



Happy New Year! It was so lovely to see the children looking smart and 'school ready' for 2026. We are all looking forward to a great term of learning. On the back of this newsletter are the spring term dates. This is NOT a definitive list as staff are still firming up dates for visitors and visits and Year Group Leaders will send dates out on their newsletters, but I hope that it helps you with some forward planning. I apologise in advance if any dates change for reasons beyond our control and any changes will be communicated to you as soon as possible (on the website, in newsletters and via studybugs if we have a correct mobile number or email address for you). Welcome back.

Punctuality and attendance

The school opens at 8:45am. Any child who arrives after **9:00am** is late for school and **must be brought to the office by a parent or carer where the lateness can be noted**. Children should be collected promptly at 3:15pm by an adult who is known to us. If anyone different is going to collect your child please let us know. We will not let a child leave school with an adult we do not know. If your child is absent from school please record this on Studybugs or inform the office as soon as possible. Where possible we ask that you make medical appointments for your child outside of the school day. It is important for children to maximise their time in school so that they have the best outcomes. If your child is unwell and you are unsure if you should send them to school please follow this useful link for NHS advice about common childhood illnesses <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Contact details

If you have changed any of your contact details over the holidays, please let the school office know so we can update our records. It is really important that we have an emergency contact number should we be unable to contact the primary parent/carer.

PE kits

On PE days the children are expected to wear their PE kits to school. They should still wear their school sweatshirt or jumper over their PE t-shirt. Now that the weather is colder, a pair of plain black jogging bottoms would be preferable to shorts. Please do not send your child in with non-uniform track suits.

Parent Consultation Meetings

These are taking place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March. There is an expectation that parents attend Parents' Evening. Parents' Evening is an opportunity to look at your child's work and for staff to share with you how your child is doing.

World Book Week

On **Monday 2nd March**, to start Book Week, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their favourite Pyjamas.

Birthdays

Due to the high number of food allergies in our school, we will only give out party bags, which contain **non-food** items. Our preference would be a book donation for the class to share to celebrate a child's birthday. We ask that parents do not give out party bags with food in them on the school playground.

Reading is a fundamental life skill that we want children to develop and improve within EYFS and KS1. We ensure that Reading is a priority within our curriculum; not only through Phonics lessons but through our English and Reading lessons. In order to support us with this, we ask that every child reads at home to an adult **every day** i.e. 10 minutes a day. Your child is bringing home a carefully selected Little Wandle book each week. This consolidates the reading that has happened during the week. It is important the children have an opportunity to share this book, in which you can talk to them about the characters, the events in the story, the vocabulary and share their success with reading and phonics knowledge. A time to celebrate! We ask that the **reading diary is completed each day** with a short comment about the reading or the pages that have been read. Your comments can also include any words that the children found challenging.

Please ensure that the reading diary and book are returned to school on a daily basis.

Thank you for your support with this.

Date	Event
Tuesday 13th January	Reception-Professor Bubbleworks visit (Red and Yellow Class)
Thursday 15th January	Year1 and Year 2 Poetry Workshop
Monday 19th January	Year 1 (Green & Purple) Parent Workshop: Phonics 9.15am
Tuesday 20th January	Year 2 Trip to the Mosque (Lilac and Indigo)
Friday January 23rd	Year 2 (Lilac) Class Assembly 2.30pm
Friday January 23rd	PAT Sports Poetry Competition
Tuesday 27th January	Year 2 Redstart Financial Workshop (Lilac and Indigo Class)
Thursday 29th January	Reception- height and weight check (Red and Yellow Class)
Friday 30th January	Year 2 (Indigo) Class Assembly at 9.15am in the hall
Friday 6th February	Museum Day (opportunity for parents to see their children's work)
Monday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	Last day of half term
Monday 23rd February	First day of half term
Friday 27th February	Year 1 (Purple) Class Assembly at 9.15am in the hall
WC Monday 2nd March	Book Week
Monday 2nd March	World Book Week: Dress Up Day at BINF (Children are to come dressed as their favourite book character or in their favourite pyjamas).
Tuesday 3rd March	Read with your child session (2:30pm)
Friday 6th March	WBD Author visit (Michael De Souza)
Tuesday 10th March	Nursery (Gold Class) Pet visitor
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 13th March	Year 1 (Green) Class Assembly at 9.15am in the hall
Monday 16th March	Year 2 Redstart Financial Workshop (Indigo and Lilac)
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day-wear as much red as possible (£1 donation)
Friday 27th March	Last day of term
Monday 13th April	First day of half term

Please put me up on your fridge!