

Dear parents,

Learning

Walking the Talk

This week, I had the pleasure of conducting learning walks across every classroom. The focus was on behaviour and the learning environment, and I am thrilled to share the progress we've made. Classrooms are calm, purposeful spaces that are child-centred and free from overstimulation. Displays are thoughtfully designed to support our vision rather than distract from it. Behaviour across the school is exceptional—children are engaged, focused, and eager to learn. It was inspiring to see such dedication from both children and staff.

Attendance Matters

Attendance is vital for every child's success. Our current attendance stands at an impressive 96.7%, and we thank you for your continued efforts in making this happen. Children who arrive feeling under the weather often tend to perk up after a little time in school. If your child has had Calpol before coming in, please let the adults at the gate know so we can monitor them closely. If a child does not improve, we will always send them home. Working together ensures every child gets the best start to their day.

Caring

A Warm Welcome

Last week's Reception Open Afternoon was a huge success! We welcomed a record number of parents hoping to secure a place for their child in September 2026. With three sets of twins among the visitors and 40 enquiries compared to 27 last year, this is a fantastic step towards returning to seven classes, as our school should be. While this doesn't guarantee a full class yet, it's a positive sign. Thank you for your support and positivity—many parents are booking tours based on your recommendations, which speaks volumes about our community spirit.

Your Voice Matters

A big thank you to all parents who attended the recent Parent Forum. Your contributions were invaluable, and we have some clear actions to take forward. Please look out for the minutes when they are sent out and take a moment to read them. We truly value your voice and the role you play in shaping our school's future.

Wishing Mrs Boulton Well

We wanted to let you know that Mrs Boulton has been unwell but will be returning to school in the new year. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back in the new year. In the meantime, Mrs Van will be supporting Rowan Class to ensure continuity for the children. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Achieving

Cricket Champions

Congratulations to all the children who represented our school at last week's cricket festival. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship were outstanding. A special thank you to Mrs Greatrex-Smith, who spent the entire day supporting the children—you made it possible for them to shine!

Assessment Week Success

This week, children have completed assessments in Reading and Maths, and their Writing has also been reviewed. These assessments help us understand progress and plan next steps. Please continue to support your child by encouraging regular reading, practising spellings, and revising times tables at home. A huge thank you to our teachers for their hard work and dedication in preparing the children so well.

Together

Festive Fun

Today's FSS Secret's Room was a wonderful event, filled with excitement and festive cheer. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and gave up their time to help—it truly makes a difference. The countdown to Christmas is on, and events like this add to the magic. We also look forward to seeing children in Years 4, 5, and 6 at the Swim Party on Sunday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. A big thank you to the FSS for their tireless efforts in making these moments special. Please take a look at the attached flyer for a reminder of key dates that has already been sent out. We won't be flooding email inboxes so please add the dates to your calendars!

Thinking Green

Last week, Sycamore Class welcomed Sustainable Sherston for their annual recycling workshop. The children learned about reducing waste, reusing materials, and the importance of protecting our planet. Activities were hands-on and engaging, sparking great conversations about sustainability. It's fantastic to see our children thinking about the bigger picture and how they can make a difference.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers