

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you had a lovely half-term break with some time to relax and refresh those batteries. We have started the term well in school with our science focused topic called ‘Tried and Tested’, the children have been using their scientific skills to explore and learn through new hooks and immersing themselves into new learning.

Our new value this term is cooperation, we will be talking to the children about working together and how we can all achieve much more when we work as a team. I hope you see some of this learning and values at home too, don’t forget to tell us if you do as we love to hear about it!

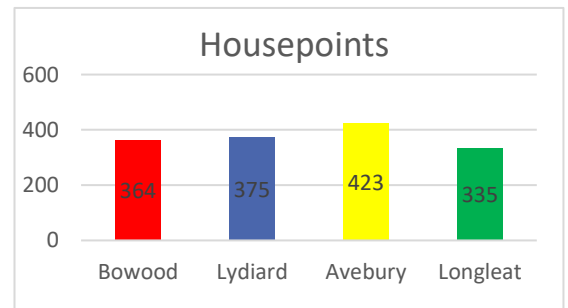
We have celebrated these children in assembly today for achieving the certificate of excellence or the values award for their class:



Our attendance winners this week, are Year 6 with 95.6% There seems to be still some lingering bugs around, it is really important children are in school every day and on time. Please see below some advice from the NHS on when you should keep your child off school and when it is ok to bring them in. We are always happy to phone you if we feel they are too unwell to be in school.

These children have received their 50 reads prize and chosen a book from the vending machine this week: Marnie and Natalia in Reception and Arisha, Freya, Loki and Jesse in Year 4.

Our housepoint winners of the week, as shown in the graph, are Avebury. The running totals from last time are safely stored away for the big finale at the end of the year. We have started afresh for this term – who will be our big term winners for term 4?



A big well done to everyone in school for a fabulous first week of Term 4!



Friday 28th February 2025
Topic – Tried and Tested!
Value of the Term – Cooperation

The girls football team played this week in an away match against Haydonleigh School with a very impressive 0 - 3 scoreline! A big well done from all of us, you have made Mountford Manor very proud of you all!

I am delighted to let you know that we have employed a new Family Support Worker. Mrs Sharon Bourne will start working with us and join the inclusion team within the next few weeks. As soon as she starts, she will make herself known on the playground and will be able to start meeting with families and offering her support. If you think you would benefit from Sharon’s support then please let me know so I can pass on your details for when she starts.

Next Thursday is World Book Day, Mrs Hall has already sent out a letter detailing all the information for the day, you should have also received your book token. Please make use of your token, there are plenty of shops taking part where you can exchange your token for a book, including Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, Lidi, WHSmith and Waterstones. You can use the voucher up until Sunday 23rd March.

Wishing you all a lovely, and hopefully sunny, weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Helen Wollington
 Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:
 Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
 Tuesday 11th March – Parents’ Evening
 Wednesday 13th March – Farmer Gows in school
 Thursday 13th March – Parents’ Evening

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
 but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
 To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

PINS PARENT STORIES

At home:
 Try and keep the bedtime routine to less than half an hour and always at the same time every evening

Out & about:
 Try and get outside and do some exercise everyday- even just for 10 minutes- but avoid doing this just before bedtime!

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