



Dear Parents,

### School Communications

Please note that we no longer use Parent App for school communications. All messages should be sent via Seesaw,

### Children's Centre SWAN Session

We will be holding our next SWAN session on Monday 3rd March at 1.30pm until 2.30pm. Our guest speaker this month will be Mrs Higgott, who will be available to talk to about communication difficulties and the use of SignAlong. Please see attached flyers or contact us on 0151 233 4001 for more information.

### New Playground Equipment

Our children have had great fun this week on the new slide on the playground. A huge thank you to Mr Butler and Mr Evans for their amazing work.

We would like to remind you that staff are not available to supervise children on the playground after school hours. Therefore, we kindly ask that parents and guardians supervise their children during this time to ensure their safety.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. By working together, we can ensure that our children have a safe and enjoyable experience on the playground.

**If equipment has a barrier around it please do not allow your child to play on it**

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Playtime Safety and Comfort

Through our Opal programme, we are constantly developing new ways to enhance playtime. Our top priority is always the safety and comfort of our children. We would like to share a suggestion that may improve their playground experience.

Many of our students enjoy playing on the bars and slides, which are excellent for developing physical skills and having fun. However, we have noticed that girls who wear skirts might feel more comfortable and secure if they have a pair of shorts to wear underneath. This simple addition can help them move freely and confidently without any concerns about their clothing.

By providing a pair of shorts for your child to wear under their skirt, you can ensure they fully enjoy all the playground activities. This small step can make a big difference in their playtime experience, allowing them to focus on having fun and staying active.

### School Footwear

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and effective learning environment, we would like to remind you that all students are required to wear proper school shoes while at school. Shoes must be black and unbranded. Children are allowed to bring trainers into school to change into for playtime or on PE days. Again, we ask for these to be unbranded.



# Attendance

## Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your child is on time for school each day, so that they can benefit from a full day's education.

A reminder that holidays during school time are not authorised whatever the circumstances and a local authority fine will be issued. If you do take your child on holiday, please inform us before you go as it could become a safeguarding issue if we cannot contact you.

Please report any absences before 9.00am via Seesaw or telephone call. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school and especially around lateness please contact Mrs Kelly.

If you are taking your child out of school during the school day, you must show a letter/email/appointment card. Please do your best to make appointments outside of school hours.

## Absence Reporting - Seesaw

When reporting an absence please make sure you select both the 'Absence Reporting' and 'School Office' options as well as your class teacher.

This will ensure the right staff are receiving the information needed and you are not being contacted unnecessarily.

If you are sharing information regarding collection of a child or appointments they may have, please make sure you select the 'School Office' option as well as your class teacher. Thank you!

## Supervision After School Hours

We would like to remind you of our after-school supervision policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Please be aware that there is no supervision available for children after the end of the school day. It is important that all children are picked up promptly at the end of their school day.

For safety reasons, any child who is not collected by 3:45 PM will be placed in our Night Owls provision. This ensures that all children are supervised in a safe environment until they can be picked up. Please note that there is a £10 charge for this service, which will be billed to parents.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all children are picked up on time and that our school remains a safe and secure place for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



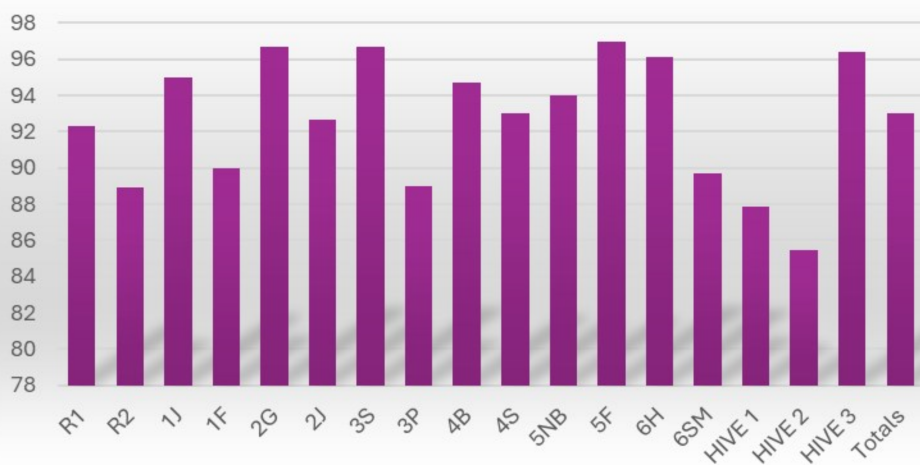
Good school attendance supports children to feel confident and happy about school and learning

As a parent you can support your child to enjoy school life to the full by ensuring they **attend school EVERY day and also arrive on time.**



**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

Attendance W/B 24th February 2025



# Prayer and Liturgy

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today Jesus talks about how we have all done things that are wrong. Instead of picking on the tiny mistakes of others, we should change the things that are not so good about our own behaviour. Let's think a bit more about this.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

And Jesus told them this parable: "One blind man cannot lead another one; if he does, both will fall into a ditch. No pupil is greater than his teacher; but every pupil, when he has completed his training, will be like his teacher.

"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Please, brother, let me take that speck out of your eye,' yet cannot even see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

"A healthy tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a poor tree bear good fruit. Every tree is known by the fruit it bears; you do not pick figs from thorn bushes or gather grapes from bramble bushes. A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart; a bad person brings bad out of his treasure of bad things. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Jesus is talking to the disciples – he talks about seeing a tiny speck of dust in someone else's eye, but not seeing the great wooden log in our own. Can anyone guess what Jesus means here?

Jesus is saying it is much easier to notice the mistakes that others make, than it is to realise when we have made a mistake or done something wrong ourselves.

What does Jesus tell the disciples they must do?

He says they must take the log out of their own eye before they can take the speck out of someone else's. He is saying we must change the way we act before we can expect anyone else to change.

If we cannot be good and do what is right, how can we ask other people to do the same?

Think quietly for a moment about something you might have done wrong. How could you change that? Could you share more? Be kinder or more helpful to others? Could you stop teasing a brother, sister or friend? Could you keep your room tidy? Or switch off lights when they're not needed? It's not always easy to change the way we act but perhaps we can all try this week.

Who do you think can help us to make this change?

God can help us. If we let him, God will fill our hearts with goodness and love, hope, courage and generosity.

Filled with these things we will not be able to stop ourselves from wanting to share them with others.

Jesus says in today's reading that good people have a store of goodness in their heart. That the words someone says come from what is in their heart.

So if we let God fill our hearts with goodness and love, we will be able to speak words that share that goodness and love with others.

This year is a special Jubilee Year and we are called to be "Pilgrims of Hope". There are all kinds of problems in our world, like poverty and hunger and climate change, but through our actions and the way we speak to others we can share hope as we all work together for a better world.

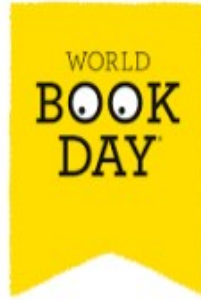
How will you use the store of goodness in your heart? How will you speak out and make changes to be the best person you can be and make the world a better place for others?

Generous God,  
lead us to be the people you know we can be.  
Fill us with hope, courage and goodness.  
Help us to make a change so that the world  
may be a better place for all people.  
Amen.





Celebrating with



Dear Parents,

On Thursday 6th March 2025, we will be celebrating World Book Day. As this coincides with the launch of Science week, we will be asking children to dress as a scientific word.

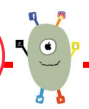
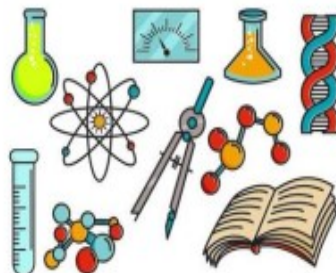
This can be in the form of any Science system. Children may want to dress up as a particular animal, season, weather type or scientist. There will be a competition for the best technical vocabulary so, for example, if a child dressed as a butterfly, their word could be lepidoptera, or a child dressing as a different character, their word could be phenotypic.

We will be holding a vocabulary parade throughout the day and children will be taking part in a variety of experiments that link to books and Science.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

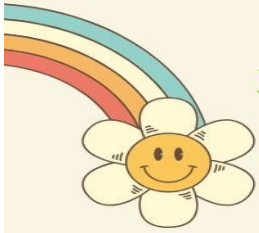
Thank you

Mrs Best





# SWAN



Join us for a supported play session for babies and children who have special needs, a physical or learning disability.



Explore new play opportunities, meet new families and discover the services and benefits that are available to your child, you and the family.

## 1st Monday of the Month



Monthly guest speakers from external agencies who can answer any questions, discuss concerns you may have.



Has your child got communication difficulties?

Come along to a signalong workshop to find out ways to help them communicate their needs.

Signalong is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British sign language and is used in spoken word order. It uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and voice tone to reference the link between sign and word.

If you are interested in attending a 1-hour workshop, contact the school office on 0151 263 9561 where more information will be given.





## Stars of The Week



Noah - Oak Room - for showing lots of confidence  
Maggie - Oak Room - for writing her name independently



Callum - R1 - for having an excellent attitude to learning and showing determination to succeed

Grace - R1 - for working exceptionally hard on her phonics skills

Kobimsiyochukwu - R2 - for lovely manners to members of staff throughout the school!

Annie - R2 - for amazing cleaning skills and super listening!

Delilah - 1J - for always giving 100 percent in all she does

Riveria - 1J - for an excellent effort with her writing.

Harrison - 1J - for excellent effort in phonics

Freya - 1F - for always being so polite

Cody - 1F - for trying really hard in phonics



Elias - 2G - for making good choices

Generro - 2G - for super adjectives!



Charlie R - 3S - for a fantastic piece of art creating a cave painting using relief printing

Penelope - 3S - for a fantastic piece of art creating a cave painting using relief printing

Nicholas - 3P - for a fantastic piece of art creating a cave painting using relief printing

Abdul - 3P - for a fantastic piece of art creating a cave painting using relief printing

Darcy L - 5F - for working really hard and getting into school early this week.

Lewis - 5F - excellent listening and earning 20 dojos!

Francis - Firefly Class - for following instructions and working hard

Ana - Butterfly Class - for her wonderful writing

