



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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spiritual Development:

In Forest School, the children developed spiritually through exploring the sense of enjoyment and fascination in the natural world and seasonal change. This week children have been discussing warmer weather and hedgehogs coming out of hibernation. Activities have included making hedgehogs out of clay and teasel flower heads, discussing facts about hedgehogs and how we can care for them. The children have developed empathy, concerns and for living things and how we treat them.

Reverend Norman led our collective worship on Tuesday, focusing on forgiveness with the story of the prodigal son. The children were able to reflect upon how to show forgiveness and understanding of how God forgives those who mean it. Mr Harwood has also spoken to the children about how we can show sincerity in our apologies.

Online Safety - Guidance for Parents.

As children are spending more time online for learning and play, we want to share some important guidance to help keep them safe and ensure they are accessing age-appropriate content.

Online Safety at Home

- Talk regularly with your child about what they do online and who they interact with.
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible.
- Use parental controls available on devices, apps, and broadband providers.
- Remind children never to share personal information (name, school, address, photos) online.

Age Ratings for Games

Many popular games are not designed for younger children. In the UK, games use the PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system:

- PEGI 3, 7: Suitable for young children
- PEGI 12: May include mild violence or online features
- PEGI 16 / 18: Not suitable for primary-aged children
- Please check ratings before allowing your child to download or play games. Some games that appear child-friendly may include chat features, in-game purchases, or interactions with strangers.

Online Gaming Risks

- Chat functions can expose children to strangers.
- In-game purchases can lead to unexpected spending.
- Some content may not be appropriate for their age.

What You Can Do

- Play games together or ask your child to show you how they work.
- Turn off chat features or set them to "friends only."
- Set spending limits or disable in-app purchases.
- Agree clear screen time rules and boundaries.

Online Safety Useful Resources

- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Childnet – Online safety for young people](#)
- [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)





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Uniform and Warmer Weather:

As we move into the summer term I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our summer uniform. Please see the school website for further details [Uniform](#).

In addition, with the weather becoming warmer, we advise the wearing of sunhats and sun cream. Sun cream should be applied prior to school and can be reapplied by your child in school before break and lunch. We want to ensure everyone is kept safe in the sun. Water bottles are going to be even more important to ensure everyone is well hydrated to learn.

Attendance and lateness:

We have seen an improved level of attendance in school, including the vast majority of children arriving on time to being their learning. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Kindness Shout-Out of the Week

Sadie YR - for being kind to all of her friends.

James Y2- for being extremely polite to everyone he speaks to.

Georgia Y3 - for being an inclusive friends at all times.

Well done to all three pupils for being such positive role models and helping to make our school a kind and supportive place.

Diary dates:

Girls Football club	Y3 & 4, every Monday at 3:15-4:00pm
Tag Rugby club	Y3 & 4, Tuesday lunchtimes
Phonics club	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri lunchtimes
Choir	All year groups, Monday lunchtimes
Mad Hair Day	15 th May
School class photos	1 st June
Y2 visit from Rabbi Imrit Shillor	4 th June
Y4 Egyptian Day	8 th June
Hudnall Park Residential trip Y4	June 10 th , 11 th and 12 th . School trips for other year groups will be updated when confirmed
Sports day	19 th June 9:30-11:30 (Reserve 26 th June)
Reports out	6 th July
NON-UNIFORM National Sports week	10 th July
Open afternoon	17 th July
Leavers service	21 st July TBC
Leavers BBQ	21 st July TBC

Please be aware of the change to our sports day date. It will now be on Friday 19th June with the reserve date being the following week on Fri 26th June.

Have an enjoyable long weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 5th May,
Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough
Head teacher

