

Pupils of the Week				
	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	--	Fraizer & Edith	Elsie & Quin	Amalou
Jackdaws	--	Ethan	Alex	Oscar H
Ospreys	--	--	--	--

Dear Parents

As we are now half way through the academic year we will be offering parent consultations for all classes in the week beginning 26th February. Signing up sheets will be in "The Nest" after half term, available appointments will be as follows:

	Monday 26 th February	Tuesday 27 th February	Wednesday 28 th February
Pipits		3.40-5.40	3.40-5.40
Kingfishers	3.40 – 5.40		3.40 – 5.40
Jackdaws	3.50 – 6.30	3.50 – 6.30	
Ospreys	3.50 – 5.00		3.50 – 6.00

ATTENDANCE

I am pleased to say that whole school attendance for the period September – December was 94.4% which is slightly up on the data from September - October half term. This still falls marginally short of our target however so there is further room for improvement. We still have 13 cases of attendance that falls below 90% and while a handful of these are special cases (allowances made for special educational needs such as part-time timetables) this is still quite a high number for such a small school.

Unfortunately we have had an awful lot of bugs going round this half term, so I do have a feeling that the data for September – February may well have dropped again. I will keep you informed once I have analysed the data later on in the month.

MANNERS

Nearly all the teachers in the school have been chatting about some of the ways that we hear children speaking to each other. Every class has an agreement to be kind, helpful and respectful to others but we have all had to have circle times based around kind words, politeness and general courteousness. Some children are becoming quite "bossy" and getting involved in each other's business quite a lot which causes grumbles and arguments. We are trying to explain that while it **is** kind to be helpful to our friends, the **tone and manner** in which we offer this help can sometimes come across in quite a rude and unpleasant manner.

I know that we can all slip up a bit with this but could we please ask that you continue this theme at home: if your child speaks their siblings or yourselves in such a way, could you have a discussion around how their tone comes across. Working together like this will reinforce the expectations for our children and hopefully be conducive to a more pleasant environment for everyone.

HALF WAY

In many ways it seems like we have only just started the new academic year but in others it seems to have dragged! We are all looking forward to half term next week and we will see you all again, fully refreshed, on Monday 19th February.

Lee White
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Diary Dates ... February

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Half Term

Tues 20 th	Pipits Museum & Library Visit – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 20 th	Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm
Wed 21 st –	Jackdaws Residential
Fri 23 rd	PACKED LUNCH Wednesday only
Tues 27 th	Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 29 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)

School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.

More specific details can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event,
this will then display the letter content or additional information

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March	
Tues 5 th	Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day
Thurs 7 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 8th	PTFA bags2school
Tues 12 th	Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 14 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 19 th	Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 21 st	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 26 th	Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 28 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 29th	BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday
Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April	
Spring Break	
MONDAY 15th APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	
April	
Mon 15th	Non-pupil day – Staff training
Tues 16th	Summer term begins for pupils
Thurs 25 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
May	
Thurs 2 nd	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 6th	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 9 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	Y6 SATS
Thurs 16 th	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 23 rd	Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	
Half Term	
June	
Thurs 13 th	Class Photographs (morning)
Thurs 13 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Wed 19 th	Y5-Y6 Residential – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 20 th	Y5-Y6 Residential
Thurs 20 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 21 st	Y5-Y6 Residential
Thurs 27 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)

July	
Mon 1st	PTFA Whole School & Nursery Annual Trip – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 4 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Thurs 11 th	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Tues 23 rd	Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 24th	Non-pupil day - Staff Training
<p style="text-align: center;">24th July start of Summer Holidays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pupils return on Thursday 5th September 2024 – Autumn Term</p>	