



# Headteacher Newsletter

## Friday 24th April 2026

We have had a lovely start to Term 5. The sun has been shining, and the children have been able to enjoy having their playtimes on the field.

This week has welcomed the arrival of our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Fowler who has been busy getting to know the children and has been in and out of classes. I am sure that you will have seen her on the gate in the mornings and afternoons.

Yesterday, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in Scootability training, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children were very resilient and kept trying, despite some minor falls! I hope that you will have seen some pictures on class dojo pages if your children were involved.

Here's to a great term ahead!

Mrs Jury-Sofi



## Dates for the Diary

### Term 5

**Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

**Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATS**

**Wednesday 13th May - Pupil of the Term (Invite only)**

**Friday 22nd May - Colour Run (see below)**

### Term 6

**Monday 22nd June- Friday 26th June - Sports Week**

**Tuesday 23rd June - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day - 1.30pm**

**Wednesday 24th June - INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

**Thursday 25th June - KS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm**

**Friday 26th June - Summer Fair (After School)**

**Friday 10th July - Cultural Event**

**Wednesday 15th July - Pupil of the Term (Invite only)**

**Friday 17th July - School Discos Years R-5**

**Tuesday 21st July - Last day of term 6**



## Colour Run



As you know, we will be holding a Colour Run at school on Friday 22nd May.

A letter and consent form will be sent out next week with full details.

This should be a wonderful event for everyone and we are really looking forward to holding this for the first time.



## Attendance - Have you been an Attendance Hero?

### What Good Attendance Looks Like

- **100% Attendance** – You've been here every single day. That's amazing!
- **Above 97%** – You've only missed a couple of days. You're doing brilliantly.

- **Below 90%** – That's like missing one day every week.

#### **Attendance Heroes this week**

- **Hornbeam Class** - 97.6%
- **Walnut Class** - 97.3%
- **Willow Class** - 96.8%
- **Bonsai Class** - 95.8%

**Please help us as a school to improve our attendance figures - every day counts.**



# Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Please see the government guidelines below for when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.



<b>Chickenpox</b> If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	<b>Cold sores</b> There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis, unless they are feeling very unwell.	<b>Coughs and colds</b> It's fine to send your child to school with a slight cough or common cold symptoms. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until the temperature has gone.
<b>COVID-19</b> If they have mild symptoms and feel well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home if they have symptoms and they either: have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to school.	<b>Ear infection</b> If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.	<b>Feeling anxious or worried</b> It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. If your child is feeling anxious please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Rose or Mrs Lovell so that we can offer your child support.	<b>Hand, foot and mouth disease</b> If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.
<b>Head lice and nits</b> There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. Please make sure you treat your child's head lice to stop it spreading. If we notice it in school we will call you to collect your child so that you can treat it straight away.	<b>High temperature</b> If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.	<b>Impetigo</b> If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.	<b>Measles</b> If your child has measles, they'll need to see a GP. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.
<b>Ringworm</b> If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	<b>Scarlet fever</b> If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. They can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	<b>Slapped cheek syndrome</b> You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.	<b>Sore throat</b> Still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
<b>Threadworms</b> You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	<b>Vomiting and diarrhoea</b> Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).	If you decide to keep your child at home, please let the school know via ParentMail or by emailing or calling the school office. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.	

## Term Dates for 2026-2027

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**2026/27**  
 Standard School Year based on 4 terms with additional INSET Days  
 INSET Days: 18 September 2026 (Tuesday), 25 October 2026 (Friday), 26 November 2026 (Monday), 4th January 2027 (Monday), 18 June 2027 (Monday)

Term 1	36 days	01/09/26 - 23/10/26
Term 2	36 days	02/11/26 - 18/12/26
Term 3	36 days	04/01/27 - 12/02/27
Term 4	34 days	22/02/27 - 28/03/27
Term 5	34 days	12/04/27 - 28/05/27
Term 6	35 days	07/06/27 - 21/07/27

Over a school year, pupils are required to attend for 190 days / 300 sessions. In total, teachers may be required to be available for work over 190 days, with the additional days specified by individual schools as non-contact days. Schools may also require teachers to work additional hours before or after school sessions, as an alternative to full non-contact days, provided that any teacher is not required to work on aggregate more than 1,200 hours during a school year. Schools may therefore choose to require teachers to make up the full equivalent of the 5 non-contact days wholly through additional hours, or use a mixture of additional hours and non-contact days.

Legend:  
 School Day (Green)  
 School Holiday (Yellow)  
 Bank Holiday (Blue)  
 INSET Day (Red)

## Parking Reminder

Please remember to be courteous when parking outside the school or in the drop-off area. This is a shared space, and we ask that you respect other drivers by avoiding double parking and not blocking residents' driveways.

We have received some complaints from local residents in recent weeks and have also been notified of inconsiderate parking by parents. We are unable to patrol the drop-off zone and rely on parents to be respectful and considerate towards one another at all times.

Thank you for you co-operation.



Have a lovely weekend!  
Jury-Sofi

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