

24TH OCTOBER 2025

We had a great start to the week celebrating Diwali in school—thank you to all of those who dressed specially for the occasion, it was lovely to see the children in bright colours and their fine clothes!

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our Parent/Carer meetings with class teachers this week: I hope you all found them useful and any questions you had were answered. Please contact the school office if you were unable to make your appointment for any reason and they will try to arrange another time for you to meet with your child's class teacher.

REMINDER: Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November as we are closed for INSET Day 3 on Monday 3rd November. Have a lovely half term break.

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.

Year 6 parents and carers—if you haven't already, please don't forget that the deadline to complete your child's secondary school application for a place in September 2026 is midnight on 31st October!

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Pupil Flu Vaccinations

We sent out messages on Parent App last week about how to sign your child up for this season's flu vaccination. Please see details in the Useful Links section of the school app if you missed the message or the reminder.

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Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise in the hall each morning after the half term break in support of this year's Poppy Appeal. Children are welcome to visit and make a donation towards the appeal.

As well as regular paper poppies (these will need a safety pin from home), we will be selling fabric zip pulls, reflector key rings, wristbands and fabric key chains (£1 suggested donation) and snap bands/rulers (suggested £1.50 donation).



2025/26 DATES

Friday 24th October	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 31st October	Midnight	Deadline for secondary school applications for 2026
Monday 3rd November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 4th November	8:55am	Autumn Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 4th—Friday 7th November	All Week	Book Week—Shakespeare
Monday 10th November	All Day	Odd Socks Day
Friday 19th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 1 Begins
Thursday 12th February 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Friday 27th March 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May 2026	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

School Dinners

After the holiday, we will be back to our [Week 3 menu](#). Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 3 Menu](#)



Odd Socks Day—Monday 10th November



ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2025 is taking place on Monday 10th November. We would like to invite the children to wear odd socks to school for the day to help raise awareness of the anti-bullying message which children will also hear in assemblies during the week.

In addition to this, as part of our revamped PSHE curriculum, all four year groups will be completing 'Bullying Matters' units in their PSHE lessons next half term, with Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day a great way to begin their new units of work!





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