



Improving As One
Kindness, Respect, Courage, Curiosity

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Dear Families,

This week we have been focusing on the theme of Respect and it has been wonderful to see how thoughtfully the children have engaged with this important value.

In Monday's assembly, we explored why rules play such a vital role in our daily lives, helping to keep everyone safe, supported, and able to learn. We revisited our school rules together and discussed how they are not just expectations but shared commitments that help create a positive environment for all. I have been particularly impressed by the way so many children have embraced these ideas throughout the week. From demonstrating kindness in the playground to showing consideration and cooperation in the classroom, pupils have worked hard to put respect into action. It has been a real pleasure to see them supporting one another, making sensible choices, and contributing to a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school.

Thank you to all members of our school community for continuing to uphold these values. By working together and showing respect for one another, we are ensuring that our school remains a safe, happy, and inclusive place where everyone can thrive.

Assemblies

Year 4 did a wonderful joint assembly yesterday based on their summer term learning so far. They told us about their important Geography topic on sustainability, along with some Saxon news, acting out the fable of 'The Lion and the Mouse' and they showed us some edited photos from their computing topic. All children spoke brilliantly and clearly, so well-done year 4!

Year 4 have also been busy exploring sound in science, focusing on pitch and vibrations. As part of their investigation, the children made their own pan flutes, carefully cutting and arranging straws of different lengths to create a range of notes. They discovered how shorter tubes produce higher pitches, while longer tubes create lower sounds, and enjoyed testing their instruments. It was fantastic to see such curiosity and teamwork as they experimented and made links between their practical work and scientific understanding.

FOWS – School Disco

The next FOWS event is our final school disco of the year, on Friday 5th June. Please complete the consent form to indicate if your child will be coming. Tickets cost £4 per child, and this includes entrance to the disco, a packet of crisps, squash and sweets. Please note the timings for different year groups:

- Acorns & Reception Classes: 2.15pm – 3pm
- Years 1, 2 and 3: 3.15-4pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6: 4.15-5pm

Attendance Overview

Number of Pupils	450	95%	On Target
Overall Attendance 2025/26	94.3%	92-94%	Needs Improving
Attendance for the last 5 days	94.0%	91%	Cause for Concern



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Y3 & 4 Art Workshop

Today Years 3 and 4 were delighted to welcome Jo Richards, a visiting artist into school, who has been working with the children to create collaborative collages. Using a variety of materials, textures, and techniques, pupils have contributed their own ideas to large shared pieces of artwork. The sessions have encouraged creativity, communication, and a real sense of pride in working together. The finished collages are vibrant, imaginative, and a wonderful celebration of teamwork across the year group.



Thank you

Thank you to all who have supported our school with your donations for Break the Rules Day last Friday, and by visiting our Book Fair this week. Break the Rules Day raised almost £600! Thank you, your support makes all the difference.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to the Thatcham Tornados for their very generous donation of two large goal posts that are now in our MUGA.

Additional Information

- We have some upcoming vacancies in the school. Please keep an eye out on our website for positions being advertised.
- Please can we remind families that squishies are not allowed in school



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Word of the Week

Each week in assembly we share a new word, sound it out, spell it and discuss the meaning. As such it is always a regular feature on the HT Round up so that you can help support us over the following week. Some ideas could be to: spot phonics patterns put the word into a sentence, define the word, look it up, draw a picture of the word or ask them to explain how they have used it in class.

Next week's word is: wicked

Upcoming Dates

May

4th Bank Holiday
7th Redwood Class Assembly
11th KS2 SATs week
14th Elm Class Assembly
15th Y1-6 Sports Day (Y4-6 AM Y1-3 PM)
20th FS trip to Wellington Country Park
21st Oak Class Assembly
21st FS Sports Day PM
21st Last day of Term 3.15pm finish
22nd INSET

June

1st Start of school
3rd Y4 Non uniform Day (donations for fayre)
4th-5th Y4 Rushall Farm Camping
5th Non uniform Day (donations for fayre)
5th FOWS Rainbow Disco
11th Rushall Farm Y4 Residential Assembly
11th Y6 Newbury Race Course
12th Class Photos
13th FOWS Summer Fayre
15th Y6 NWN Moving Up Photo
17th Y5 Trinity Day
18th JMF at Hexagon
18th Y1 Cotswolds Wildlife Park
18th SMILE 1.45-3pm
22nd & 23rd Y3 Health & Wellbeing Workshop
26th Back up Sports Day

Wishing you a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday

Mrs Scarlett