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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everybody back to school and wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope that everyone had a restful break and that the children have returned refreshed and ready to learn.

Adverse Weather Contingency Plan

With the snowy weather today, I thought I would draw attention to our contingency plan for adverse weather conditions. For overnight adverse weather conditions, we will factor in two key considerations when making a decision to open or not. These will be the level of safety in accessing the school site and surrounding area as well as the number of staff who are safely able to access the school site. This will take time to assess, so a decision to close would then be emailed usually by 8:20am. Teachers would then email optional work that could be completed to the school office and this would be emailed to families.

In the event of adverse weather conditions occurring during the school day that would warrant a school closure, we would contact families and ask you to collect as soon as possible.

To support with onward planning, we would usually look to make a call by 3pm regarding whether school will be open or not on the next day.

School Census Day 15th Jan

Thursday 15th Jan will be School Census day. As you will be aware all Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal. These meals are paid for by the school using monies provided by the government. The amount given to schools depends on the take-up rate on census days during the year. If take up levels are low on census days we will be funded accordingly regardless of need on other days. If our meals funding creates a shortfall the school will have no option but to use money earmarked for other purposes.

Clearly this is of great concern. However, the way forward is to have all eligible pupils opt for the free school meal on census day thereby ensuring there is no shortfall.

Please consider supporting the school once again by ordering the free Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 school meal on this day.

Menu change on Thursday 15th Jan

Main:

Pork and Beef Bonfire Banger, Campfire Beans and Western Wedges

Veg:

Plant Based Bonfire Banger, BBQ Beans and Western Wedges

Halal:

Halal Chicken and Beef Bonfire Banger, Campfire Beans and Western Wedges

Foundation Stage Admissions 2026/27 Deadline



Artsmark
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A reminder to families with children due to start school in September 2026 that the deadline to complete your preferences is on the 15th January.

Poetry Competition

We have decided to alternate the Spelling Bee and Poetry Competition. This year, the focus will be on the Poetry Competition. Mrs Dunn will be introducing the competition format to the children in the assembly on Friday. The list of poems that the children can choose from will be sent out next week with class heats taking place on the week beginning the 2nd February and the finals taking place one week later.

Events List

Date (Time)	Event
Wednesday 7 th January (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 9 th January	Poetry Competition Launched
Week beginning 12 th January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Tuesday 20 th January	Litterbug Club
Friday 23 rd January	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 27 th January	Y1 Scooter Training
Week beginning 2 nd February	Children's Mental Health Week-
Tuesday 3 rd February and Thursday 5 th February	US trips to Reading Museum
Thursday 5 th February	Cross Country League
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 9 th February	Poetry Competition Finals
Monday 9 th February	Chinese New Year Assembly
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Litterbug Club
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 3 rd March and Thursday 5 th March	Middle School trips to Waltham Farm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Thursday 5 th March	US RE Inspired

Week beginning 9 th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Sales
Week beginning 16 th March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Tuesday 17 th March	Litterbug Club
Thursday 19 th March	Cross Country League Relays
Week beginning 23 rd March	Parents' Evening Week
Monday 23 rd March	Foundation Stage RE Inspired
Wednesday 25 th March (2pm)	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 26 th March	Middle School Eid Assembly
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Monday 13 th April	Children Return to School
Week beginning 20 th April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Tuesday 28 th April	Litterbug Club
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 11 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 14 th May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 15 th May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 18 th May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 18 th May	Multiplication Championship
Tuesday 19 th May	Litterbug Club
Friday 22 nd May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Thursday 4 th June	LS RE Inspired at church
Thursday 4 th June	MS trip to Wisley
Saturday 6 th June	PTA Try-a-Tri
Monday 8 th June	FS RE Inspired

Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 10 th June	Class Photographs
Friday 12 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Week beginning 15 th June	PTA Father's Day Gift Sales
Wednesday 17 th June	FS trip to Wooley Firs
Tuesday 23 rd June	Litterbug Club
Week beginning 29 th June	Sports Week
Monday 29 th June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 29 th June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 st July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1 st July (AM)	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 2 nd July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd July	US RE Inspired
Friday 3 rd July	PTA Make the Rules Non-Uniform Day
Monday 6 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsals
Tuesday 7 th July	Transition Morning
Wednesday 8 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 9 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Tuesday 14 th July	Litterbug Club
Tuesday 21 st July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 21 st July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 21 st July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
Headteacher