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Autumn Term

Half Term:

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st

November 2024

INSET Day:

Monday 4th November 2024

Last day of Term:

Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

INSET Day:

Monday 6th January 2025

First day of Term:

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term:

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st

February 2025

Last day of Term:

Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term

First day of Term:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday:

Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term:

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

2025

Last Day of Term:

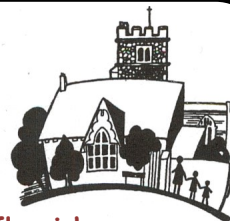
Friday 18th July 2025

IN TOUCH

Friday 10th January 2025



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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

The children should be commended on the way they have returned to school this week. Despite the chilly and grey weather, they have come back ready and energised to learn. Some children have new class teachers and have settled well this week. I would like to say a very warm welcome to Miss Jack our new Year Two Teacher and to Miss Mansfield who is a teacher working with Ms. Hesketh and Year Five this term.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Bishop, who is now teaching Year Three, and to Mrs Rinaldi who is teaching Year Six full time until further notice. I would also like to thank the Year Three and Year Six parent/carers for their support with these changes. The staff team have all been amazing this week and some of you have already noticed they have taken on new responsibilities within school. I am very grateful to our amazing team and to all of our families for the support they have shown the school this week—thank you all.

I would also like to say thank you to families on behalf of the whole staff team for all of the generous Christmas gifts and cards which were sent before Christmas—the team are very grateful. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends and wish you all much love, happiness and prosperity in 2025!

This morning we were fortunate to be joined by Reverend John who led us in worship. It was also wonderful to be able to celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school. We had a ballroom dancing demonstration and gave out Good Manners Spotter certificates, as well as MTech Awards. Our Learning Warriors for this week are below.

We also celebrated our win in the Spirited Arts Competition. The competition is held annually by the National Association of Teachers of RE (NATRE). You can find out more about our entry here: <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-arts-gallery/2024/god-the-creator-dna/>.

Thank you to our amazing Art Teacher, Mrs Adams, for working with all of the children in Key Stages One and Two to achieve our very impressive entry, a sculpture which is entitled 'DNA'. Our entry was a winner in the 'God the Creator' category. The sculpture is currently hanging in the Art Room. We have won some vouchers which will be spent on art materials, as well as a £20 voucher which we can spend on materials for RE. Well done all!

I finish with a reminder that next Wednesday is the deadline for applications for the 2025 Reception class. Please remind neighbours and friends!

I wish you all a very restful but fun weekend and look forward to seeing you all at the usual time on Monday!
Very best wishes, Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher



| School Attendance 24-25 | |
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| TARGET | 97.0% |
| 2023-24 | 94.8% |
| Autumn | 96.3% (826) |
| Week Beginning | % (sessions) |
| 06/01 | 95.6% (54) |
| 13/01 | |
| 20/01 | |
| 27/01 | |
| 03/02 | |
| 10/02 | |
| Total: | 96.3% (880) |

Figures shown in brackets above are the number of sessions missed either in the term, week or the total missed so far this year!

Family Points

504

205

396

483

LEARNING WARRIORS

- Reception: Jack, Killan, Olive, Alexander D, Benjamin, Charlie
- Year One: Arabella, Charlotte, Finlo, Myla, Oscar, Tolu
- Year Two: Leo, Evan, Dante, Amelia, Charlotte, Jasper
- Year Three: Edward, Kenza, Amelia, Hannah, Oscar, Charlie
- Year Four: Alex, Charlie, Emily, Zlata, Giorgia, Eleanor
- Year Five: Eben, Shasmeen, Agastya, Adriana, Aleksei, Edy
- Year Six: Darcey, Mah, Faaz, Mia, Naomi, Thibault

