



# Newsletter Friday 6th March 2026

Self - Control James 1:19

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at school, and there is a distinct sense of Spring in the air. As we move deeper into the term, it is a pleasure to share some updates with you regarding our school life and the fantastic progress our children are making.

If you take a walk near our main school entrance, you'll notice that nature is finally waking up! The bulbs (planted by the children a couple of years ago) are peeking through the soil.

In our science lessons, we've been discussing the changing seasons. These "first signs of spring" are a great reminder of growth and new beginnings—themes we are echoing in our classrooms as the children begin to learn about the Easter story in the Bible.

This is a busy time of year for academic progress. Many of our year groups are currently participating in seasonal assessments. While we know "testing" can sometimes sound daunting, we use these sessions as a positive way to celebrate what the children have learned and to identify how we can best support them next. I have just had the absolute pleasure to celebrate with Year 6 the huge steps of progress every child has made in their mental arithmetic test. This is 40 questions in 30 minutes - speedy calculating. A shout out to Tilly who scored full marks! We are incredibly proud of the resilience and determination our pupils are showing. Whether they are tackling a tricky maths problem or perfecting their independent writing, the "can-do" attitude in the classrooms is truly inspiring. Please join us in praising their hard work at home!

We would like to gently remind all families about the vital importance of arriving at school on time. Our doors open at 8:45am, and the school day begins promptly at this time.

Why is being on time so important?

- 1) The first 10–15 minutes of the day often include essential morning work that reinforces core skills or it is the time where we all gather in the hall to SHINE together.
- 2) Social Connection: Arriving on time allows children to settle in with their friends, reducing anxiety and starting the day with a smile.
- 3) Reducing Disruption: When a child arrives late, it can be unsettling for them and disrupts the flow of the lesson for the rest of the class.

I asked some children what it felt like if they were late to school. This is one child's reply

*"Walking into class late feels like missing the start of a film. Everyone else is already busy and knows what to do. I have to try and catch up while the teacher is talking, and it makes my tummy feel a bit wobbly. I like being here early because I can say 'hello' to my friends and feel calm and ready for the day!"*

Often children not wanting to come to school can be linked to experiences like this. Get it right for your child. If you need any support around morning routines, please speak to Mrs Lawton. This newsletter also contains a handy checklist.

Kind Regards

Mrs M Underwood



# MY HAPPY MORNING!

WE need to leave home at

1.



Wake Up & Smile!

2.



Quick Wash & Brush Teeth!



3.



Get Dressed (My Uniform!)



4.



Eat a Yummy Breakfast!



5.



Pack My Bag & Lunchbox!



6.



Put on Shoes & Coat!



7.



Ready for School & Go!



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! I CAN DO IT!

## Friends Family Bingo Night

Save the date - We will be holding a bingo night in school on Thursday 14th May 6 - 7.30pm. More information will follow nearer the date. In the meantime, if you are able to donate any items for prizes, please get in touch with the school office.



## Parents Evening

Parents Evening is being held on Tuesday 17th March. To arrange an appointment log onto Arbor and choose your slot. The office does not have the capacity to book these appointments.

## GMSJ World Book Day

On Thursday 12th March, we're bringing the magic of books to the classroom! To save parents the stress and expense of costumes, we aren't asking children to dress up this year. We have a fantastic day planned, including mystery readers and creative book activities for all classes.



## Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from March 12th to 17th. As with previous years we will be hoping to open this before and after school - staffing dependent. If you would be able to volunteer to help run our book fair on any of these dates - please call into the school office to discuss.



We've had several reports of dangerous driving and parking on **Trent Road** and in the **car park**. Please help us keep your children safe by following these simple rules:

- **NO STOPPING** in places that block the road or car park.
- **DO NOT** block driveways.
- **SLOW DOWN** to a walking pace near the school gates.
- **CUT THE ENGINE** while waiting to keep our air clean.

The safety of your children is our number 1 priority. Let's work together to make the school run hazard-free.

# Dates for your Diary



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**GMSJ World Book Day**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Book Fair**



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Year 4 visit to Towneley Park**



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Whole school parents evening**



**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm**  
**School closes for Easter break**



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am**  
**School re-opens**



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Friends Family Bingo**

## Eid Celebrations

For those taking a day for Eid, please make sure your completed Holiday Request Form is submitted to the office as soon as possible. This helps with our planning and we can process your request in advance and avoid any unauthorised absences.



# Award Winners



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### Iris Year 4

For Wonderful Rivers  
Research



### Muqet Year 5

For Splendid Writing  
using Relative Clauses



### Isabelle Year 4

For Gorgeous  
Geography



### Jennifer Year 4

For choosing to give up  
her break to finish her  
work



### Iris Year 4

For exceptional  
presentation in maths



### Lola Year 5

For Super Stitching



### Wilfred Year 4

For Wonderful  
Rivers Research



### Salma Year 4

For Wonderful  
Rivers Research



## CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE!

This Week's Attendance Winners:



# YEAR 5

This Week's Most Improved Attendance:



# RECEPTION

# Reception Class



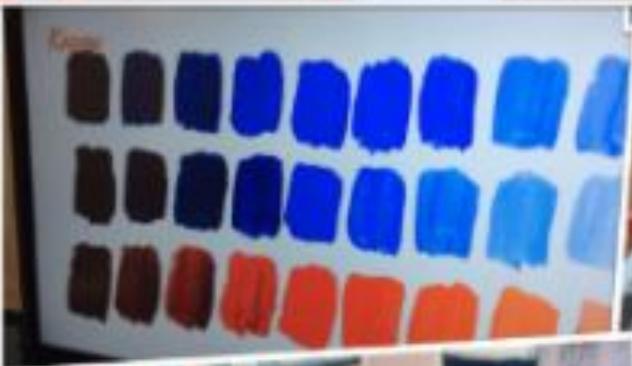
In Reception, we have been busy enjoying the outdoor area in the sunshine. We have been making music with instruments and seeing who can build the tallest tower!



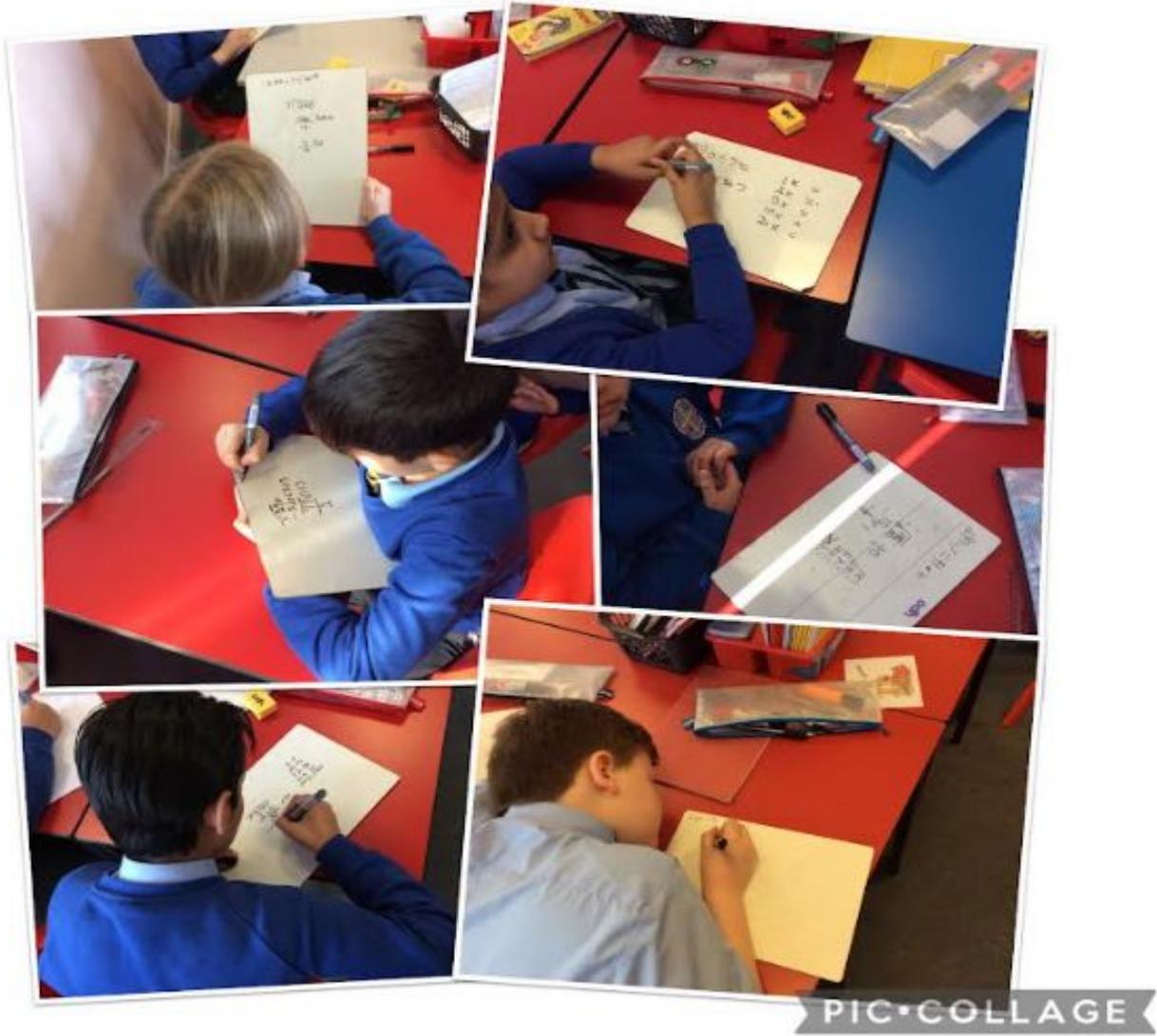
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# Year 4

In Art, we have been learning about shades and tints as we get ready to produce a 3 dimensional painting at the end of half term.



In maths, we have been learning about chunking with remainders in maths while learning about division.



In PSHE, we have been learning about different ways of spending money and the importance of budgeting.



# Mini Marsdens

## Stay and Play Baby & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday  
8.45am until 10am  
All are welcome

