday 25th	'Transition Day' into new classes
Tuesday 29th	Last day of Summer 2 term

Safeguarding – Navigating the Online World

We are committed to helping you keep your child safe while they are exploring the digital world. With the rise of technology – with many children receiving digital devices for Christmas, it has become increasingly important for parents to be aware of the potential dangers online. Here are some helpful hints and tips to keep in mind:



- Set boundaries: It is important to set clear boundaries for your child when it comes to technology use. Decide on a specific time for them to use the internet **and what websites or apps are appropriate for their age.**
- Monitor their activity: Keep a close eye on what your child is doing online by **regularly checking their browsing history and social media accounts.** This will help you identify any potential risks or issues early on.
- Educate them: Talk to your child about the importance of online safety and the potential dangers they may encounter. Encourage them **to talk to you if they ever feel uncomfortable or unsure about something they see online.**
- Use parental controls: Most devices and apps have built-in parental controls that can help you restrict access to certain websites, apps or content. **Take advantage of these features to help keep your child safe.**

Remember, online safety is a shared responsibility between parents, children and schools. By working together, we can help ensure that our children have a positive and safe experience online. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Parking Around School



Please ensure you park legally and safely around school, showing courtesy to our neighbours and each other. Unfortunately, this issue remains a constant source of frustration for all in our school community. Please try this new year to be more considerate when dropping off and picking up your children from school.

Miss Castledine

Over the next few weeks, you will begin to see Miss Castledine around school as she begins her return from maternity leave. She will be working in Year 2 every Friday, starting on the 17th January, up until the half term break – from which point she will begin her full return. Please join me in welcoming Miss Castledine back into our school community.



The Importance of School Attendance



Children must attend school every day, on time (unless they are too unwell to do so). As you know, I am not permitted to authorise holidays in term time and leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Attendance for each class so far this week:

Class	Attendance this week
Spitfires – F2	100%
Lancaster – Year 1	81.3%
Hurricanes – Year 2	99.3%
Hunter – Year 3	99.3%
Harriers – Year 4	96.7%
Mosquito – Year 5	95.4%
Comet – Year 6	91.7%
Overall	94.5%



Spitfire Class – Foundation 2 are our attendance champions for this week – **100% attendance!**

School Admissions



Do you have a child due to start Primary school in September 2025?

Wednesday 15th January 2025 – Closing date for applications.

We look forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead.

I wish you all a fantastic 2025!

Mr. K Clowery

