

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

17th - TLC's - 15:30

- 19:00 - Now Live

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20th - PTSA Easter

Egg Hunt at 3:15

30th - 10th April -

Easter Holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6 girls' team took part in their very first tournament this week and represented the school brilliantly. They demonstrated determination, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship throughout every match. A special mention goes to Ann Mary, who was named Player of the Day for her outstanding goalkeeping. Her incredible saves kept the team in the tournament at crucial moments—made even more impressive by the fact that she has only been playing in goal for two weeks! Well done to Ann Mary and to all the girls for such a splendid performance. It certainly shows great promise for the remainder of the league matches.

Year 5 have also been very busy with enriching experiences outside of school. On Wednesday, they attended an Eco Careers event, learning about a wide range of environmentally focused roles and the importance of sustainability in future job sectors. Then, this morning, they took part in the Braintree Sings event—an entirely different but equally rewarding cultural experience. Both opportunities allowed the children to broaden their horizons and engage with the wider community in meaningful ways.

A reminder that TLCs (Teacher Learner Conferences) will be taking place next Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for us to share the wonderful academic progress your children are making, as well as to discuss their next steps. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you.

Staffing Update:

We are also pleased to share a staffing update. We warmly welcome Miss Kelly, who will be completing the Year 1 team for the remainder of the academic year. Miss Kelly has previously worked within the Trust, and we are delighted to have her join us once again. We know she will be a fantastic addition to the team.

Looking ahead to next week, it will be the Year 6 boys' turn to take on the Gt Bradfords tournament. We are excited to see what they can achieve and wish them the very best of luck as they prepare to compete.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and look forward to another vibrant week of learning and events ahead.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Cagney



BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fri - IRock

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - CHOIR

Wed - SCS

Thu - SCS



STAR OF THE WEEK

- EYFS - Skye**
- Year 1 - Caleb**
- Year 2 - Bella**
- Year 3 - Sienna**
- Year 4- Arabella**
- Year 5 - Fortune**
- Year 6 - James R**

AR READERS

Year 2 - Jacob, Charlie, Rhys, Leo

Year 4 - Winter, Aniamina, Bolu

Year 5 - Cleo, Tyler

Now the weather has changed, please ensure you child has a water proof jacket.

All items of clothing should be named.

Water only in bottles please.

Polite Reminder:
The school toilets are closed for cleaning from 3:20.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS, we have been creating an action story based on *Whatever Next!* by Jill Murphy, using actions to help us remember the sequence of events. Miss Freeman has been impressed by how creative we have been when thinking of actions for the story. We have also really enjoyed retelling the story during busy time using a range of props. Miss Freeman has been equally impressed with our handwriting this week, as we have been working hard on sitting correctly when writing and forming our letters carefully. We are beginning to use these skills more during busy time too, with some of us choosing to write "I can see..." sentences about the things we spot in pictures. Sentence writing is something we are really working hard on now in early years.



YEAR 1

This week, we have been very busy in Year 1! We have been writing our own versions of 'Dog's Don't Do Ballet' by Anna Kemp and Sara Oglivie during our English sessions and have been thinking really carefully about our letter formation. In our computing session, we really enjoyed giving the BeeBots directions to follow and playing games to help our friends work out which commands we had used.

YEAR 2

Year 2 this week we have been very busy especially in maths, describing measurement, length/height, mass/weight, capacity/volume and temperature. In history we all stepped into Samuel Pepys life and wrote our own diary entry of what he must of experiences during the Great Fire of London. I have been very impressed with all of their handwriting skills this week, especially during our boxing up of a text where we described it purpose and key vocabulary.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

96% - EYFS
97% - Year 1
92% - Year 2
95% - Year 3
93% - Year 4
96% - Year 5
98% - Year 6
Attendance target 95%

Please be aware that the gates open at 8:35, and your child is marked late, affecting their attendance from 8:50am. Punctuality is a valuable lifelong skill. Late arrival affects not only the pupil who is late but disrupts the whole class. Where a pupil arrives after the registers close, with no justifiable reason, a U code will be entered into the register. The U code amounts to an unauthorised absence for the whole session. We must warn you, a penalty notice may be issued where there have been at least ten sessions of unauthorised absence during a rolling 10 school week period.

ONLINE SAFETY..

For Parents - YouTube Kids

One of the biggest frustrations on YouTube Kids is that the content is too childish or the content isn't what their children want to watch. The end result is that only a tiny minority of young children use YouTube Kids, with the majority on the main YouTube site.

A feature that has been within YouTube Kids for years, but so very few parents know about, is called 'Parent Allowlisting'. This does a number of things, but one of the most important and useful is that parents can keep their younger children within the safer environment of the Kids app, and parents can approve individual videos from the main YouTube service to that particular child's YouTube Kids account. This keeps younger children away from the dreaded recommender algorithms and allows parents to moderate what their children can or cannot see.

I have linked a short video which is on YouTube to explain what Parent Allowlisting is and how it's used:

Link: [YouTube Kids Parent Allowlisting](#)

For Parents - What is Monetisation

Monetisation is how content creators earn money through social media and video-sharing platforms, with some creators using dishonest practices to receive more activity on their posts.

Internet Matters have put together a brilliant information guide and you can find the link below.

Link: [For Parents - What is Monetisation?](#)

For Parents - Starting the Conversation

The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) have produced a great new, simple guide aimed at helping parents start those conversations which can be very difficult. This is specifically for young people rather than teenagers as it covers online dating safety, digital consent and boundaries.

Link: [For Parents - Starting the Conversation with Young People](#)