



CLASS NEWSLETTER

28TH MARCH 2025

Head Teacher: Mr Paul Prigg

HAPPY EASTER



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Some exciting news:

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Hemming and her partner with their exciting news that she is expecting. Please pass on your congratulating when you see her!

Building work:

As you will have seen, **building work is due to commence at the Fairfield Centre during the Easter holidays**. This will not directly impact on our school community as families will be able still use the pedestrian walkway between Goldsmiths Road and Carnforth Drive. It will however mean that parking will become busier on Carnforth Drive. Please can I politely ask you to be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that parking does not obstruct driveways or access routes to frontages. **Please also allow additional time to drop off and collect your child as this may take longer than normal.**

Easter Competition:

It's been wonderful to see the wide range of Easter scene and Easter bonnet competition entries. There has been so much hard work put into all of the entries.

Spring Concert:

It was brilliant to see so many of you turn up to share in our Spring Concert. I was immensely proud of all of our children for all of their performance. Many stepped out of their comfort zones and should feel proud of their achievements.

Bands and Sandpits!

It's been a real joy to see children enjoying the Rock Steady bands over the last few weeks and the children have already made great progress with learning new instruments and working together as a team. A big highlight has also been seeing so many children enjoying playing in our giant sandpit during our Opal lunchtimes. They have played with creativity and imagination and had a wonderful time!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term and wish you all a happy Easter and a restful break.

We'll see you all back at school on **Monday 28th April**.

Paul Prigg

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NURSERY

Spring in Nursery...

Well, what can I say... Nursery have had the most amazing Spring term and there is no denying we have loved every minute of it.

We had the most incredible opportunity to participate in our very own chick programme.

Nursery were able to watch the eggs develop in the incubator and then the magic happened... the eggs hatched! We were blessed with 5 beautiful, fluffy chicks. The children are fascinated with the chicks and have loved every step of this journey – it has honestly been a pleasure to witness.



Nursery have also been learning about life on a farm. We thoroughly enjoyed this topic as we learnt all about the different types of crops, animals and machinery that farmers have as part of their job. We explored what foods we get from farms and the children even learnt the process of how the farmer grows his crops.

We moved on to Spring where we explored the grounds of the school eagerly looking for signs of Spring. We spotted bees, blossom, daisies, frogspawn, ladybirds, butterflies, daffodils and so much more. It has been lovely to see the children embracing the warmer weather as it rolls in.

We have finished off the term with learning all about Easter! We loved our story, 'We're going on an egg hunt' as it contains lots of exciting, colourful eggs and has really helped us with learning our numbers. We participated in an Easter egg hunt as well as making some chocolate Easter nests and it has been lovely seeing all the Easter bonnet entries coming into school too.

Overall, I think it is safe to say we have had the best half term. It has been so enriching for the children and seeing them embrace their learning with such enthusiasm makes me so proud.

Well done, Nursery. I hope you have a fantastic, well deserved Easter break and I'll see you on the other side!

Mrs Hawkes



CHEERS!

HAPPY
Easter

RECEPTION

Reception have been learning all about waste, composting and recycling. We went on a trip to EnviroSort where we learnt lots of facts about how things are recycled and the things they find at recycling centers. We then got to go onto the viewing platform and see the process in action!



When we came back to school, we were inspired by our trip and the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' to reuse old plastic bags and turn them into something new. We used our design, cutting and measuring skills to turn the bags into kites. We then took them out onto the field on a windy day and had lots of fun flying them!



In talk for writing, we loved learning the story 'Little rabbit Foo Foo' by Michael Rosen. We put actions to the story and retold it to an audience. We then had a go at changing some of the characters in the story and writing our own sentences about it.

In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes. We printed using the 3D shapes to see what 2D shapes they were made out of. We also went on a 3D shape hunt around the classroom. "A gluestick is a cylinder" -Witsel.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have had a brilliant term, learning about a significant person from history, Robert Falcon Scott (an explorer who travelled to the South Pole).

The children have learnt about why he was so significant and what he did during his expedition. We have looked at what equipment you would need to travel in Antarctica and played in our explorer base camp. We have also read the story 'The Great Explorer' and written our own versions.

As part of our learning, we discovered that there is no permanent population in Antarctica but lots of scientists live there for short periods whilst they are working and studying the landscape, weather and animals. We looked at the vehicles that Antarctic explorers use and how their wheels need to grip onto the snow and ice.



Children built their own cars including wheels and axels made from straws, pegs and bottle tops.

We then chose material to wrap around the tyres to ensure good grip.

We used the information from our science experiment about the different types of materials to decide what to use on the tyres.

YEAR 2

Spring term has been a busy one for Year 2!

As Historians we have been learning about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell and how they helped soldiers during war. We created timelines for each of them and used our source work to learn about the past.



As Scientists we have been looking at everyday materials, including wood, plastic, paper, metal and rubber and their properties. We identified, through experimenting, how suitable the materials were for different purposes. These are some of the experiments we conducted to find out the suitability of these materials.



As Artists we have explored collage and looked at Nathan Wyburn's collages as inspiration. We developed our knowledge of layering to create different textures and shapes. We created collages of Jamaica as well as collages of the three nurses we learned about in history.



We have enjoyed seeing all our beautiful flowers begin to blossom and show off their amazing colours! Check out our tulips!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic term! It's amazing how much learning you can squeeze into a few weeks and how much joy can be shared.



As scientists, we have explored light, how shadows are made and investigated how shadows can be changed.



As historians, we have learnt all about Ancient Egypt. This has been a really fun unit and the children have soaked up every last bit of knowledge they possible could. Ancient Egypt has also linked into our reading and writing units. Our reading focus has been The Egyptian Cinderella. Does that remind you of another story? In writing, we have written our own non-chronological report to inform others on Ancient Egypt.

As artists, we have explored clay and different ways of moulding it. To begin our current unit, we reactivated the sticky knowledge learnt in Year 2 to make a clay pinch pot. By the end of this art unit, we will have made our very own ancient Egyptian pot!



YEAR 3 continued

In PE, we have thoroughly enjoyed partaking in some orienteering lessons. This focuses heavily on teamwork. We have had to practise resilience because it can be frustrating at times relying on others and having to think of resolutions.



In DT, we have nearly completed our shad capturers and are very excited to be heading to Diglis Island and Fish Pass to learn more about Worcester's efforts to save the shad.



Miss East's highlight of the term was seeing each child's face light up as they held the newborn chicks from Nursery!



YEAR 4

What a great spring term we have had this year! We have worked really hard consolidating previous learning and building on this by learning new things. Have a look at what we have been up to:

As artists, we have been using our previously done drawing skills and making them even better by adding in some painting skills. Drawing inspiration from our artist Keith Haring, we looked at using different colours and movement lines to make our pictures come to life. Check out some of our work by Hope, Lily, Matilda and India-Mai:



YEAR 4 continued

In DT, we have been exploring structures and making a siren to warn people when an earthquake is coming. We discussed what it needs to be like as well as exploring what materials would be needed. For our prototypes, we used straws and tape to practice creating the best sturdy shapes – we decided triangles were best!



Have a lovely Easter Year Four!



YEAR 5

We have come to the end of our Spring term – and what a term it had been!
We continue to make amazing progress in everything that we do and I am so proud of
what we have achieved so far this year!

Some pictures of the fun we've had are below:



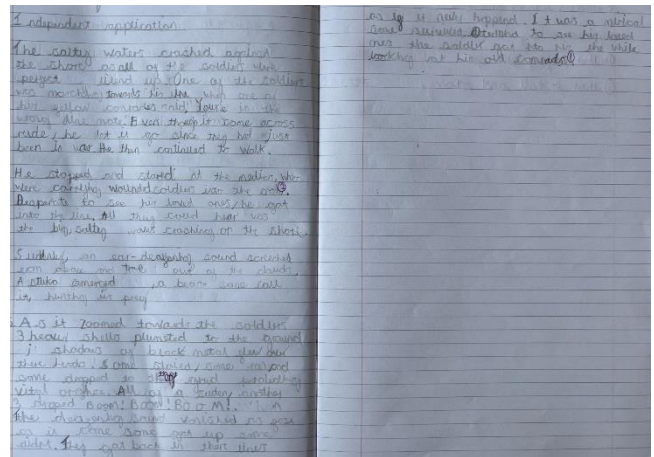
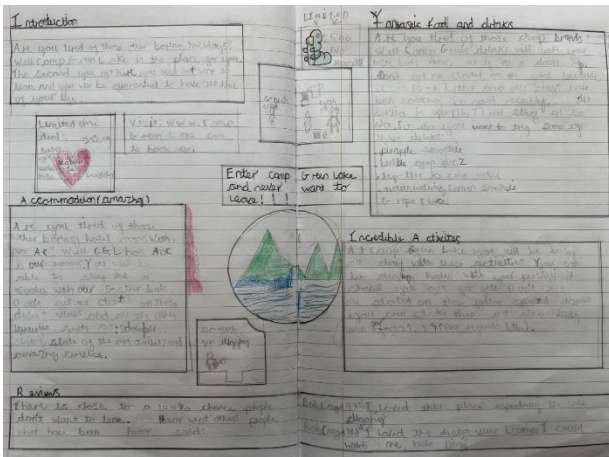
We have been able to enjoy dressing up, STEM challenge, ukulele, swimming, chicks, a new sand pit and much more! What an incredible term.

I cannot wait to see what our Summer term holds!

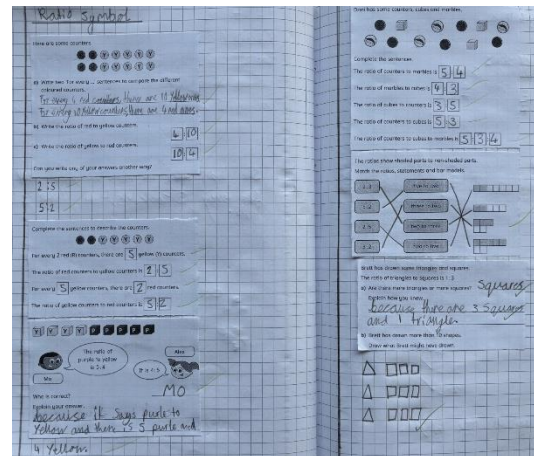
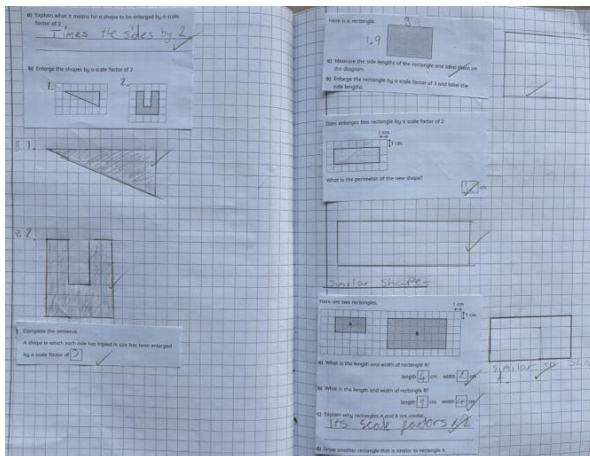
Have a lovely break and stay safe!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been very busy over the Spring term. As writers, we have written two independent pieces: one persuading Mr Prigg to take his children to Camp Green Lake; and another focusing on described the setting of Dunkirk during World War 2.



As mathematicians, we have been solidifying our knowledge of ratio, proportion and scale factors. We found it confusing to begin with but smashed through it once we understood the concept fully.



Spring has been packed with so many fun-filled activities and experiences.



YEAR 6 continued



From our visit to The Cathedral to the learning that takes place in the classroom, we have seen the importance of enjoying our learning. It is proven that if you enjoy learning, you will achieve success, not only at Primary age but within future learning too.



From Year 6 to you: HAVE A BRILLIANT EASTER!

ARBOR: NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log In

Forgotten password?

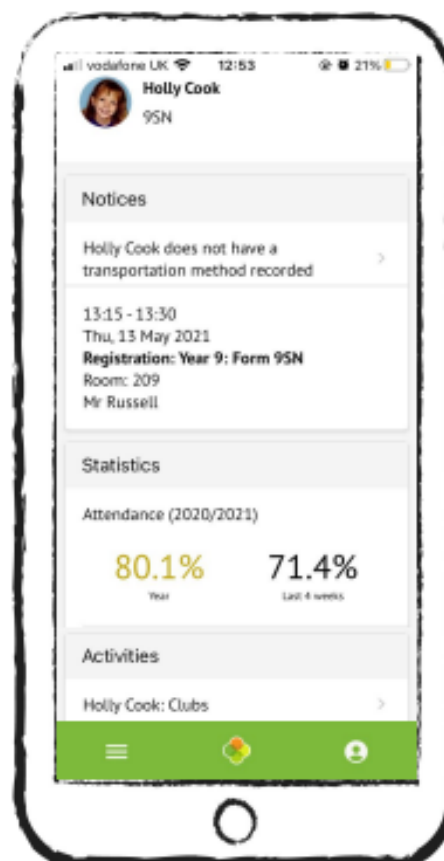
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Are you entitled?



If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive an email from Edenred on Friday for the supermarket holiday vouchers.

Following instructions from Worcestershire County Council, the value of the vouchers has now reduced and will be reduced for the rest of this academic year, after which time, the scheme will be reviewed.

Details from County were shared with you via email previously.

If you are new to free school meals. Please check your emails on Friday: The sender will be Edenred and it may have gone into your junk email.

If you are unsure if you qualify for free school meals, please go to our website at www.carnforthschool.org and a link is on the home page



County would also like to highlight that other local support is available to families including:

HAF Programme:

[Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Additional support schemes funded through the Household Support Fund (HSF) which will open during April. Information will be on the council:

[Household Support Fund | Worcestershire County Council](#)

For broader support regarding the cost of living, please encourage parents and carers to visit the council:

[Cost of living support | Worcestershire County Council](#)


ATTENDANCE



2024/2025 Class attendance to 10/04/2025: 93.72%

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	93.47%
Year 1	95.26%
Year 2	94.57%
Year 3	92.85%
Year 4	94.64%
Year 5	93.53%
Year 6	94.66%

Please remember that if your child(ren) are unwell and will not be attending school, please make sure you contact the school to inform them **each** day they are absent.



Punctuality matters!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:



- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.



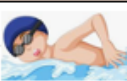





19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.

**missed minutes = missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

DIARY DATES

SCHOOL CLOSED : FRIDAY 11TH APRIL (TEACHER TRAINING DAY)

APRIL	14	15	16	17	18
	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
	21	22	23	24	25
	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
	28	29	30		
	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM	 BANDS IN SCHOOL	 Y1 SWIMMING		

MAY 2025				1	2
				Aim High Writing Day - Y3/Y4	
	5	6	7	8	9
	SCHOOL CLOSED 	 BANDS IN SCHOOL	 Y1 SWIMMING	Y6 PARENTS SLEEP WEST WORKSHOP 9am - 10am	
	12	13	14	15	16
	PSCO's Q&A in classes	 BANDS IN SCHOOL	 Y1 SWIMMING		
	19	20	21	22	23
		 BANDS IN SCHOOL	 Y1 SWIMMING	Provisional Date SPORTS DAY! 	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS TEACHER TRAINING DAY
	26	27	28	29	30
	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM

TERM DATES FOR 2025/2026 ARE ATTACHED

NHS
Children and Adolescent
Mental Health Services
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

**We are talking
about:**

Why we need sleep,
common difficulties
including worry and screen
time, bedtime routines and top tips.

**Top Tips for Helping Your
Child Sleep**

A Workshop for parents and carers
of primary school aged children

Where: Carnforth School Library
When: Thursday 8th May 2025
What time: 9:00am

For more information, please speak to: Mr Cox

Please let the school know if you have any accessibility needs.

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Thursday 17th April
Friday 25th April
Tuesday 29th April



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

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Play Matters here at Carnforth!

As I am sure you have heard, we are continuing to develop our playtimes and lunchtimes at school with our OPAL play.



We now have a sandpit!

Last Friday, the children watched as the big lorry craned the sand in, we had an OPAL assembly to complete our risk benefit with the children, so they know how to play safely and then we all had a play in the sandpit.



The children have had such a good time building, digging, communicating and collaborating in the sandpit already. They have shown great resilience and have created some excellent sand sculptures.





Look behind scenes at Worcester Police Station Open Day

Come along and look behind the scenes at Worcester Police Station at our Open Day event this Sunday (13 April).

Tours of the custody block, a visit from our West Mercia Police mascot PD Peeler, classic police cars and lots for families to do are among the attractions for members of the public.

People are invited to come along to meet their local policing teams, as well as the chance to meet our police dogs and their handlers and check out our police vehicles.

It's a chance to speak to some of your local officers and even find out how you could join West Mercia Police. The event runs from 10am until 3pm and is open to all ages.

Other attractions to explore on the day include those from our partners, including the Severn Area Rescue Association and their vehicle and equipment and a Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service fire engine.

We will also have the Blue Knights motorcycle club, Worcester BID and the Worcester Safe Space van, a police motorbike as well as lots for all the family to do including police equipment and clothing for children to try on and police cars to sit in (subject to operational demands).

There will be a quiet hour from 10am until 11am, where the sirens will be turned off allowing people with SEND to explore the stands and meet officers.

Entry is free to the event and parking is available in the city's public car parks. All exhibits will be there subject to operational needs.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion added: "I am committed to putting policing back into the heart of communities as I know the public expect a police force that understands and tackles their concerns.

"I am a big supporter of open days, as they always prove to be a fun way for communities to meet the local team, raise concerns and get a unique insight into the varied world of policing."



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26

AUTUMN 2025

Term begins – Wednesday 3rd September

Term ends – Friday 24th October

Half term – *Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October*

Term begins – Tuesday 4th November

Term ends – Friday 19th December

SPRING 2026

Term begins – Monday 5th January

Term ends – Thursday 12th February

Half Term – *Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February*

Term begins – Monday 23rd February

Term ends – Friday 27th March

SUMMER 2026

Term begins – Monday 13th April

Term ends – Thursday 21st May

Half term – *Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May*

Term begins – Monday 1st June

Term ends – Friday 17th July

Other Dates:

Good Friday

Easter Monday

May Day

Whitsun Bank Holiday

Friday 3rd April 2026

~~**Monday 6th April 2026**~~

Monday 4th May 2026

Monday 25th May 2026

Teacher Training (INSET) Dates:

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 26th September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

WHO'S WHO IN SCHOOL 2024/25?

MR PRIGG : HEAD TEACHER

MRS FINNEGAN : DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

MRS V SMITH : SENCO

OFFICE : MISS WALTERS & MRS RANSCOMBE

MRS HAWKES : NURSERY MANAGER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS ARANYOSI

MISS HEMMING : RECEPTION TEACHER

HLTA : MISS SMITH

TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MRS NEWTON-SMITH, MISS PARKES & MRS BEGUM

MR D TIMMINS : YEAR 1 SUPPLY TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANTS : MISS BURNHAM

MISS K JONES : YEAR 2 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS HOLLAND & MRS KENWRICK

MISS EAST : YEAR 3 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MISS L RICE

MS FERGUSON : YEAR 4 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MRS AKHTER, MISS J JONES & MISS ARROWSMITH

MISS WALL : YEAR 5 TEACHER

HLTA : MRS BECK

MR COX : YEAR 6 TEACHER

TEACHING ASSISTANT : MRS EVANS

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS:

MRS J JONES, MRS PEGRAM, MISS LORD & MR JEFFERIES

CARETAKER and CLEANERS:

MR JEFFRIES, MISS LORD & MRS WOODWARD