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# IN TOUCH

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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

### Spring Term

INSET Day:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

First day of Term:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half Term:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Last day of Term:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term

First day of Term:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Bank Holiday:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Half Term:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Last Day of Term:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

It has been another vibrant and busy week at school, characterised by a great sense of energy and purpose. As you are aware from our recent communication, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Sanbrook-Davies to our school community. It has been a pleasure to have her here with us this week; her calm and experienced leadership is a wonderful addition to our team and we look forward to the expertise she will provide as we move forward together.

We are also thrilled to share that we have achieved our highest attendance of the term this week; thank you for your continued support in ensuring the children are here, settled and ready to learn.

The week itself has been filled with wonderful highlights, starting on Tuesday with our Spring Concert; it was a joy to see the children perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. Mid-week, we captured our whole-school photo, and I would like to thank you for ensuring the children arrived in their full school uniforms, looking so smart for the occasion. Wednesday and Thursday evenings were equally significant as we welcomed you into school for our Parents' Evening (Progress in Learning). It was a pleasure to discuss the children's achievements and the fantastic strides they are making in their learning journeys. Our week of creativity and reflection continued on Thursday with a highly engaging DT Day, where the children applied their problem-solving and design skills to some brilliant projects. Today, the school has been transformed into a 'sea of red' as we celebrate Comic Relief. Beyond the fun of the outfits, Mr Philips led a special worship this morning, helping the children reflect on why this day is so important. We explored the themes of endurance and hope, considering how our contributions help support those facing difficult times. It was heartening to hear the children discuss how their small actions can bring hope to others, and we are incredibly proud to announce that we have raised a fantastic **£262.77** for the cause.

As we approach the final week of the spring term, we have a few celebrations still to look forward to. On Wednesday at 2:15 pm, we invite the parents of Year 3 and 4 to join us for our WCET Flute and Recorder End of Term Concert to celebrate the musical progress our children have made. We will also be holding our final Celebration Worship of the term on Friday morning at 9:15 am and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Please do keep in mind that school will **finish early on Friday at 2:30 pm** for the start of the holidays.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families, and I hope the spring sunshine continues to shine on us all.  
 Gemma Jennings - Deputy Head Teacher

School Attendance 25-26	
TARGET	97.0%
2024-25	96.5% (1687)
Autumn	96.2% (989)
Week Beginning	% (sessions)
05/01	95.5% (67)
12/01	95.3% (68)
19/01	96.3% (54)
26/01	96.1% (57)
02/02	93.9% (88)
09/02	92.8% (104)
23/02	92.3% (72)
02/03	95.7% (61)
09/03	95.3% (68)
16/03	97.4% (38)
23/06	
Total:	95.6% (1527)

## Family Points

598

481

518

528

COMIC RELIEF

