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Ending Spring 2 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Once again, we have had a wonderful half term with many learning experiences shared and celebrated!

Year 4 complete their Swimming lessons

It has been fantastic to see so many children grow in confidence in the water, developing important swimming skills along the way. Watching their progress and enthusiasm has been a real highlight of the term, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done to all our Year 4 swimmers!

World Book Day and sponsored read

During the second half of our spring term, we enjoyed a gorgeous World Book Day which saw some amazing costumes and engagement in reading! We also hosted our very first sponsored read event and raised an enormous £1494!! Thank you so much for everyone's support and engagement with this - it will go a long way in helping us to buy new books for our library!

Spring expeditions

Our Spring expeditions have come to an end and they have honestly been amazing. We have had so much learning about how plants grow from EYFS and what living things need in order to stay alive from KS1. Further up school they have been learning about people from the past who have had to fight for their rights, such as Rosa Parks and they can't wait to share their notebook with parents and carers. Year 3 and 4 have also been busy getting their diary ready for their Presentation of learning.

On top of that we have recently celebrated science week where the children have been inspired and have loved doing numerous different science experiments! What a fabulous (and busy) half term.

Year 6 SATs prep continues

Year 6 have continued working hard in the run up to SATs with a specific focus on arithmetic. This half term has seen them participate in fluid arithmetic groupings to offer more targeted teaching to support their calculation skills. The children have also completed their assessments which were completed exactly as SATs week will be. They have shown lots of positive progress which we will continue to develop moving into the summer term.

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Crew Council

Our Crew Councillors have had the privilege of working closely with Thorne and Moorends Council whilst the work in the park was taking place! They visited the construction site at an early stage and engaged with the construction team. They viewed operational machinery and interacted in discussions about the development. The children were even lucky enough to have their photographs taken on the diggers!

This then resulted in all of our KS1 and KS2 children visiting the park for the grand opening! Our year 2 children had the privilege of being the first children to play in the new park! It was a magical morning - check out the blog to see many posts about our morning in the park!

Digital Leaders

As the spring term comes to an end, it has been another productive one for the Digital Leaders. Not only are they helpful around their own classrooms, they have done a tremendous job helping to capture events that are going on around school. They have been involved in taking photographs and videos for coffee mornings, the reading afternoon and even helping out for World Book Day. Without their help getting hundreds of different photographs, we wouldn't have been able to see all of the amazing outfits on display! We look forward to carrying on the good work heading into the summer!

Wizard of Oz

We have had a fabulous Spring term with all the children involved in the Wizard of Oz production. They have been learning their lines, singing their hearts out and dancing in each of the clubs they have attended. We really do have some superstars in our midst and we can't wait for the summer term to 'practice practice practice' ahead of the production at the end of the school year.

Did you see them perform at our spring fayre on the last day? It was their first public performance and they were absolutely wonderful!

Awesome attendance

Over 200 children achieved 100% attendance for the Spring term—an incredible improvement from the Autumn term, when just over 100 reached this milestone. WOW!

Our school's overall attendance has also increased from 94.41% to 95.38% this term. This progress is a testament to your support in ensuring children attend school regularly.

Thank you!

The first day and week of term play a crucial role in helping pupils settle into school routines. Children who attend every day during the first week are more likely to maintain strong attendance throughout the year. They also adjust more easily to any changes and engage better with learning.

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We appreciate your support in making sure your child returns to school on the first day of term. Let's continue working together to support excellent attendance and learning!

Improving Attendance with Crew Kitty!

We are always looking for ways to improve attendance, which is currently below our 96% target. One of our key initiatives is **Crew Kitty!**

Here's how it works:

- If your child's crew achieves **100% attendance for a week**, they earn Crew Kitty.
- Each consecutive week with **100% attendance** adds more to their total.
- At the end of the term, crews can **spend their Crew Kitty** at the Attendance Shop.

This encourages teamwork and rewards excellent attendance. Let's continue to work together to hit our goal!

School photographs

A message from Tempest:

Dear Parents,

*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 16th April**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks.

Finally, we would like to wish you a wonderful two week break! We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 14th April!

Kind regards

Kelly Overson