

Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter 12/10/26



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached the final week of this half term. With just four days remaining before the break, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on another incredibly busy and successful week at school last week.

Attendance Update

We are delighted to celebrate another fantastic week of attendance across the school, with several year groups achieving exceptional results:

- **F2:** 95.12%
- **Year 1:** 95.6%
- **Year 2:** 98.6% ☆ *Weekly Winners*
- **Year 3:** 91.4%
- **Year 4:** 97.6% 🏆 *3rd Place*
- **Year 5:** 98.1% 🏆 *2nd Place*
- **Year 6:** 97.2%

A huge well done to **Year 2** for once again taking the top spot. Looking at attendance across the whole half term, **Year 5 are currently leading the way**, but Year 2 are close behind, making for an exciting finish this week!

100% Attendance Celebration

This Thursday is our **100% Attendance Giant Sticker Day**. We currently have **125 children on track** to receive a giant sticker, with Year 5 leading the way.

We also have several children whose attendance has been incredibly close to 100% this half term, and they will receive a special award in recognition of their commitment.

If your child has been absent due to illness, please don't worry. Attendance rewards start afresh after half term, giving everyone a fresh opportunity to work towards their next achievement. There are **six giant stickers to earn throughout the year**, and children who achieve all six will receive a very special award from our Governors.

A gentle reminder that holidays cannot be authorised during term time. If you believe exceptional circumstances apply, please contact me in advance so that I can offer advice and discuss any request before arrangements are made.

A Magical Theatre Experience

Last week, all of our children enjoyed a truly magical performance of 'Hay' by the **Lyngo Theatre Company**, in partnership with **Newark Palace Theatre**.

The production cleverly used just **one word throughout the entire show: "Hay!"** If you happened to hear your child enthusiastically repeating it at home, now you know why!

The children were captivated by the story of a scarecrow discovering the wonders of the world for the very first time. It provided a fitting conclusion to the Church's **Season of Creation**, celebrated from September through to early October.

Chaplaincy Team Leads Travelling Rosary

A special congratulations goes to our **Chaplaincy Team**, who led a beautiful **Travelling Rosary** throughout the school last week.

October is traditionally dedicated to **Our Lady of the Rosary**, and the team led each class through this special form of prayer with great reverence and confidence. Children were also invited to spend time reflecting and praying for their own personal intentions.

We are incredibly proud of the way our Chaplaincy Team continues to support and nurture the spiritual life of our school community.

Forest School Adventures

Children in **Year 1 and Year 2** have been enjoying their Forest School enrichment activities over the last week and will take part in their final session this Tuesday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning outdoors and exploring nature through practical and engaging activities.

Next term, it will be the turn of our **Year 3 pupils** to experience Forest School. Further information will be shared with families soon.

Toddler Forest School

Our **Toddler Forest School** sessions continue to grow in popularity and success.

Led by **Laura McCormack**, these sessions are open to all toddlers accompanied by an adult.

When: Every Friday, 9:15am – 11:15am

Cost: £4 per session

Meeting Point: Sconce Park School Gate

We would love to welcome more families along.

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to meeting parents and carers at our upcoming **Parents' Evenings on 13th and 14th October**.

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into the new academic year and to celebrate their progress so far.

Working in partnership with families makes a significant difference to children's learning and success, and we greatly value these opportunities to talk together.

Mary's Meals Assembly

This Thursday, we are delighted to welcome **Mary's Meals** into school for a special assembly.

As a school community, we have supported this wonderful charity on many occasions, and we are looking forward to learning more about their '**Schools Feeding Schools**' Award and how we can continue to support their life-changing work around the world.

Half-Term Arrangements

A reminder that school closes for the half-term holiday on:

- **Thursday 15th October** - Last day for children
- **Friday 16th October** - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Children will return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Thank You

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. Your encouragement, partnership and commitment help make our school such a special place for our children to learn and grow.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead and a restful half-term when it arrives.

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