



February 2025

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Re: Parent Letter February 2025

Your support during the first half term of the new academic year has been much appreciated. It really has been a positive seven weeks with the pupils- new January starters in Nursery; Stay & Pray/Family masses organised and well attended; sporting success; movie afternoon for the winning house team and pupil leadership developing even further. Wonderful to see!

It is with your partnership with school and the parish community that allows this to happen- thank you so much for your continued support.

The calendar on our website is regularly updated with dates of activities that are taking place. Please ensure you check the website and the letter you received in September regarding key events to support your planning next half term and indeed for the rest of the academic year.

A reminder that school finishes today Thursday 20th February at the normal time of 3.10pm and pupils return Monday 3rd March. Gates open at 8.30am to allow the pupils to be prompt and ready to start work at 8.50am.

School is closed to pupils tomorrow 21st February-training day.

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Please see the notice below regarding leave of absence.

[LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

Amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

[Please do not book your holiday during term time or until you have requested authorisation. NPCAT is monitoring the attendance alongside the school. Please ensure your child is in school every day and punctual. Gates close at 8.50am.](#)

Important reminders:

Please be aware of the apps your children are accessing on iPads or mobile phones, especially as we now enter the half term holiday. In school, during lessons and in particular Safer Internet Day, which was held on February 11th, the pupils are constantly made aware of the importance of online safety. Together, we can make sure your child is aware of all the dangers regarding online activity in this ever-changing world of technology.

You may recall I mentioned the amendments to our behaviour system in my previous letter to parents. It is based on assertive discipline and positive recognition and goes hand in hand with our Culture of Excellence. Our expectations are simply: 'Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful' and I have to say the pupils are displaying these qualities and are enjoying the rewards. Please encourage your child to remember our expectations and standards, especially when out in the playgrounds playing together.

The winning house team this half term was St Cuthbert's. The pupils in St Cuthbert's enjoyed a movie afternoon and a small snack- well deserved. It was lovely to see them socialising together. The competition is on now for next half term when the winning house team will be announced before we break up for Easter.

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World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

You will have received a letter from our English Lead, Mrs Angel, which highlights the activities taking place in school on March 6th. We have planned many activities over the day to embrace our love of reading.

Children's Mental Health Week

We observed Children's Mental Health Week just recently: 3rd-9th February and it is worth noting that our pupils discussed openly the importance of mental health as well as physical health. Our work with 'HeadStart' ensured lessons over the week encouraged open discussions, developed the knowledge and understanding of building resilience and the importance of building relationships and support networks.

Parental Consultations and Pupil Voice

We have just finished the last of our spring term consultations and parents expressed their delight at the arrangements. Holding consultations during the day and into the evening allows for a longer allocation/slot to discuss your child in depth. I do hope you found the consultation informative and together we can work on the targets for the rest of the academic year.

I have been taking a look at the feedback from the questionnaires and there are so, so many positive comments- it's very much appreciated. Thankyou!

'Development points and next steps' comments have been noted- again, many thanks, it does help us.

Please continue to complete the questionnaire by 14th March.

<https://forms.gle/Hcb1nfRF4rvTZWCW8>

A final thanks to the School Council and Eco School team for their recent meetings and putting forward strengths and development points for next half term. More details after half term.

Other groups such as Mini Vinnies, Sports Crew, Digital Champions, Laudato Si and Pupil Chaplains also support the school in moving forward. Thank you to them!

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I have to say a huge thank you to our team of litter pickers! The team members (you know who you are) are so committed in ensuring our environment is free of litter. Yesterday and today, they showed me what they had collected and with enthusiasm talked me through the next steps. They are going to be visiting all classes after half term.

Our new January starters in Nursery have settled well into our EYFS - it feels like they have been here forever. What lovely personalities! I had the pleasure of sitting with the 30-hour pupils from Nursery yesterday eating their lunches... What delightful pupils and very mature for their age!

As always, please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are suffering with bereavement, illness and at times just struggling!! Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd March.

Best wishes,
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