



Friday 10th January 2025
Topic – Tomorrow's World
Value of the Term – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely 2 week break and if you celebrated Christmas, you enjoyed this special time with your family and friends. We have had a busy week back in school, we welcomed Mrs Jackson back from maternity leave, she is now teaching the year 5 class full-time. We also welcomed Mrs Daysh to Mountford Manor who will be with us for 4 weeks teaching Year 4, she has done a swap with Mr Jones who will return on Monday 3rd February.

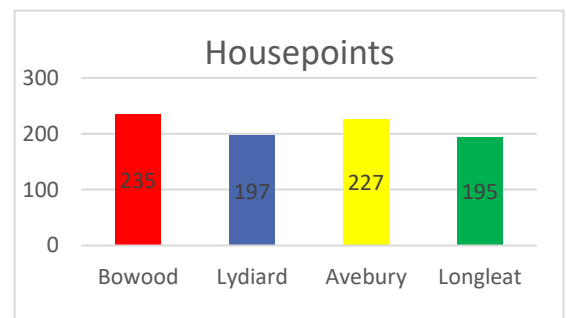
Our new topic this term is 'Tomorrow's World' with a science theme, the children will be learning all things scientific and technology based. We look forward to sharing all we have learnt at the end of term at 'Wonderful Wednesday' on Wednesday 12th February, please note we have had to change the date of this event from previously advertised. Our value for this term is responsibility. The children will be learning about taking responsibility of their own actions and how responsibility starts with them. Please share with us any of this learning that you see at home, as we love to hear all 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 5 with an amazing 99.5%. Well done everyone! these children have received their 50 reads prize and chosen a book from the vending machine this week: Elijah in Year 1, Japjit and Anvika in Year 3, Rosie in Year 4 and Lexi in Year 6.

Our housepoint winners of the week as shown in the graph are Bowood. As you can see, another very close contest this week. The running totals are mounting up and we will see who the Mountford winners of the term will be at the end of this term.



A great start to the term by everyone and I can already see it is going to be a fantastic 2025!



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As the weather has become very cold this week, please can I remind you that your child should have a warm coat in school every day. The children go outside for break and lunchtimes so need to be warm. Please can you also make sure their coat and all other belongings are named, this means we can make sure any lost property can be returned to the correct owner quickly. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Helen Wollington
Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:

Tuesday 21st January – Year 1/2 trip

Friday 31st January – Managing Challenging Behaviour workshop led by Kirk Anderson in school all welcome

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day Planetarium in school

Wednesday 12th February – Wonderful Wednesday 8:40am EY classes 2pm Years 1-6

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"I'm glad I got you as a carer and I'm happy that I can always come to you for advice and support"

- Sam, a child in the care of a foster carer

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Visit [Swindon Borough Council's fostering page](#) to learn more about upcoming information sessions, the application process, and how you can make 2025 a year of transformation. Together, we can build brighter futures, one home at a time.

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