

GCA NEWS

4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another term. I could not be prouder of our school and the children and we have managed to fit so much into this Spring term.

A huge thank you to Jodie and Zoe - the Easter raffle and coffee morning was a huge success and has raised a huge amount for our foodbank. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at the coffee morning - its great to be able to end the term with such a lovely event.

This term we have welcomed Sports2inspire to our school and they are having such a positive impact already. Seeing how sport can have such a positive impact is just amazing and this is now going to go from strength to strength. I cannot wait to have GCA being represented at all sorts of sporting events. To kick start this we saw our Year 5 and 6 football team enter a tournament each - we were so proud of the resilience and teamwork you demonstrated.

The PTA have run a number of amazing events this term - discos, Mathers and others tea and some great pop up shops - the community we are building is really growing and if you are interested in helping out do reach out to them.

Year 6 children - use this time to recharge before you return as SATS will be here before we know it. You are all superstars and will absolutely smash it - we are with you every step of the way.
Year 4 - I know you have been set a TTRS challenge - I cant wait to see who the winners are - keep practicing as it is really paying off.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ruck



Head lice

Several cases of head lice have been identified in school and in some cases are reoccurring.

It is important that children are checked regularly so that any head lice can be treated quickly, avoiding them spreading.

We suggest you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- Keep long hair tied back.
- Check your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- If you find lice, ensure you check the whole family and treat the head lice accordingly.
- Wash all bedding and towels

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Dates for your diary.

23rd April – Children return to school

6th May – Nursery trip – more information to follow

9th May – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Stockwood park trip

12th –15th May – Year 6 SATS week

22nd May – Pyjamarama Day – more info to follow

2nd June – start of MTC window – Year 4

Uniform

We have a school-colour based uniform. The school colours are Jade and black.

It helps the younger children to settle into school more quickly and to acquire independence if they wear clothes that they can easily manage for themselves. Suitable clothing could be chosen from:

Sweatshirt or Cardigan, preferably with the school logo
Black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
White shirt/polo shirt
Checked or striped dresses in green and white
White socks

Please note: Joggers and leggings are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

P.E.

(PE days will be communicated to you by the end of next week)

School PE T-shirt and black shorts and trainers. Plain black, non-branded tracksuits can be worn in the colder weather.

Alternatively your child can wear plain black jogging bottoms and their normal jade school cardigan/ jumper over their PE kit. We ask that children come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

Footwear

Black school shoes only please. Trainers are only to be worn for PE.

***NEW** – Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Birthdays this week



Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ruck