



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter. It is lovely to see the lighter mornings and signs of Spring appearing. The children have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm, diving straight back into their learning.

This month is incredibly busy, World Book Day celebrations this week and lots of trips and workshops planned for this term.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring our school remains a supportive, thriving community.

Best wishes, Mrs Mark- Richards & Mrs Webb



Key Dates March:

Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd and 4th March: Year 3 Roman Workshop

Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd and 4th March: Year 4 trip to Gilbert White's House

Wednesday 4th: Year 5 Winchester Science Workshop

Wednesday 4th: Year 3 and 4 PJ Night

Thursday 5th: World Book Day (See info below for this)

Friday 6th: Year 5 trip to Hampton Court

Friday 6th: Year 5 and 6 coffee morning in the library

Monday 9th: Community Nurse in (see Mrs Embleton-Horner if you would like an appointment)

Tuesday 10th: Year 5 Winchester Science Workshop

Week Commencing 16th March: Year 6 Mock SATs

Wednesday 18th: Year 4 Times Table Workshop—for parents

Thursday 19th: Talavera Treat (selected pupils)

Thursday 19th: Year 4 attending RAPTIC Parade

Friday 20th: Year 5 and 6 Disco (raising funds for year 6 residential)

Tuesday 24th: Year 5 Healthy Me sessions

Thursday 26th: Break the rules and Ice Pop sale (raising funds for year 6 residential)

Thursday 26th: Last Day of term (school finishes at 3.20pm)

Friday 27th: Inset Day (school closed for children)

Attendance

Every day at school really counts. One school day is around **6 hours** - that's 360 minutes of learning, friendships and routines. Missing just one week over the year adds up to over **30 hours of learning lost**, which can have a significant impact on your child's progress. Please talk to us anytime about attendance concerns. We're here to help and support your child.

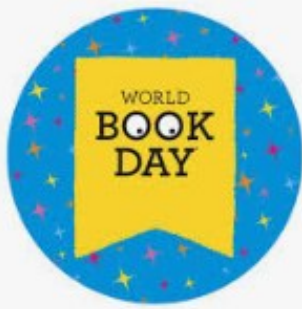
We will be working closely with you to ensure your child's attendance is above 97% as a minimum. This gives your child the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We use the following NHS guidance to advise you on when your child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns as we want to work with you. We know that odd days off school can have significant impact on a child's outcomes.



World Book Day— Thursday 5th March



As part of World Book Day, and in conjunction with the National Year of Reading, we have several reading events planned. The **National Year of Reading 2026** is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to combat declining reading habits by making reading enjoyable and relevant for all ages, encouraging people to "Go All In" with reading linked to their passions like music, films, or cooking.

Events coming up later this term:

- **Library open evening**
- **Reading coffee morning** for years 5 and 6 on Friday 6th March



- **PJs, hot choc and a bedtime story** for years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 4th March

• **READATHON**

- **World Book Day -dress**



Cycling and Scooting to School—Reminder

Please note that, if your child wants to cycle or scoot to school, we encourage this. However, they must ensure they are wearing a helmet and cannot cycle or scoot on school grounds.

Please come to the school office to get a **cycling/ scooting permit and sticker for your bike**. These will be signed by Mrs Mark-Richards and Mrs Webb.

Thank you for your continued support.



Online Safety Update

For Parents - Tips for Raising Digitally Resilient Children

Every parent knows how difficult it is to monitor their children whilst they're online. It can be difficult asking children what they're seeing, their motives, healthy screen habits and more.

Written by a clinical psychologists, BBC Bitesize have released some new advice and support for parents.

It gives practical advice on how to talk to your child, routines about phone use and how to support children to question what they view online. The advice refers to teenagers but these tips should be put in place now to help navigate the complex online world.

Scan the QR Code to view the information.

