



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was good to see so many children enjoying themselves at the PTFA disco yesterday evening. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.

Please could all parents try their best to make their pick-up arrangements clear with their children before school starts. Often, the office staff are overwhelmed with messages for children about changes. Obviously, some alterations cannot be helped, but if everyone could try to plan carefully, we would be grateful.

Our Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday morning was quite well attended and we have another meeting next Wednesday at 9 am. These meetings enable us to tell you what we are working on and give you the opportunity to voice your opinions and needs. We really appreciate parents attending and are open to your feedback.

If you have a child or know of one that is due to start in Foundation in September 2025 please see the attached leaflet.

Year 2

In science, we have been learning about materials and have been investigating their properties and how to select the best material for the job! We build bridges from a range of materials and tested their strength and durability by measuring how much weight they could hold.



Children in Need

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

It's coming up for that time of year again - Children in Need!

This year's theme is 'Challenge Yourself!'

The RRS children have come up with some fantastic ideas to fund raise this year.

We are going to challenge ourselves at school by taking part in some dance challenges in class. Dance offs, follow the leader and creating our own dance routines.

We will also be holding a drawing competition. We would like you to draw a picture of yourself doing something challenging or where you are challenging yourself. It will cost a £1 donation to enter. One drawing per year group will be chosen and the winner will receive a small prize. Please put your name and class name on the back of your drawing. Please give your class teacher your drawing entry and your £1 donation by Friday 15th November. The winners will be chosen on Friday 22nd November.

We would also like you to wear something spotty for Children in Need day. This could be as much or as little as you like.

We are looking forward to raising lots of money for a fantastic charity.

PTFA

Look out for the Bags2School bags coming home today, great for if you are having a clear out over half term. Please bring your full bags to school on Thursday, 14th November 2024. You can include:

- * Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- * Handbags
- * Hats
- * Bags
- * Scarves and ties
- * Jewellery
- * Lingerie
- * Socks
- * Belts
- * Soft toys
- * Household linen
- * Household curtains
- * Household towels
- * Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

The PTFA are looking for donations of pre-loved Lego and Duplo for outdoor Lego play areas around school playgrounds. Please drop donations off at the school office.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or find out more please find us on Facebook and send us a message on Facebook messenger.

Forest School Lunchtimes

Date	Class
14 th November	Poplar
21 st November	Horse Chestnut
28 th November	Oak

Poplar class will be going next week. Children in this class will need to bring appropriate clothing to change into. They will also need a packed lunch. For children in receipt of free school meals or any children who would like to buy one, these can be provided by the school kitchen. If you would like a school packed lunch,

please tell your child's teacher no later than Monday.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. Unfortunately, one area in which some children are missing large parts of their education is through unauthorised holidays. Parents who decide to take their children on unauthorised holiday for five days or more will receive a penalty notice. Parents telling the school that their child is ill, then posting pictures on the beach online, or children telling us they have been to Greece, will be considered an unauthorised holiday. This link explains penalty notices for parents: [School absence penalty notices – Education and Families](#)

The attendance this week can be seen below. Well done to Cedar class for having the best attendance in the school this week.

Acorn	93%	Cherry	95%	Conker	94%
Cedar	91%	Cypress	92%		
Elm	96%	Elder	95%		
Holly	96%	Hawthorn	94%		
Pine	95%	Poplar	98%		
Oak	97%	Horse Chestnut	93%		
		Whole School	94.8%		

Celebration Assembly, Friday 25th October 2024

Congratulations to our
CARE Champions

Acorn	Evelyn	Cherry	Ella	Conker	Emily
Cedar		Grace W	Cypress	Gracie - Mae	
Elm		Albie	Elder	Rufus	
Holly		Skylark	Hawthorn	Bao	
Pine		Georgia	Poplar	Teddy W	
Oak		Maira & Ruby	Horse Chestnut	Mia	



Star Class - Hawthorn

Yours sincerely

Gareth Howells
Headteacher

Attachments: KOOSC - AGM Poster
SEND Poster x 2
PTFA - Lego poster
September 2025 starter leaflet

Dates for your Diary – 2024/25

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Thursday	14th November	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Friday	15th November	Year 5	Space Dome
Monday – Friday	18th – 22nd November	Whole School	Parents Evening
Monday	2nd December	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday	12th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	13th December	PTFA	Christmas Raffle
Monday	16th December	KS1	Christmas Performance
Tuesday	17th December	KS1	Christmas Performance
Wednesday	18th December	KS2	Christmas Performance
Friday	20th December	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	6th January	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday - Friday	10th – 14th February	Year 6	Residential
Monday - Friday	17th – 21st February	Whole School	Half Term
Wednesday	26th February	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Monday – Friday	3rd – 7th March	Whole School	Parents Evening
Friday	21st March	Whole School	Non-Pupil Day
Friday	4th April	Whole School	End of Term
Tuesday	22nd April	Whole School	Start of Term
Wednesday - Friday	7th to 9th May	Year 4	Residential
Monday – Thursday	12th -15th May	Year 6	Year 6 SATS
Monday - Friday	26th – 30th May	Whole School	Half Term
Monday - Friday	2nd June – 6th June	Year 6	Bikeability
Thursday	12th June	Whole School	PTFA Bags2School
Monday – Friday	2nd – 13th June	Year 4	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Friday	4th July	Whole School	Sports Day
Friday	11th July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day
Monday	14th July	Whole School	Reports Home
Friday	18th July	Whole School	End of Term

Dates for your Diary – 2025/26

DAY/S	DATE/S	Class	Event
Thursday	4th September	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday – Friday	27th – 31st October	Whole School	Half Term
Friday	19th December	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	5th January	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday – Friday	16th -20th February	Whole School	Half Term
Thursday	2nd April	Whole School	End of Term
Monday	20th April	Whole School	Start of Term
Monday	4th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday
Monday - Friday	25th -29th May	Whole School	Half Term
Friday	17th July	Whole School	End of Term