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 "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your  
 good deeds and glorify your father in heaven." *Matthew 5:16*

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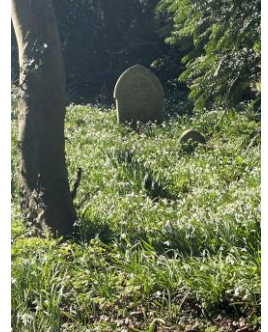
Dear Parents and Carers,



**Spiritual Development:**

Mrs Betley and I went for a spring walk to discuss school matters in the beautiful sunshine. We enjoyed the signs of spring with the snow drops carpeting the floor by the church and Mrs Betley spotted the symbol of the cross on the side of a tree.

In Forest School, the children have also been enjoying signs of spring and thinking about Lent. They made pancakes on the fire in the Wild Wood and reflected upon sharing food together and keeping each other safe.



**Vision:**

We have been reflecting upon how we can promote our vision more with our parents and feel that we could reduce the text to just Matthew 5:16, "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven." This will be on all our head's letters.

**Teaching and learning: World Book Day 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025:**

We loved celebrating World Book Day yesterday and it was wonderful to see so many children and staff dressed up as a character from a book or in something cosy to enjoy reading their favourite story! Thank you for taking part in our reading breakfast, it was lovely to see so many families reading together at breakfast - it was a great success! Also a huge thank you to Miss Wilcox for organising this event so well and FOLS for supporting the delicious reading breakfast.



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Some of our Y4 children represented Layston at a dance festival in Royston. They were amazing and were a credit to the school.



Today it was National Let Girls Play Football day. Miss Croucher took the girls from each class to participate in a 30 minute football session. The girls showed lots of effort and determination!



### Reminders:

Please can we remind our families that we are a Healthy School and therefore ask that you send your child/ren into school with a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit, carrot sticks or cheese and crackers. We are also a nut free school so if you are sending in cereal bars please can you check the ingredients. We thank you for your continued support with this.

### Easter Service 1<sup>st</sup> April:

Reverend Kirsty has advised school that the seating capacity for adults who wish to watch our Easter service at St Peter's Church is only 57. Therefore, we politely request that only one adult from each family attend to enable as many families as possible to come to the service. If you have a pushchair with you, this will need to be left outside of the church. We thank you for your support with this.

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough Head teacher