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School Starters 2026- Closing date 15th January 2026

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Class News

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| Nursery | - settled in really well and enjoyed talking about their Christmas holidays. |
| YR | - have had an amazing WOW day learning about the big 5 animals and creating our own African animal collages. |
| Y1 | - have worked so hard during Maths learning number bonds to 20. |
| Y2 | - thoroughly loved our superhero WOW day, especially creating masks. |
| Y3 | - have enjoyed using AI generators to test out our character descriptions of Cruella de Vil. |
| Y4 | - absolutely loved our rainforest themed WOW day. |
| Y5 | - loved getting creative during WOW day. |
| Y6 | - have had a wonderful WOW day which has included making their own shell 'fossils' and investigating the effectiveness of different 'beaks'. |

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I trust you all had a good break! The children have settled back into school seamlessly and have enjoyed starting their new themes with a WOW Day! The effort everyone went to for the WOW day outfits was incredible. The children looked amazing, thank you!

Please note that school led clubs start week commencing Monday 19th January (including Homework club for Y5/6).

SISA

Thank you to all the hard work from SISA and the school community. The funds raised have contributed to the total renovation of the big play equipment. This has been well received by all the children. Thank you!

Parking

Please park sensibly and considerately. The school has had several complaints from residents since the start of term.

Attendance

A gentle reminder that attendance in school is mandatory. The school is seeing an increase in absence due to holidays. This could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the local authority. Good attendance enables your child to not only succeed in school but also develop good habits for future life, employment and mental health.

2026 is the year of reading!

The children enjoyed learning about all the interesting facts that came from Picture News this week. The key focus is on reading for pleasure so next week we would like the children to bring in a book from home to read on Friday during Book Buzz. Both children and adults will be reading and enjoying their books and then discussing and sharing them with their peers.

Nursery reminders

- Please ensure all items coming in to nursery are clearly named
- Please can we ask that all fruit in lunchboxes is cut up so that it is not a choking hazard, grapes in particular. Thank you.

Value of the week: Happiness

We have enjoyed discussing New Year resolutions during assembly and discussions on our Picture News topic: What role will reading play in our future? Certainly an interesting debate.



Online Safety

This week's guide offers clear, supportive guidance to help parents and educators feel more confident in navigating the online world with children and young people. It looks at how everyday conversations, simple boundaries, and a bit of digital awareness can make a real difference to young people's online experiences.

This guide also explores how parents and educators can create an environment where children feel comfortable asking for help when something online unsettles them. By highlighting the importance of safe and healthy internet usage, these tips provide a grounded starting point for anyone supporting young people's digital lives.

Dates

January 2026

Thursday 15th - Reception 2026 Application Deadline
Monday 19th - Clubs restart
Thursday 29th - Year 4 Assembly at 9am

February 2026

Friday 6th - MAT Dance Festival (Years 3 & 4)
Friday 6th - NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9th - Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10th - Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th - Nursery Celebration of Learning
Thursday 12th - Nursery Celebration of Learning
Friday 13th - School Closes for half-term
Monday 23rd - Spring Term starts

PE Kit days for January 2026

YR – Wednesday & Thursday
Y1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y2 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y3 – Monday & Wednesday
Y4 – Monday & Thursday
Y5 – Monday & Thursday
Y6 – Monday & Thursday

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

