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Diary Dates

New/Changed

INSET Days

20.12.24 24.02.25 **23.05.24**
23.07.25

Holidays 2024 - 2025

Open	Close
Autumn 2024	
Thu 05.09.24	Fri 25.10.24
Mon 04.11.24	Fri 20.12.24
Spring 2025	
Mon 06.01.25	Fri 14.02.25
Tue 25.02.25	Fri 04.04.25
Summer 2025	
Tue 22.04.25	Thu 22.05.24
Mon 02.06.25	Tue 22.07.25

NOV

Mon 04.11.24 School opens
Fri 08.11.24 Mufti Day in exchange for bottle for tombola
Wed 13.11.24 No Swimming
Fri 15.11.24 Autumn Fair at 3.15pm

DEC

Tue 10.12.25 KS1 Nativity 2.30 – 3.15pm for parents and young children
Wed 11.12.24 KS1 Nativity 2.30 – 3.15pm for adults only
Wed 11.12.24 Last swimming session for KS2
Fri 20.12.24 Xmas service in school hall 12.45pm
Fri 20.12.24 School finishes at 1.30pm

JAN

Mon 06.01.25 School opens

Words from the Woods!

Friday 25th October 2024

'From small beginnings come great things'
The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by, and with autumn in full swing, we can already imagine the halls echoing with the sounds of KS1's nativity rehearsals when we return!

As we head into the new half term, we have some important updates and reminders to share with you. Please take a moment to read through the following:

Parents' Evening Catch-Up

If you were unable to attend the recent Parent-Teacher consultations, your child's class teacher will be in touch after the break to arrange a convenient time for you to discuss your child's progress.



INSET Day Change

Please note there has been a change to one of our INSET days. The INSET day previously scheduled for Friday 20th December has been moved to Friday 23rd May. This means school will now be open all day on Thursday 19th December, and will close on Friday 20th December at 1:30 pm.

Autumn Fair

We are thrilled to announce that our Autumn Fair will take place on **Friday 15th November at 3:15 pm**. It will be a fun-filled afternoon with activities for the whole family, including a tombola, s'mores, hot chocolate, and autumn-themed games. We hope to see you there to celebrate the season with us!

Mufti Day

On **Friday 8th November**, we will hold a Mufti Day in exchange for a bottle donation for our tombola stall at the Autumn Fair.

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School Photos

You should have received your child's school photo. If you would like to place an order, please follow the instructions provided in the photo pack.

Advertising in Our Newsletter

We are offering parents and carers the chance to advertise their businesses in our school newsletter. For just £5 per issue, you can promote your business to our school community. We already have an advert in this newsletter, so please check them out! If you're interested in advertising, please contact the school office for more details. It's a great opportunity to reach local families and support the school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors on our governing board. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the strategic direction of our school and make a positive impact on the educational experience of our students. If you're interested, please refer to the ['Parent Governor Vacancy'](#) for more information.

Parent Questionnaire Response

Autumn 2024

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable to us.

We received 42 responses in total. The results will be shared with governors and staff. We will provide feedback next month on suggestions given. Please note that not all questions were answered, with responses ranging from 40 to 42 per question. Below are the results:

Advanced Glazing Systems

Free quotes!

Services:

- Glass/glazing
- Window and door repairs (i.e misted units or broken locks/hinges)
- Splashbacks
- Coloured/printed glass
- Mirrors
- Doors (Bifold, front and back, UPVC/aluminum, composite, sliding & patio)
- Shower screens
- Conservatories
- Balustrades
- Roof lanterns and roof lights






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Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable
My child is happy at this school.	76%	19%	2%		2%	
My child feels safe at this school.	86%	14%				
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	83%	12%			4%	
My child has been bullied at this school and the school has dealt with this quickly and effectively.	2%	4%			1%	90%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	70%	28%			1%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	69%	14%			17%	
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	27%	10%	2%			61%
The school has high expectations for my child.	52%	29%	5%		5%	5%
My child does well at this school.	67%	33%				
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	70%	30%				
There's a good range of subjects available for my child at this school.	74%	24%			2%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	67%	26%	2%		5%	10%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	78%	17%	2%		2%	
I would recommend this school to another parent.	79%	19%	2%			

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Below are the comments left by parents:

What are the school's strengths?

- Approachable, friendly team, very good communication
- Small class sizes, able to identify any problems early
- Teachers are flexible to the child and adapt
- Fantastic wrap around care, very kind staff
- Taking bullying seriously
- Family feel as small, pupils have close relationships with all staff which builds trust
- Very personal for each child. I love the mix across all years
- Supportive, facilitating individual needs
- Updates and newsletter to advise what is going on
- Forest school
- Very small and personal learning structure
- Amazing teachers and support systems
- Fabulous values
- The school is extremely helpful and made our process so much easier with all the help and support. The teachers are fantastic
- Christian values, Forest School, all the teachers know my child's name, I like the small numbers
- Great teachers
- Great communication, friendly teachers
- Attention to each individual child's needs
- Sweet values, supportive and friendly environment
- Feels like a family, very understanding and supportive
- Extracurricular activities, praise and recognition
- Small classes, able to put extra support in place as needed
- Good teaching, friendly, caring staff
- Lovely family feel, acknowledges strengths
- Values, family feel, community
- Family feel
- School values are always maintained
- A happy and inclusive environment, all staff are engaged, warm and open
- The family feel
- Class teachers are amazing
- The school size is a huge strength as it facilitates a much more personalised learning experience for the pupils
- Good values, great parent support and communication

What areas could the school develop further?

- After school sports teams
- To do more in wrap around activities for younger children
- Support in toilet training
- More variety of after school clubs
- Sports clubs i.e. football, netball etc

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- More sports clubs
- Better communication – general comms
- After school. Can we use a better term than Emergency After Care, as it is quite off putting to use?
- More support for able students – stretching them further
- Broader subjects
- SEND, communication
- Explore opportunities for collaborating with local businesses, lack of an active PTA results in fundraising challenges

What are the three most important areas we should address next year?

- Secondary school preparation including bullying within secondary school
- More parent teacher consultations throughout the year
- Correct and efficient comms
- After school clubs
- Continue to push values and community, independent self-learning, intro to I.T.
- More sports clubs
- Communication, SEND training
- Focus on handwriting

Further Comments

- Keep up the good work
- Thank you for all that you do
- My kids have just started and are loving the school. We are very happy
- I am looking forward to the future for our kids at the school
- My child loves the school dinners, thank you to all the staff
- My children are very happy here
- Thank you for all that you do
- Love the school
- We are happy with the school so far
- Thank you, you are all wonderful
- The school is a lovely kind learning environment and our children always attend with enthusiasm. Thank you to all staff for the effort you make throughout the year
- Our children are so happy here. Thank you for all you do year round

As always, thank you all for your ongoing support. Have a wonderful half term!

Best regards,
Mrs Groom
Headteacher

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Celebration Assembly

Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the Week	Ariah	For always taking things in her stride and just getting on with it when faced with new situations.
	Maths	Leo	For an enthusiastic approach to learning and excellent reasoning skills.
	Writer	Lilly	For writing some challenging words independently.
	Values	Clara	Faith – For believing that she would achieve what she had planned to do and not giving up.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
2	Star of the Week	David	Creating a great model of a house from 1666
	Science	Zac	For showing good understanding of our Science topic Animals Including Humans.
	Maths	Dawson	Showing a good understanding of Addition and Subtraction.
	Writer	Kasper	For writing an excellent recount of The Great Fire of London.
	Values	Jessie- Joy	For always showing our school values.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
3	Star of the Week	Jorgie	For excellent effort in all she does, and always being a role model in class
	Science	Kristen	A very good explanation of soil types
	Maths	Grace	For making excellent progress in her work on area
	Writer	Matas	For a superbly written non-chronological report
	Values	Lucy	For showing empathy in reading for others
Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the Week	Nevay	For showing excellent effort in class and a really mature attitude towards your learning this week.
	Science	Phoebe	For your excellent effort, enthusiasm and working sensibly during our science investigations.
	Maths	Gabriella	For your excellent positive attitude towards learning in maths.
	Writer	Masen	For your excellent effort in writing your letter this week!
	Values	Riley	For being really kind and helpful in and around school
	Award	Name	Reason
	Forest School Award	Kristen	Collecting and sharing conkers with her class
	Forest School Award	Joshua	Being inquisitive to find out what the saddle on a worm is for

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