

Friday News - 10.01.2025

A very Happy New Year to you all. The children have settled in really well and we are all really proud of how well they have settled in to their learning. We have a very busy spring term ahead full of exciting learning opportunities both inside the classroom as well as on trips and visits.

Text Messages

As mentioned before the holidays, we will no longer be sending text messages out unless in an emergency situation. This means that head bump notifications will also be coming by email. If you hear that someone is not receiving any messages, please ask them to come to the office so we can check their email is up to date.

Attendance

We achieved **95.5%** attendance this week.

Year 5 are our attendance champions this week with **97.7%**, well done Year 5! They were followed by Year 3 with 96.8% and Year 6 with 96.7%.

Please allow extra time in the mornings to defrost your car and ensure safe travel into school as the weather gets colder. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Menu change

Just a reminder that there is a menu change on Thursday for census.

The menu will be:

Option 1 - Fish & Chips

Vegetarian - Cheese Pizza

Jacket potato and pick and mix are available as usual.

Swimming

Year 4 are starting their swimming lessons next week on Tuesday. They will be travelling to Hadleigh for this as the Kingfisher Pool is still closed.

Applications for starting school in September 2025

Just a final reminder that the deadline for Primary School applications is Wednesday 15th January. Even if you have a sibling in school, you must apply before this deadline to ensure you are allocated a place in the first round of admissions. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of siblings next year.

PE

All children in years 2 to 6 have an outdoor PE session every week; years 2, 4 and 5 on Wednesdays and years 3 and 6 on Thursdays. The children will be outside even in cold weather. Please can the children ensure that they have suitable clothing for these sessions. They are welcome to bring an **additional** fleece / sweatshirt to wear over their normal PE jumper for these sessions (this does not need to be in school uniform colours).

Half Term Holiday Club

If you are looking for a half term holiday club for February half term, please see the attached leaflet.

Key dates

Tuesday 14th January - Swimming starts for Year 4.

Friday 17th January - Forest school starts for EYFS.

Thursday 30th January - 9.00am Year 1 Class Assembly.

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week.

Thursday 6th February – 9.00am Year 3 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th February - Thursday 27th February - Year 5 Bikeability.

17th - 21st February - Half Term

Thursday 27th February – 9.00am Year 2 Class Assembly.

Thursday 6th March - 9.00am Year 4 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th March - 9.00am Year 5 Class Assembly.

Tuesday 18th March - Year 4 to Sutton Hoo.

Thursday 20th March - 9.00am EYFS Class Assembly.

Tuesday 25th March - Parents Evening **YR-Y5 only**

Tuesday 25th March - Year 6 to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Friday 28th March - Year R to watch the Gruffalo at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds.

Tuesday 1st April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00

Thursday 3rd April - 9.00am Year 6 Class Assembly.

Thursday 3rd April - Parents Evening

Friday 4th April - Last Day of term

Happy weekend everyone!



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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14