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Dear families,

Thank you for coming along to parents evening – it was really lovely to see so many parents. If you didn't make it, please contact the school office to arrange for you to see your child's class teacher or a telephone call. We like to see as many parents as we can to let you know how your child is getting on.

[Parent/Carer Questionnaire](#) – If you haven't already, please fill in our parents' questionnaire. We really want to do the very best we can for all our children and your feedback is very useful!

Thank you for the feedback we received so far, parents/carers have highlighted they would like to know more about how their children are doing. We have two parent evenings a year and we share a written report at the end of the year along with informal invites to 'sit and see' sessions half termly to look at your child's learning. Should you want to know more about how your child is doing at any point throughout the year, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a meeting or telephone call with your child's teacher.

We know that some of you have asked about clubs, particularly for lower school, and we will be looking at how we can increase our offer.

How you can help at home...

Reading

We are working hard to promote a love of reading in school and the children read at various points of the school day. Our expectation of home reading is that the children read at least 3 times per week and record in their reading diary. You can also talk with your child about what they are reading and who the author is.

Spelling

We have introduced a new spelling scheme to align with our phonics teaching – Read, Write Inc Spelling. Each week your child will bring home a set of spellings which focus on the spelling pattern they have been learning. These will be recorded in their personal spelling log and children are expected to bring this into school each day. At home, please encourage the children to practise the spellings and talk about the meaning of each word.



TT Rockstars

TT Rockstars is a great way for all children to get stuck into a challenge! We ask that children access TTRockstars activities online each week to support them in learning their times tables with increasing speed. *We will write to you again with more information about homework in the coming weeks.*

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Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
3D	Sydney
3E	Zeynab
3S	Elsie
4BW	Phoebe
4B	Sapphire
4H	Gabriel
5JK	Mollie
5M	Brianne
5B	Roman
6T	Lacey
6B	Indi-Rai
6W	Abbie
Acorns	Freddie & Henry

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they have done something exceptional. This week they are awarded to...

Rubie, Pria and Grace (Year 5).

Once a month (the last Thursday/Friday of every month) parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. However, all parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Our next celebration assemblies for this academic year are:

Thursday 30th November 8.55am
Year 5 & 6

Friday 1st December 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Dogs

We understand walking your child(ren) to and from school is an ideal opportunity to walk dogs. However, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families, staff and community is paramount. Also, some children feel intimidated or unsure of dogs, so please ensure dogs (except for service dogs) are **not brought into school grounds**. Also, if you are walking your dog to or from school, please remain at a reasonable distance from the school gates. This will enable children and adults to enter and exit safely.

We would ask that you pass on this information to any adults who bring or collect your children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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We are delighted to announce the dates and times for our

Christmas performances!



Tuesday 12th December 9am – Year 3



Wednesday 13th December 9am – Year 4



Thursday 14th December 9am – Year 6



Friday 15th December 9am – Year 5



Please arrive at the office from 8.50am for a 9am start.

Odd Socks Day

Monday 13th November



Marking the start of Anti-bullying week we are having ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday 13th November, celebrating what makes us all unique.

Pupils can wear odd socks with their uniform.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 93.84%

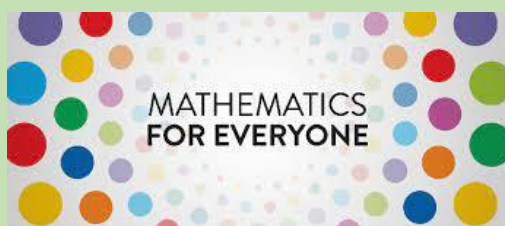
Class	%	Congratulations to 3E who are our Attendance Winners this week!
3D	94.22	
3E	98.85	
3S	88	
4BW	95.37	
4B	88.89	
4H	96.89	
5JK	85.71	
5M	94.44	
5B	88.89	
6T	88.07	
6B	88.49	
6W	93.59	



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Maths is such an important subject and is so integral to the modern world in engineering, computing and science that it is vital more young people gain an interest in the subject.

Maths Week is one of the ways we celebrate maths and is a week where the children will complete additional maths activities including exploring large maths games in the activity hall. During the week we would like to invite parents and carers in to the classrooms and then to the activity hall to share in the large maths games with the children.

We hope you can join us from 2.30pm-3.00pm on the following dates:

Monday 13th November – Year 4 & Oceans

Tuesday 12th November – Year 6 and Hive

Wednesday 15th November – Year 3

Thursday 16th November – Year 5 & Acorns

Please find the link to the [National Numeracy website](#) which has lots of information for parents/carers about how to help your child with maths. It also has some interesting maths challenges and ideas to explore at home for Maths Week and beyond!



My School Fund Scheme

Help our school earn funds to spend on resources when you shop!

Please see the additional leaflet and letter emailed 10.11.23.

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Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have been continuing with addition and subtraction using exchanges.
English	We have continued with The BFG creating a Wanted poster for our giant using compound words.
Science	We have been learning about animal diets.
PE/Games	We played a tournament of dodge ball across the year group. We also learnt some dance routines.
Computing	This week we have been learning how to take a screen shot.
Geography	We have been using a compass to give directions. We also created a tally of items in the classroom.
DT	We have been able to explain why we chose the food that we put on our Healthy plate.
RE	This week we have been looking at the life of Guru Nanak

Year 4

Maths	We have been looking at area. We have also experienced a maths workshop with Sir Issac Newton College.
English	We started a new story called Father and have been making predictions about what will happen. We have continued our reading comprehension with Zombierella and have been working hard in our new spelling groups.
Science	We have been exploring sound looking at instruments to see where they vibrate, how to change the volume and pitch.
Computing	We have been exploring emails.
PE/Games	In PE we have continued with dance and gymnastics, and in fundamentals we explored running at different speeds and the techniques needed to change speed.
Art	We have started our new topic - Warp and Weft - we have been looking at weaving throughout History and different types of yarn.
French	We have been looking at names of French clothes.
Music	We have been learning a road building song related to the Romans.



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Year 5

Maths	We have finished our multiplication and division unit and are starting fractions. are now starting Fractions.
English	We have finished Robot Girl and are planning and writing a Science Fiction story based upon the story.
Geography	We have been learning about time zones across the world. we know that the GMT time refers to Greenwich Mean Time and that times across the world are either in front or behind this time.
Computing	We have started looking at the programme Sketch up.
PE/Games	In Gymnastics this week, we used benches and mats to create sequences involving balances. We also started a new topic of Yoga.
PSHE	This week we are learning about Democracy and the UK voting system.
RE	This week we are learning about the Guru Arjan and his life and teachings.
DT	In DT, we either completed our architecture over time timelines or we started to look at Greek architecture and their characteristics.

Year 6

Maths	We have learned how to multiply fractions by integers and by other fractions.
English	We have continued to learn about endangered species and write information texts about them using formal language.
Science	We investigated whether a lower resting heart rate affected one's sprint speed. Children carried this out on the playground before recording their results on a scatter graph.
Art	We compared two pieces of artwork by trailblazing artists and then children gave their opinion on each of them.
Computing	Pupils learned how to code broadcast and receive messages on Scratch.
Geography	In Geography, Year 6 have explored different ways of measuring distance on an ordnance survey map, including using: rulers, gridlines, string and fingers.
RE	Y6 tried traditional foods that are eaten on the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah.
PE	In PE, 6B learned what their bodies were able to do during Fitness lessons. 6T and 6W learned the fundamentals of basketball and hockey.

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Acorns

We have been learning about Remembrance Day and creating our own display. The children have learnt about the four different poppy colours, red, purple, white and black and what they represent. We have also talked about rationing and what foods were available and have made a war time recipe of bread pudding. This recipe was used if there were any leftovers to enable the children to have a treat occasionally during the war.



We have been focusing on good manners, turn taking, being kind and ready to learn this week. The children have been having great fun trying to find out who the secret pupil certificate is being given to daily.

ELSA session this week and for the following weeks has a focus on anxiety and this helps the children understand that anxiety is an everyday emotion, but it is how we manage anxiety that makes the difference to our own wellbeing.



Building block therapy sessions have allowed some of the children the opportunity to create fantastic rooms using their social skills such as turn taking, listening, supporting each other, and taking on other's views and ideas.



Reading is part of our daily routine in school and we encourage you to hear your child read daily even if it's only for 5/10 minutes each day.

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Key dates for the diary		
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day – Anti-bullying Week	To mark the start of Anti-bullying week the children can come to school in odd socks today. During the week the children will be completing learning activities about anti-bullying.
Week Monday 13 th November - Thursday 16 th November	<p>Maths Week parents/carers invite.</p> <p>Interfaith Week</p>	<p>Join your child on the designated day below to celebrate Maths Week and share some large maths games. 2.30pm-3.00pm:</p> <p>Monday 13th November – Year 4 and Oceans Tuesday 14th November – Year 6 and Hive Wednesday 15th November – Year 3 Thursday 16th November – Year 5 and Acorns</p> <p>The children will learn about interfaith week which will focus on respecting different religions.</p>
November 17 th	<p>Children in Need Day</p> <p>RAF gliders Year 6</p>	<p>Children can wear non-uniform, something yellow or something spotty for a donation.</p> <p>During the afternoon the Year 6 children will take part in a STEM glider workshop.</p>
21st November	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip	Please see letter sent out earlier in the term – if you need another please contact the office.
WC 27 th November	RSE teaching week	The children will complete lesson 2 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week.
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	<p>Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award ‘Pupil of the Month’ awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too!</p> <p>All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!</p>
Monday 1 st December	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
1 st December	Christmas Decoration Day	More information to follow
11 th -14 th December	KS2 Christmas performances	<p>Christmas performances will take place during the week of 11th December. Parents/carers can come in via the office at 8.50am for a 9am start. Please could we ask that only two parent/carers per child attend to allow everyone to have someone there if they wish to.</p> <p>Tuesday 12th December - Year 3 Wednesday 13th December - Year 4 Thursday 14th December - Year 6 Friday 15th December - Year 5</p>
19 th December	Christmas dinner	More information to follow
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays

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