



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a pleasant break and, as this is the first newsletter of 2026, wish you all a Happy New Year.

We have had lots going on already this term. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parent Drop Ins. Don't forget, Y5&6 are hosting one at drop off tomorrow 8:45am and the Reception Drop In is on Thursday at 2:45pm. If you have a child in Nursery, you have been invited to select a stay and play session.

In the first week back, Y5&6 started their new topic on Ancient Greeks with an immersion day where pupils dressed up and learned about life in Ancient Greece. You can see photographs from the day on our website here: [Y5/6 Ancient Greek Day](#).

Last week, it was the turn of Y1&2 who took part in a Pirate Day. This will be used in our writing topics this term. Again, photographs from this event are on our website: [Y1/2 Pirate Day](#). Thank you for all of your hard work sourcing or making costumes. I know lots of our learners love the opportunity to dress up.

Sadly, our Young Voices event, where over 30 learners were ready to perform with thousands of other singers at Birmingham NEC was postponed due to the inclement weather. However, this has now been rescheduled for the end of February.

Finally, we have Parent Consultations coming up for Reception to Y6 parents. We hope you will be able to attend and meet with your child's teacher. Information about how to do so can be found here: [Parent Consultations](#). We will once again be running our book fair in the library during the evening, so please do stop by if you are able to.

Upcoming Diary Dates



Click [here](#) to go to our website and see all of the exciting upcoming events we have planned.

[SCHOOL TERM DATES](#)

Class/Whole School Letters



Click [here](#) to see all of the letters we send home to parents/carers. The only ones not published are for competitions, where there are only a few letters sent.



National Year of
Reading 2026

2026 is the National Year of Reading!

You can find out more about this at <https://goallin.org.uk/>.

Watch out for some great events happening at school to celebrate this initiative throughout 2026. We're hoping to get not just our learners reading more but encouraging adults to get stuck in too. Reading is great for good mental health.

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

Awards and Activities from Juniper Education

Hopefully you should have all received an email from Juniper Education inviting you to create an account for the updated version of MarvellousMe. We are using this alongside MarvellousMe but once everyone is registered, MM will stop. We will inform you well in advance of this happening.

Mrs Smith has been ringing parents last week who have yet to register for this and to check emails. If you haven't received an email or phone call please ring Mrs Smith and she will try to help you.

Hopefully this system will be a lot better once we're fully up and running.

Attendance

Well done to almost 100 learners that managed to achieve 100% attendance last term! The Headteacher Reward was a hot sausage roll. Remember the slate is wiped clean again this term so anyone who attends every day can earn their Spring reward. Good luck!

Playground Safety

Please remember to keep children away from the playing field/ gates / this side of the playground at home time. It is mainly little ones waiting for siblings to come out but we have had several lately coming across to the field, or children coming over when they come out of school - this has happened when cars are still about. I understand the attraction of the grass but it is a worry with the taxis.

Keeping Children Safe Online

The Children's Commissioner recently ran a survey of young people around their online lives. In response, a useful resource for supporting conversations with your child on this topic can be found here:

[What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#)

Parent Survey Topics - Behaviour

In response to our Autumn Survey, I promised to discuss a couple of areas in more detail in subsequent newsletters.

It is important to remember that our learners are not fully fledged adults and that they, like all children, will sometimes get things wrong and make the wrong choices. School is about learning and it is important that we apply that, not just to academic learning but to emotional and social learning too. Mistakes happen, we just need to learn from them. We are proactive in teaching our learners to recognise their emotions, take responsibility for their actions and to empathise. Whilst we have a range of rewards in place to encourage good choices, ultimately we want our learners to find the motivation within themselves to want to be kind, respectful and considerate of others. Parents/Carers and school have an equal part to play in this.

Our expectations in school are based around 3 key rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. When things go wrong, there are consequences just as there are in life. You can find out more about these in our [Behaviour Policy](#).

Overwhelmingly, we know that our learners are polite and well mannered and are always complimented about this when we have visitors in school or attend a trip.

ACHIEVEMENTS

6 pupils battled in minus temperatures on Sunday 4th January at Earlham Park, Norwich. They were competing in the Norfolk Cross Country Championships (U11's). All ran exceptionally well, despite the cold, and represented the school magnificently! Well done Darcy (3/4LM), Reuben (3/4SR), Dylan (3/4LM), William (5/6MH), Noah (5/6KB), and Sidney (5/6KB).



Headteacher Awards



Y5/6 - Daniel M, Darcie B, William W, Isla N
Oakley P, Harry B
Y3/4 - Ruby-Mae M, Ruby Mai A
Y1/2 - Rufus F, Primrose-Belle S, Harper K,
Lilah J, Maisie G, Amelie M
EYFS - Sophia H, George, Thomas F, Ava H
SRB - Aliah, Georgia, Leo

Growth Mindset Awards



Y5/6 - Leo K, Kallie SA, Timmy-Richard B
Antoni, Noah A, Bella R, Aubree M, Lenny K
Y3/4 - Fearne H, Fearne H
Y1/2 - Adam Z, Colby R, Jaxxon-James C,
Sid G, Olivia W, Aaron F
EYFS - Arlo O, Freyja N
SRB - Terri, Arlo, Aliah

Doodle Maths Champions

Class Leader Board - Well done for keeping in the green zone and earning your stars!

1st - 1/2 KR
2nd - 1/2 AO
3rd - 3/4 SR

Well done to Dilan B and Massimo W for keeping their 1000 day streak!

TT Rock Stars Leaderboard (Accuracy)

1st - Freya C 3/4 LM
2nd - Owen F 3/4 SR
3rd - Klaudija S 5/6 KB



Times Table Badge Winners

[Find our how to earn a badge here.](#)

Platinum - Millie, Oliver G, Alana-Isla

Gold - Dawson T, Poppy B, Ethan R, Emily C, Reuben B, George G, Arlo, Oscar W
Darcie B

Silver - Dylan W, Mikey, Sofia, Sam, Cody, Florence D, Marnie, Mia, Edward P, Isabelle B, Dylan W, Maisie, Seb H, Oliver B, Bailey M

Bronze - Owen, Aria, Daisy, Paisley, Oscar, Seth, Pippa J, Ella L, Chase B

Reading Badges



We are a reading school! We know how important reading is to our learners' academic development and life chances. Reading really does permeate every subject and also supports good mental health and wellbeing.

Nur - Evie

Recp - Harper, Jake, Ben, Arlo

Y1 - Elsie A, Aaron F, Paisley K

Y2 -

Y3 - Alessio W

Y4 - Lucas H, Esme E

Y5 - Momo B, Charlie S

Y6 - Antoni N

So far we have awarded 63 badges. Last year we awarded 243 badges, equalling the previous year's total! Let's see if we can smash that total this year and get everyone reading. There are some great [recommended reading books on our website](#) to help your child get hooked and keep on reading I wonder who will be the first to earn their badge?

Weekly Reading Raffle Winners

Y1/2 - Lily V, Rosie G, Grace G, Mia B

Y3/4 -

Y5/6 - Charlie S, DJ H, Momo

EYFS - Ayda, Jake