

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a wonderful day in school for European Day of Languages, each class have studied a different country, they have learnt about their customs, what life is like for their citizens, children, the food they eat and how to speak some of the language. Ask your child this evening how to sing Happy Birthday in the language they have been learning, see if they can amaze you!

Please make sure you have our first end of term celebration event in your diaries, the children will be sharing with you some of the learning from their country as we compete in school in our first 'Worldvision' contest. 'Marvellous Monday' will be held on Monday 20th October, at 8:40am for our children in Early Years and 2pm for children in years 1-6.

Thank you for supporting our Jeans for Genes Day last week, we raised a fabulous £103.60 which has been sent to the charity to support all the amazing work they do.

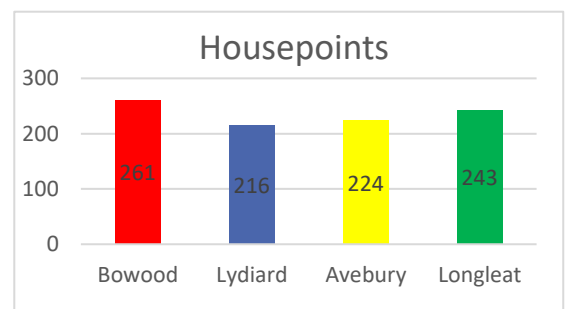
These children have been celebrated in assembly today for achieving the certificate of excellence or the values award for their class:



The winning class for the attendance award this week were Year 4 with a fantastic 98%. This is a great achievement with so many autumn bugs around at the moment! Please do remember to let the school office know by 9am if your child is unwell and not in school.

Our housepoint winners for this week, for the second week in a row are.....Bowood!

A big well done to everyone for another fabulous week!



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Friday 26th September 2025

Topic – The world is alive, with the sound of music....

Value of term - Inclusion

As the weather is turning colder, please can you make sure your child comes to school with a coat every day as they will be going outside during the day.

Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend.

With best wishes,
Mrs Helen Wollington
Headteacher

Upcoming diary dates:

Friday 10th October – World Mental Health Day ‘Hello Yellow’

Thursday 16th October – World Values Day

Monday 20th October – Marvellous Monday

Tuesday 21st October – Halloween Disco
End of term

Wednesday 22nd October – INSET day, school closed to children.

Forest School days
Children should come to school in school uniform. They should bring with them a change of clothes for going into the forest including warm and waterproof clothing and old trainers or wellies.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Red polo shirt
Navy blue jumper or Cardigan. Black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress. Black shoes or trainers



PE days
Children can come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Plain coloured t-shirt (no football tops) of their house colour. Dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Attendance – “Every Day Counts”

100%
0 days of lost learning
Very best chance of success

96%
8 days of lost learning
Off to a flying start

94%
11 days of lost learning
Less chance of success

92%
15 days of lost learning
Harder to make progress

90%
19 days of lost learning
Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

If a school post, if your child is late every day by...

Time	Your child would have lost approximately	or they would have missed approximately
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
5 mins		3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

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