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Newsletter - Friday 14th February 2025

Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. It was lovely to see so many of you in school this week for parents/carers evening. It is such an important and enjoyable opportunity to hear how your little ones are getting on in school and to see what you can do at home to support learning. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact school as soon as possible to see if we can arrange an alternative slot. If you fancy a treat as a post parents/carers meeting reward, you can purchase book tokens for our vending machine via School Money. If you do purchase one, be sure to let your child's class teacher know so they can take a trip to the library next week to purchase some half term reading! On a separate note, a member of our staff noted a child crossing the road unsafely after school earlier this week. We will do some further road safety work in school but would appreciate it if you reinforced this message at home. Mr Routledge



Wraparound

On Tuesday, Mrs Bell delivered another amazing selection of fresh fruit for school. Children in Out of School Club have access to apples, bananas, oranges, blueberries, strawberries, tinned peaches and pineapple as well as carrot and cucumber batons! This week, children have produced some amazing art work ahead of Valentine's Day. It's brilliant to see children enjoying arts and crafts on a





regular basis as well as the usual favourites of **darts** and the **Nintendo Switch**. Wraparound care runs from 07:30 until 18:00 every day. **Breakfast Club** is £3.50 and includes a huge range of **fruit**, **cereals** and **toast** as well as **pancakes** and **crumpets** on a **Friday**. After School Club is priced at £4 until 16:15, £7 until 17:15 or £9 until 18:00.

Home Learning

Earlier this week, I calculated that the three TTRS competitions that we have carried out this school year have resulted in 912,722 correct answers! This is incredible - especially considering that the competitions





have lasted no more than a couple of weeks in total. We are hugely grateful to everyone at home who has engaged with it so much - it makes a **huge difference**.

Very well done to everyone in Reception, Year One and Year Two who are in the Green Zone on Doodle Maths.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we marked **Safer Internet Day**. In lessons, we encourage our pupils to be actively involved with new technology and the modern world which we live in. In order to protect our children, we try to offer a **comprehensive programme** of education and opportunities for pupils to learn how to protect themselves in school as well as at home. As children spend more **time online** for **learning** and **entertainment**, it's important for



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grown ups at home to reinforce these key messages. Below are some key tips to help keep your child safe online:

Talk About Online Safety – Have **open conversations** with your child about the **internet**, including the importance of **privacy** and **respectful** behaviour.

Set Clear Rules – Establish screen time limits and guidelines for which websites, apps and games they can use.

Use Parental Controls – Many devices and apps offer parental controls to filter content and manage screen time.

Teach Privacy Awareness – Remind children not to share **personal information** like their full **name**, **address**, **school** or **passwords** online.

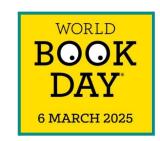
Monitor Online Activity – Keep an eye on the **websites** your child visits and the people they interact with. Encourage them to **tell you** if **something** makes them **uncomfortable**.

Be Social Media Aware – If your child uses social media, ensure their profiles are private and discuss responsible posting.

Encourage Safe Gaming – Online games can be fun but may expose children to risks like cyberbullying. Check game ratings and use parental controls to limit interactions with strangers.

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

Children (and staff!) are invited to wear a **book-themed costume** or **bright clothing** to celebrate **World Book Day**. In school, we will be sharing stories and enjoying **book-themed activities**. All children will come home with a book voucher that can be exchanged for a free WBD book (usually available at **Asda** and **Sainsburys**) or £1 off other titles.



Beach

This week, Reception visited St Mary's Island to do some seal spotting. Children read 'The Seals of St Mary's Island' which was written by a local author who visited school last year. The children were lucky enough to meet two of the characters from the book who happened to be on the island at the time!



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Attendance

It was **encouraging** to see a rise in **attendance** this week following the **sickness bug** which affected all classes over the last two weeks. Well done to **Year Three** who had the **highest** attendance this week - closely followed by **Year Six** and **Year One**. Please support us to ensure everyone is in school, on time, every day.

Reception - 92% Year One - 97.67% Year Two - 95.19% Year Three - 97.86% Year Four - 95% Year Five - 95.86% Year Six - 97.78%

On the Menu Next Week . . .

