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Newsletter

4TH JANUARY 2026

Dear families,

Just like that, it is 2026! On behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to wish you a very happy new year. We know that 2026 will be our best yet! I hope that you have had a restful break and a wonderful festive period, filled with the things that you love. We can't wait to welcome the children back to school tomorrow for a new term of learning and exciting experiences. I hope this newsletter will provide the information that you need for a smooth return. Thank you for your ongoing support, as always.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We can't wait to start the new year looking fresh, smart and ready to learn!

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform upon return to school. This saves lots of time for our office team who have to make calls when children are not arriving in school ready to learn.

Quick reminder (full policy has been sent on Parent Hub):

- Green school jumper or cardigan
- Black or grey smart skirt or trousers
- **No leggings or joggers are permitted**
- Smart black school shoes, boots or **completely** black trainers



Back to school REMINDERS

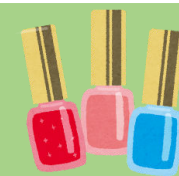


REMINDERS



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is crucial to achieving the best outcomes and it is something we are working to improve as a school. Please ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day to help us achieve our target and give your child the very best chance to achieve their best.



NAILS

There has been a concerning rise in the number of children arriving in school with false nails, often acrylic. These pose a huge health and safety risk in school and can be the cause of nail bed issues and infections, often requiring medical attention.

False nails (of any kind) are not allowed in school.

If you have allowed your child to have false nails over the holidays, please ensure these are removed before returning to school or you will be called to remove them.

This half term, our theme across school is Social Justice. We will be inspired by individuals and groups who have fought for equality and rights for all. We will also learn that there is still work to be done and to help our children to understand that, as humans, we are stronger together and our differences bring power.



In KS1 the children will be learning about Mary Anning, one of the finest philanthropists Britain has ever seen, but whose work was not acknowledged until after her death, because she was a poor woman.

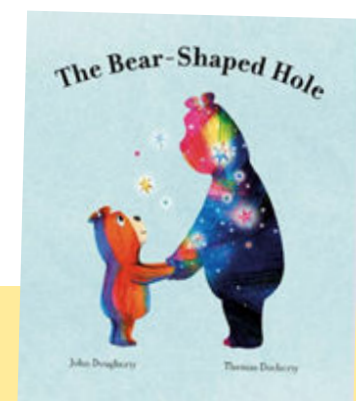


In Lower Key Stage Two, the children will be learning of the battles of the Angles and the Saxons and how people who invaded by boat shaped our heritage.

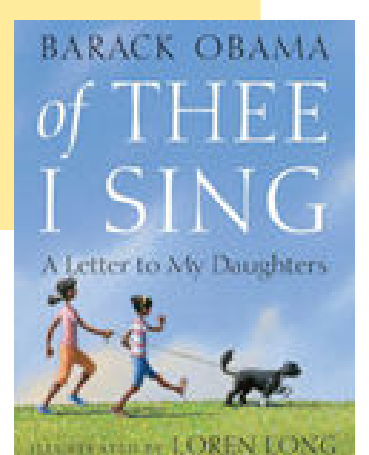
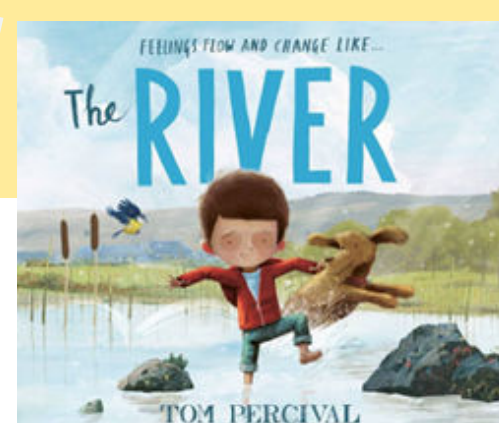
In Upper Key Stage Two, the children will be learning about the Suffragettes and the fight for votes for women.

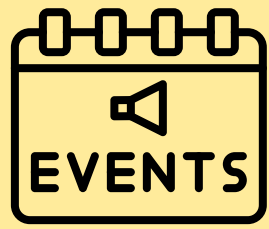


SOCIAL JUSTICE



In our assemblies, we will be reading a variety of books to support our theme, as well as having our regular No Outsiders assemblies based on events in the news.





Upcoming events



Y6 RESIDENTIAL 12TH -14TH JANUARY 2026

KS1 AND EYFS DINOSAUR AND FOSSIL EXPERIENCE - MONDAY 19TH JANUARY



Y3 AND Y4 BEOWULF WORKSHOP - MONDAY 26TH JANUARY



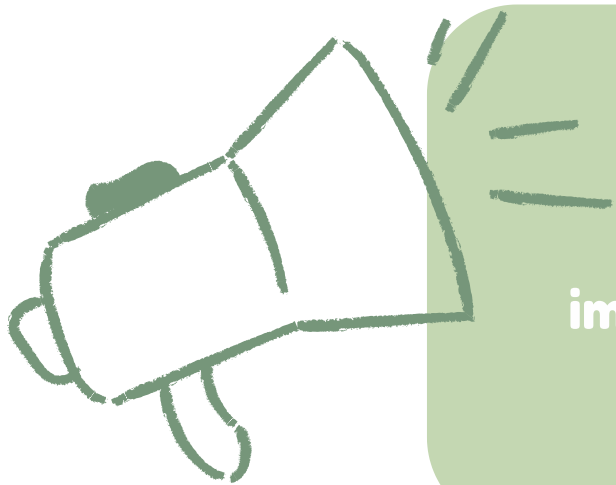
Y4 BRASS CONCERT- THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 10:15AM



Y5 PANKHURST MUSEUM VISIT - FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY



As always, your contributions are the reason why we are able to keep these experiences happening for our children. We do use some of the money raised at events throughout the year to support these opportunities but we still need your help. Please keep up your support, it is hugely valued. Contributions can be made via Parent Pay.



If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) their class teacher will be contacting you to arrange a meeting over the next couple of weeks to review their Autumn targets and share their targets for the Spring term. It is so important that we are able to work together so please do make the best effort to attend these meetings which we will endeavour to arrange for a mutually convenient time.



RECEPTION PLACES

There is still time to apply for reception places for September 2026. If you would like to book a tour, or have a chat with Mrs Parker, our EYFS Lead, give us a call on 01246 234626.

YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY IF YOUR CHILD IS IN NURSERY AND YOU WANT THEM TO HAVE A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION NEXT YEAR!



Thank you for reading our newsletter, as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Please come and ask,
Mrs Wilkes