



## January Newsletter

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope you are all well and managing to avoid the winter coughs and colds. We have settled into the new term really well and the children are already enjoying learning lots of new things.

We have many exciting learning opportunities planned this term. You should have received your child's year group curriculum newsletter, which is also available on our school website.

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This is my first attempt at a different style of newsletter, I hope you enjoy.

Within this issue you will find out about:

- **Keeping your child safe**
- **Diary Dates for this term**
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- Tea @ 2.30pm
- School Council update
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## Keeping Your Child Safe



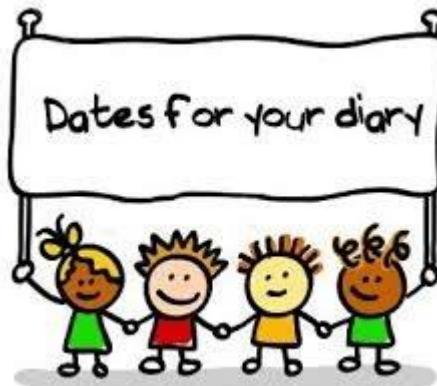
The playground gates open at **8.40am**. We have noticed that some children are arriving earlier than this and waiting around outside the school grounds. As the road outside school is very busy, please ensure that children who walk to school independently are not arriving too early.

Once children are on the playground, they must **not leave again**. At **8.45am**, classroom doors will be opened by staff and children should go straight into class. Doors will be locked at **8.55am**.

Any children arriving after this time will need to sign in via the main entrance. Staff have been reminded to remain vigilant at drop-off time, and Mr Riggall will lock the playground gates once school has started.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

## Diary Dates – Spring Term



Please find below some important dates for this term. More dates will be shared via newsletters and Class Dojo.

## **February**

- Fri 6 Feb – 4MW Reading Café
- Mon 9 Feb – Mental Health Week
- Tues 10 Feb – Safer Internet Day
- Fri 13 Feb – 4PC Reading Café
- Fri 13 Feb – Comic Relief Day (non-uniform)
- Fri 13 Feb – School closes for half term
- Mon 23 Feb – School reopens
- 25–27 Feb – Book Fair
- Tues 24 Feb – National Space Centre Trip (5PM & 6JB)
- Fri 27 Feb – National Space Centre Trip (5KH & 6AH)
- Fri 27 Feb – 3EW Reading Café

## **March**

- Mon 2 Mar – Year 1 Phonics Workshop (2.30pm)
- Thurs 5 Mar – World Book Day (details to follow)
- Fri 6 Mar – 3RA Reading Café
- Tues 10 Mar – Reception Phonics Workshop (2.50pm)
- Fri 13 Mar – Nursery Reading Café
- Fri 20 Mar – Reception Reading Café
- Fri 27 Mar – 2JW Reading Café
- Tues 31 Mar – Parents' Evening

## **April**

- Wed 1 Apr – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 2 Apr – School closes

- Tues 21 Apr – School reopens

 *Please note: Reading Cafés are now held on Fridays.*

## Phonics Workshops – Reception & Year 1



We are pleased to invite parents and carers to phonics workshops in school:

- **Year 1:** Monday 2nd March
- **Reception:** Tuesday 10th March

These sessions will help you understand what children need to know, see phonics in action, and learn how you can support learning at home. Further details will be shared via Class Dojo.

## Tea @ 2.30pm



As part of our ongoing parent and carer support, we have launched a weekly drop-in session:

### Tea @ 2.30pm



Library

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Mrs Riggall and Mrs Taylor for a relaxed chat. You may wish to discuss your child, ask for advice, or simply enjoy a cuppa and a catch-up. You don't need to have a problem to attend – everyone is welcome.

We also plan to invite outside services to speak on topics such as online safety and the role of the school nursing team.

## School Council Update



Our School Councillors continue to support the development of **OPAL play**, sharing ideas from their classes with the OPAL team. They are also exploring ways to improve home reading as part of our **Year of Reading**

## Safer Internet Day – 10th February



This year's theme is:

**“Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.”** All children will take part in age-appropriate activities focused on staying safe online

## Year of Reading 2026



During our **Year of Reading**, we are celebrating the joy and power of reading across the whole school. Children will enjoy author visits, shared stories, daily reading time, and exciting challenges such as *Extreme Reading* and *Mystery Readers*.

Together, we aim to inspire a lifelong love of reading for children, families, staff and our wider school community.

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Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Mrs T Atkinson**

**Head Teacher**

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