



Friday 12 September 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

After the excitement of the first week back, the children have settled into school life brilliantly. We are delighted to see such positive behaviour and attitudes across all year groups. It is wonderful to watch how quickly the children have adjusted to their routines and taken on their new responsibilities with maturity. This week, we announced our new School Council representatives, congratulations to those children on their new positions! I am sure will do a fantastic job of being the voice of the children. They have shown great respect and kindness towards one another, setting a brilliant example for our school community.

In the classroom, children are engaged and enthusiastic, embracing their learning with energy and curiosity. We are very proud of them! It's also lovely to see everyone looking so smart in their school uniforms. A gentle reminder that children should wear black school shoes (not ankle boots) and that all items of uniform should be clearly named, we already have a small number of unnamed jumpers in lost property. Earrings, including clear plastic studs, are not allowed in school for safety reasons. Please ensure that children come to school prepared each day, bringing everything they need with them, including reading books and their new reusable water bottles. PE kits should already be in school and remain here, as they may be needed on additional days beyond the usual timetable.

Parent tours for children starting school in September 2026 begin next month. If you have a child who is due to start next September, or know someone who does, please contact the school office to book a place on one of our tours.

Reading Matters! We are thrilled to see children are reading at home, thank you for your ongoing support. Reading is one of the most important skills children develop, as it not only builds vocabulary and comprehension but also sparks imagination and opens up a world of learning opportunities. A huge well done to Year 5 and Year 6, every child in these classes has read at least four times this week! The children are clearly proud of their achievements, with many telling us they have read even more than five times. Fantastic work! We look forward to sharing more about our Reading OWL initiative with you at our Parent Welcome Meetings.

Parking and Safety; We kindly ask for your support in keeping drop-off and pick-up times safe and smooth for everyone. Please park safely and considerately, avoiding double parking or blocking driveways, as this creates congestion and can put pedestrians, especially our children, at risk. Parking in no-parking zones may block fire lanes and emergency access points. Please be mindful of our neighbours by keeping entrances clear and using the designated parking areas, such as the Village Hall, whenever possible. Following these guidelines helps us keep our school community safe and respectful for all. Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support.

It is wonderful to see our children enjoying their clubs and taking part with such enthusiasm. Clubs are a fantastic way for children to develop new skills, build confidence, and make new friends. If your child is interested in joining, please let us know as we still have spaces available.

To mark this week's childcare expansion milestone, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has written to parents reaffirming his Plan for Change promise to give children the best possible start with 75% of five-year-olds reaching a good level of development by 2028. Visit the [Education Hub](#) to read the Prime Minister's letter to parents.

Wishing you all a very safe weekend.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 16 September – Reception Parent Welcome meeting

Wednesday 17 September – Year 2, 3, & 4 Parent Welcome meeting

Thursday 18 September - Year 1, 5 & 6 Parent Welcome meeting

Friday 19 September – Year 4 start Forest School

Thursday 2 October – Individual & sibling photographs

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change. Apologies if this does happen.



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	93.8%	100%	99.6%	90.8%	94.6%	93%	91.3%	94.4%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Year 2	Year 4



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	96.9%	100%	99.6%	93.1%	92.3%	93%	93.8%	95.1%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Year 2	Reception



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Albie	Santino	Elsie	Alicia	Ryder	Gracie	Scarlett



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

We would like to recognise Teddy in Year 1 for showing great consideration and kindness towards both children and staff. He has been an excellent role model, consistently demonstrating our school values – well done, Teddy!



Important reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school, please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school. Thank you



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Year 1	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	2 (13%)		10 (66%)	66%
Year 2		1 (4%)	2 (9%)	3 (13%)	2 (9%)	15 (65%)	74%
Year 3	6 (29%)	2 (8%)	4 (17%)	1 (4%)	5 (21%)	5 (21%)	42%
Year 4		5(19%)	2(8%)	2(8%)	3(11%)	14(54%)	65%
Year 5			1 (5%)		3 (15%)	16 (80%)	95%
Year 6			2 (7%)	1 (4%)	11 (41%)	13 (48%)	89%
Well done to Year 5 and 6 and to those children that have read 4 times or more this week!							



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