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Spring Term 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
INSET Day:
Monday 21st July 2025
INSET Day:
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

| School Attendance 25-26 | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| TARGET | 97.0% |
| 2024-25 | 96.5% (1687) |
| Week Beginning | % (sessions) |
| 01/09 | 96.2% (32) |
| 08/09 | 98.1% (27) |
| 15/09 | 97.0% (43) |
| 22/09 | |
| 29/09 | |
| 06/10 | |
| 13/10 | |
| 20/10 | |
| Total: | 97.2% (102) |

Figures shown in brackets above are the number of sessions missed in the term/week/so far this year



| Family | Points |
|--------|--------|
| 180 | 180 |
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| 137 | 188 |

IN TOUCH

Friday 19th September 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

We've had every type of weather this week and as I write brilliant sunshine is pouring through the window. Rain or shine, the children continue to be settled and focused on their learning and play.

Our extra-curricular clubs program began this week. I hope you have all seen the letter, sent today, about behaviour and you will support our efforts to ensure all children can enjoy

the sessions they have signed up for.

Thank you to the parents who were able to support the Coffee Morning on Monday. We hope you found it useful. We were fortunate to have coffee donated by The Ground Coffee Society. Huge thanks to David Dickinson for his generosity.

On Wednesday morning, Key Stage Two headed to the Church for their first Eucharist Service of the year and were joined by a large group of parents which made our service extra special. Despite Rev'd John wielding an axe during the service and almost giving me a heart attack, we received a powerful message about rest and the impact it can have on our work and effort. John reminded us that Jesus took time out to be by himself and often went away to pray. It is a real privilege for us to be able to take time out of a busy school day and visit our Church—I am very grateful to John and the team for inviting us to be in the Church and for always making us feel so welcome.

Also on Wednesday, French lessons in Key Stage Two began—it was lovely to see Madame Claudine back in school and also our WCET tutors who teach recorder/flute to our children in Years Three and Four. They also teach some of our private music lessons, some of which began last week.

We are almost half way through our Meet the Teacher meetings. It's been great to see so many parents in school for these and we trust you find them useful and enjoy meeting your child's new teacher. There are more sessions coming up next week (Year Five on Monday, Year Six on Tuesday, Year Four on Wednesday and Reception on Thursday). All sessions start at 6pm.

We continue to meet altogether on a Friday for worship. This morning we continued to think about spirituality. In a previous session we shared the Kintsugi story and began thinking about spirituality as the golden glue of our lives which allows us to process the 'wows', the 'ows' and the 'nows'. Today we looked at the 'wows'. Next week, we invite you to join us for Celebration Worship when we will be thinking about our core value of Thankfulness and awarding learning warrior certificates to six children in every class as well as celebrating their achievements in and out of school. The session will start at 9.15am and we ask you to enter through the Charlwood Road entrance.

Until next week, we hope you have a lovely weekend filled with rest, fun and autumnal sunshine and look forward to seeing you at the usual time on Monday morning!

Very best wishes,

Cheryl Payne—Head Teacher