

A message from Mr Hodgson

Strange old autumnal weather this week, very changeable, with sunshine and showers and a bit of a 'nip' in the air on some mornings. With that in mind, please can you ensure that your children come to school prepared for this i.e. warm clothes and a coat. We do try and get children outside as much as possible (including play and lunch times). As the British fell walker and author, Alfred Wainwright famously wrote the phrase, 'There's no such thing as bad weather only unsuitable clothing'. Thank you for your support.

Promoting Respect and Inclusion (from today's dojo)

We have recently become aware of racist comments and language being used on the playground. This is upsetting for members of our school community and is something we take very seriously.

Our school value of Respect underpins everything we do. Racist language is unacceptable and goes against our commitment to ensuring everyone feels safe, valued and included.

We ask parents and carers to reinforce the importance of respectful language, kindness and celebrating differences at home.

Thank you for your support in helping us uphold our school values and create a community where everyone feels welcome and respected.

Super Spellers

We continue to push with spelling in school this year. The class Spelling Bee is a weekly class reward for the class with the best spellings scores and an individual reward of a 'Super Speller' certificate and a pencil are earned by any of our children who achieve full marks in their spelling tests consistently.

The first recipients of this academic year is as follows: **Alexis Hawken, Aston-Sterling Benson, Teddy Farndale, Rocco Green, Joshua McKnight, Imani Deen and Ella Jade Wilkinson.**

(the first in school too!)

A big well done to them!



Dates for your diaries

Autumn Term: Wednesday 2nd September to Thursday 17th December.

Half Term Break: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

Professional Development Days Friday 23rd October 2026, Friday 18th December 2026, Friday 28th May 2027 and Wednesday 21st July 2027.

Thursday 22nd October: Halloween Disco

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Anti-Bullying week

Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day

Friday 13th November: Children in Need

Friday 20th November: Non uniform day/ bring a bottle/ chocolate

Thursday 26th November: Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 1st December: Christmas tree up in school

Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Panto

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and Christmas dinner

Monday 14th December: Year 3 Carols

Tuesday 15th December: Year 4 Carols

Wednesday 16th December: Year 5 Carols

Thursday 17th December: Year 6 Carols

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's children rewarded with a 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' were children who their class teacher felt has been trying really hard with their home learning including reading at home, learning their spellings and their times tables.

Remember

October 31st will see the first children in school reach the 'sun' for this academic year.

Who will it be I wonder?

A big Bader well done to these children!



Year 6: Secondary School

Most of our feeder secondary schools will be having their open evenings in the next few weeks. Please remember to complete the application form and return to the School Admissions team before the deadline of 31st October 2026. For Year 6 parents and carers it is really important that you meet this deadline. Please contact school if you need any support with this.

Rights Respecting School

As a gold accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	Right of the fortnight
	<p>Article 3 Best interests of the child.</p> <p>Last week the children have taken part in an assembly about how allergies can affect some people and what they could do to help. Adults in school have a responsibility to make decisions that keep children safe and put their wellbeing first. This includes following allergy plans, knowing what to do in an emergency and taking concerns seriously.</p>

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion again this year by supporting their Poppy Appeal. More details to follow.



Harvest

We have started collecting for our annual festival of Harvest. We are asking for a small donation of food; tins and packets (biscuits etc.) are ideal, not fresh produce as this will perish. Donations will be bagged up and donated to worthwhile causes. Thank you for your support with this. Any donations however small will help.



Halloween Disco

Thursday 22nd October

Rec, Y1 & Y2: In the afternoon

(children to be collected from their normal door at their normal pick up time. These children can bring in their party clothes to get changed into.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: 4.15 – 5.15pm

(Parents/carers drop children off)

Tickets are £3.50 which includes a slice of pizza and a drink.

Tickets are available via the school office or the Arbor parent app.



Read for the Stars

We are now underway again with our reading at home initiative and we ask that children read a minimum of 4 times a week in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 5 times a week in Key Stage 2 (up to the maximum of seven times a week). We would love children to read more than 1 book/chapter a night at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card. They work their way through the planets until they reach the sun and then as a reward for their enjoyment of books (and their work), they will receive a certificate and book of their choice in assembly (and their star on our display). **We have calculated that on October 31st if a child reads everyday, they will have reached the sun on the blue (1st) rocket and obviously get to choose a book from the machine or the book case in my office.**

As part of our Home/School Agreement, we do expect children to complete their home learning. On occasions, it may be necessary for children to complete this at break/lunch time if it is not done. We ask for your support with this.



Medical Appointments

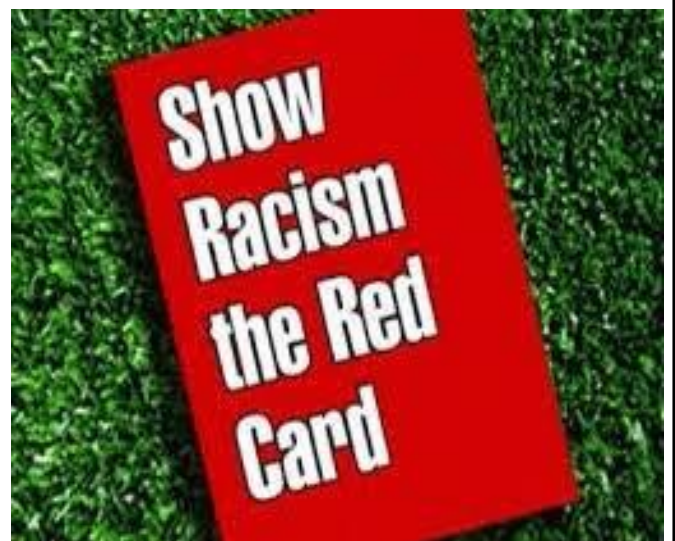
We are aware that most parents/carers try to get medical appointments outside of the school day but also accept that this is often not possible.

In line with trust policy, we would ask that these appointments are shared in advance with the office with a copy of the appointment card. This then ensures that the absence is coded consistently on the registers and correctly within all our trust schools.

Thank you for your support.

Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card marks its 30th anniversary in 2026 as the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. School is intending to mark the occasion by asking children and staff to wear something red next Friday (16th October) (one item of clothing i.e. socks, a red top, polo shirt, tights, etc.) to show our support. **(Please note: this is not a non-uniform day although a red football top is acceptable).**



Attendance

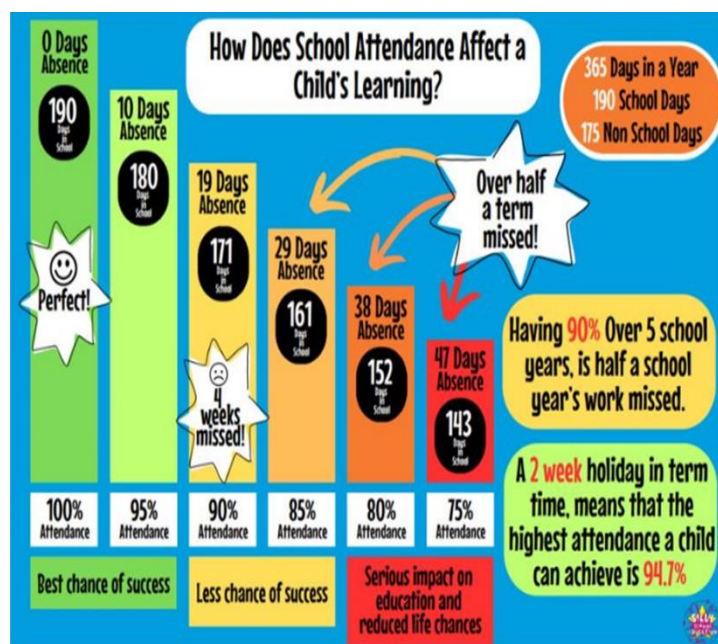
Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning. We have started slowly with attendance and cannot stress how important it is that children are in school.

Attendance goal: 96%

Week commencing 28th September 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite	96.88%	4
Rec Mrs Hewitson/Mrs Spencer	92.35%	4
Y1 Mrs Poulson	95.42%	7
Y2 Mrs Bowe	92.26%	2
Y3 Mr Robinson	94.8%	4
Y4 Mrs Robinson	99.09% 	6
Y5 Miss Robson	95.5%	1
Y5 Miss Weir	95%	6
Y6 Miss Bennett	97.5%	3
Y6 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	96.67%	0 



Attendance Matters

The fourth full week back and our attendance was slightly up on the previous week at 95.54% but more lates (37) than the previous week. We did have an impressive 179 children being in school every day though – 100%, which is 80.6% of school!

The attendance team sent out one term time leave and two attendance support plans.

Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion supported by Mrs Walker (who is our new attendance officer). They are both available to discuss any issues/challenges that you are experiencing and that school may be able to help with.

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards. Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

Time off school

Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

Many can manage with sore throats, coughs and colds.

Once through the school doors, children can feel much better being busy with their friends, just getting on with the day.

If they do not feel any better or become worse, our First Aiders would recommend resting at home until they are well.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Mrs Robinson's class with 99.09% attendance for the week. 10 minutes extra playtime is coming their way and the bear is at home in their classroom for the whole week – a big Bader well done to them!



Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Instagram posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.

Nursery are learning the nursery rhyme "Incy Wincy Spider" #RRSArticle31



Reception children have baked their own bread and tasted it today. RRSArticle29



Year 1 have been on a leaf hunt in Science. They created leaf rubbings and used secondary sources to identify the name of the tree it belonged to. #RRSArticle24



Year 2 have really enjoyed creating Pop Art style pictures inspired by the work of Roy Lichtenstein. #RRSArticle31



Year 3 have been busy exploring sound sequences on Scratch in Computing. #RRSArticle31



Year 4 have started writing non- chronological reports, we were looking at some examples and used the different subheadings to find out pieces of information about the Mayans #RRSArticle29



Year 5 made parachutes of different areas and dropped them from the same height to measure the time taken for the parachute to fall. #RRSArticle29

Year 6 had a wonderful History lesson learning about what people believed in the Shang Dynasty! #RRSArticle14



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson