

12TH FEBRUARY 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Sessions for STEM Day on Monday this week. It was lovely to see you all getting creative alongside your children in the classroom. We hope you enjoyed it as much as your children did!

We return to school after the half term break on **Monday 23rd February**—doors open at 8:45am for an 8:55am start. Have a great week off!

Our next Parents Evenings for Years 3-5 will be held on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March: please make a note on your calendars and look out for letters coming home to book an appointment when we return to school after the holiday.



Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,  
Mrs J Hill

## School Dinners

Mrs Hardisty and the School Council have met with our Caterers, Mellors today to ask questions and give feedback about our school dinners. We are expecting a new menu soon to reflect their input, which we are looking forward to seeing!



After the holiday, we will be back to our [Week 1 menu](#). Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**

## Online Safety

We are sorry that we had to postpone our Device Wise Coffee Morning this week. We will get a new date out to you as soon as we are able to. Online Safety is something we find ourselves discussing most weeks in school and, because it is so important to equip our children with the skills to be safe online, it is woven throughout our curriculum.



We currently conducting an online safety review and need your help! Please complete our short parent questionnaire (10-15 minutes) about your child's internet use and any concerns you have. Your responses will directly shape our online safety teaching, help us identify new risks, and ensure we provide you with the right support. The online world changes fast - by working together, we can better protect our children. Please click [here](#) to complete by the end of February.

**2025/26 DATES**

Thursday 12th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Monday 2nd—Friday 6th March	All Week	Book Week
Monday 2nd March	4:00-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Years 3-5
Wednesday 4th March	4:00-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Years 3-5
Thursday 5th March	All Day	World Book Day
Monday 9th—Friday 13th March	All Day	Year 5 Egyptian Workshops
Friday 20th March	All Day	Comic Relief
Friday 27th March	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>		
Monday 13th April	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Monday 4th May	All Day	May Day—Bank Holiday
Monday 11th—Friday 15th May	All Day	Year 6 SATs Week— <b>No Authorised Absences</b>
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

**Book Bags**

You will remember that we moved to a 'Book Bags Only' policy in September and we are reminding you of this as we are noticing a number of children are now bringing larger bags into school. As we explained previously, we have made this move due to having limited space in corridors for coat pegs and larger bags and rucksacks tend to make coats fall off the pegs and onto the floor.

When we have our Fire Safety Audits, this is often picked up as a hazard, and we want to ensure that the children will be able to evacuate the building as safely as possible in the unlikely event of a fire.

We understand that, in Years 3 and 4, there are days when a larger bag is needed, for swimming, but on most days, a bag similar in size to a book bag is all that is needed to bring a water bottle and a reading book to school—everything else your child needs is provided in school. Thank you for your support with this.



Be the best you can be!

## Ramadan

As Eid Al-Fitr approaches in March, I am conscious that some children may choose to partake in Ramadan ahead of the festival. With that in mind, I thought it pertinent to share our policy with you again ahead of the celebration.

The health and safety of our children is of paramount importance during any school day and we would not recommend that children keep a full fast as it is not a religious obligation for primary aged children to fast unless in the rare instance of them having reached maturity.

If your child wishes to fast, we would recommend that they keep a partial fast by taking breakfast as their Suhoor and lunch as their Iftar. If your child is going to be keeping a full fast then it is important that you complete this [online form](#) please so that we are aware that your child is fasting. No child will be allowed to fast unless we have their parent's written consent.

## Ramadan Guidelines for Parents

- All children must have written consent from parent(s)/carer(s) to fast during the school day.
- All parent(s)/carer(s) to ensure the school has an up-to-date emergency telephone number.
- Children should eat and drink plenty at both Sahoor and Iftar.
- Children should choose to break their fast if they feel unwell or are suffering from the effects of dehydration.
- Children should eat healthily during Ramadan and avoid sugary, highly salty and fried food where possible.
- Children should continue with and take part in PE lessons as they are part of the National Curriculum.
- Parent(s)/Carer(s) should ensure that their child has a sufficient amount of sleep.
- Any fasting children that appear very unwell or appear to be suffering the effects of dehydration will be sent home. They will also have the option to open their fast straightaway.
- Snacks should be provided by parents - on the basis of your child choosing to break their fast during the school day due to feeling unwell.

## Procedures

- It is advisable for children at junior school not to fast during the school day except in the rare instance that they have reached the age of maturity.
- Parents of children wishing to fast must have completed the [online form](#) to notify school, giving their permission.
- Any fasting children that appear very unwell or appear to be suffering the effects of dehydration will be sent home. Children will also have the option to break their fast straight away.
- Snacks should be provided by parents please—in readiness for your child choosing to break their fast during the school day due to feeling unwell.