



*Loving to learn, Learning to love.
For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Spirituality:



Snowdrops have appeared in the forest, spring is coming, and this definitely cheered everyone up!

Celebrating Teaching and Learning:

This week Rachel Brown, our Maths Advisor, visited Layston. Rachel was impressed by how well the children engaged with their maths learning. She noted that the learning intention was clear and maths vocabulary was displayed and being used to support the children. The children also had access to manipulatives to support their learning. Jennie Ferguson visited EYFS again to work with Mrs Berry and the team. She commented on how well the EYFS team know the children and how they continue to build strong relationships with the children.

Mrs Stamp popped in to see us all at Layston earlier in the week, which was a lovely surprise. She looked really well and is continuing to recover well. We hope that she will be well enough to return to school by the end of term.

I have spoken with Mrs Downs who is feeling much better and she will be returning to Y1 after half term. We look forward to welcoming them back to the team as soon as they are fit and ready.

Celebrating Enrichment:

We have welcomed our new sports coach, Laura Mills, from RTYFC to Layston this term. The children have enjoyed learning new skills such as balancing and stretching and taking part in team games such as Hockey. Laura will also be leading our after school enrichment clubs and will be talking to the children about these over the coming weeks.

Celebrating Attendance: 94.88%

23/1/2026 - 29/1/2026

Year Reception: 92.63%

Yr1: 96.91%

Yr2: 90%

Yr3: 92.86%

Yr4: 93.7%.

Well done to our Year 1 children!



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Eco Warriors Litter Pick	Tuesday 3 rd Feb 12:45
Parent Chat: Anxiety	Tues 10 th Feb 2:15
World Book Day	Thur 5 th Mar
Book Fair	Wed 11 th - 18 th Mar
Parent Conferences held during the school day with your child. How to book and further information about these to follow after half term.	Tues 10 th Mar Y2 Mon 16 th Mar YR and Y3 Wed 18 th Y1 Thur 19 th Mar Y4
KAPLA whole school STEM workshop	Tues 10 th Mar
Y3 Roman workshop	Fri 13 th Mar
Y2 History Off The Page	Thur 19 th Mar
Easter Service	Tues 24 th Mar TBC

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend,

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher