

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our families.
We are very pleased to welcome some new children, and their families, into our wonderful Early Years environment. Children across school have settled back into their routine quickly and we look forward to sharing their learning journey with you, throughout 2023.

Thank you for your continuous support.
Kindest Regards,
Mrs Hawes

KS2 SATS

This year Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATS) for Y6 children will take place **9th - 12th May 2023**. The children will take their first assessment the day after the Bank Holiday given for King Charles III Coronation.

Children must not be absent during the assessment week.

A meeting has been held for Y6 parents and carers to share information regarding the SATS assessment process. We hope we were able to provide reassurance, as we shared examples of SATS papers and explained the mark scheme.

NO OUTSIDERS

Many parents and carers will have noticed our new **No Outsiders** sign at the main door. We are proud and committed to follow the principles of the No Outsiders initiative. The sign will let all visitors know that we are a fully inclusive school, where everyone is welcome. As they move through school, children will explore differences through a range of picture books. The money raised from our Christmas Film night has allowed us to buy the picture books needed for each class. Thank you for your support.

We strive to ensure that our pupils are surrounded by a consistent message: There are **No Outsiders** within our school

- Everyone is different
- We like being different
- We are all equal in our difference
- I can get along with you even if we are different
- We live in the UK, our British Values support this and the law says this too



Click to read the [No Outsiders Parent Information Booklet](#)

INVITATION INTO SCHOOL

Friday 10th March - Classes 3 & 4 at 1.15pm

Friday 24th March - Classes 1 & 2 at 1.15pm

VISIT TO CLASSROOMS

All parents and carers are welcome to come into school to find out about what learning has taken place so far this year. By spending time in your child's classroom you will have the opportunity to look through your child's workbooks, and to discuss your child's learning journey.

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Bryony, from Alliance, will be presenting to parents and carers, sharing advice how to spot signs and symptoms of anxiety in children. She will also be talking about calming techniques that can be used to help regulate emotions.

We hope you can make it

Refreshments will be served.



SIGN UP FOR **FREE** ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to our children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

As part of our subscription to [National Online Safety](#) we can offer free access to a huge range of online safety resources. This includes weekly guides called '**What Parents Need to Know**' Topics include popular websites and Apps which we know are being accessed by our children. These include TikTok, Roblox, Fortnite, FIFA, and Minecraft.

To access the free resources, you will need to create an account, please follow this link: [National Online Safety](#). When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. You can also access National Online Safety online via a smartphone app. To download the app, please go to either the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Please click [here](#) to view a sample guide called **What Parents Need to Know about... WhatsApp**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all children celebrating their special day!
We hope you have a lovely day with family and friends.



Nursery	Samuel and Teddy
Class 2	Eden, Noah, Ivy and Morgan
Class 3	Mabel
Class 4	Cerys, Harrison, George, Stanley and Ryan



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER 2022

Attendance and punctuality are really important. Research shows those children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential.

Please remember the gate closes at 8:45am.

Any child arriving after this time will be marked late.

The National Attendance Target is <97%

We monitor statutory attendance and categorise as follows:

Blue - 100%

Green - 97% - 99%

Amber - 93% - 96%

Red - below 93%

Class 1 - YR	85.04
Class 2 - Y1/2	89.98
Class 3 - Y3/4	92.62
Class 4 - Y5/6	89.87
Whole School	90.67

Our very poor attendance in December reflects the decision taken by some parents and carers to take their children out of school for holidays or mini breaks. Holidays taken within term time are unauthorised and families who take this decision may be fined.

COMIC RELIEF 2023

This year we will be supporting the national Comic Relief fundraising event on **Friday 18th March**. Children will learn of the main aims of Comic Relief which is to help the poorest people in the world and those whose lives have been affected by war.



TERM DATES

Important Dates

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Friday 17th Feb' '23

Half Term Break: 20th - 24th February 2023

Spring Term 2: SCHOOL REOPENS Monday 27th Feb'

PUPIL VOICE

This month we carried out a survey of all children in school (Reception through to Y6). We asked the children some wellbeing, pastoral & safeguarding questions. The vast majority of children told us that they feel safe in school and know what to do if they feel worried or anxious. Children spoke very highly of their teachers and are confident that staff would sort things out if there was an issue. Playground friends and buddies are a real strength within our school, children told us there are always lots of friends to play with. Some children are still learning to explain what our school motto means, staff will help them to understand this better.



KS2 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO NEWCASTLE

Classes 3 and 4 really enjoyed their school trip to Newcastle. They spent the morning in the Hindu temple. Nayn told us about the different gods and was impressed with our knowledge about Hinduism. We explored the temple and joined in with the morning prayers, we learned so much and will remember our experience.



In the afternoon we split into two groups at the Seven Stories. Some of us were detectives investigating the mystery of the missing manuscript. We enjoyed learning more about Enid Blyton and got to see the typewriter she wrote her stories on. We managed to crack the code! The other group explored the question 'Do dragons really exist?' We joined in with the story of the Lambton Worm and then explored primary and secondary sources about dragons and presented our evidence. We could hear noises coming from one of the dragon's eggs! We then drew our own dragons. We finished with a story with a wonderful storyteller Lawrence in the attic.

seven stories



Seven Stories is free to visit if you would like to return.