

# Newsletter



Love Live & Learn

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## Headteacher's message



Dear families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, can you believe we are more than half way through the school year?

We have been as busy as ever over the last few weeks and we are happy to say that we have finally seen the sunshine! Wildlife Wednesdays have been spent looking for signs of spring and identifying minibeasts and we have been really continuing that Science focus as we head towards Science Week next week. We started off the new half term with a brilliant afternoon of 'Sublime Science' and there are further plans for Science experiments in lessons next week. All children took part in our committee meetings last week. Our Health and Safety team were creating their own risk assessments for checking our outdoor areas, our Eco group were focusing on planting, our Wellbeing team were talking about what a healthy school lunchbox looks like and our Creative Arts Committee were making posters representing what a positive life would look like for future children. The posters have been entered in a competition for British Science Week- good luck children!

Another real positive of the half term is the start of swimming for most of our pupils. Thank you for getting your children here on time to get on the coach swiftly, this has been a real help.

The half term has also seen the start of a re-structure in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. The Early Years environment is really coming on nicely and the split from Year 1 and 2 has already been so beneficial for all the children.

Behind the scenes, staff have undergone further 'Quality First Teaching' training with the focus this time being adaptations and SEND. New interventions have started this week as Mrs Shannaghan is now trained in delivering an early language intervention called Neli which some of our youngest pupils are benefitting from already.

Finally, I would like to say a huge congratulations and well done to Mrs Mayhew who has passed her SEND qualification with a **DISTINCTION!!** This is a great achievement that has equivalence to a Masters degree. She always works so hard, even with her part time timetable, to ensure she does her very best to support our SEND children and families. Specialist services, other schools and potential new families regularly comment on her determination and how thorough her work is. I am sure you will agree, Mrs Mayhew is a real asset to our school and this is very well deserved.

Well done Mrs Mayhew!

Mrs Z Scott  
Headteacher



# Notices

If Any of our parents work in the emergency services or in community roles — such as teachers, military personnel, nurses, firefighters, or postal workers — we are looking for volunteers to come into school to read a story or take part in a show-and-tell about their job. Please email Mrs Turner or send a message on Dojo if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you to our parents and the PTA for your continued support. We are pleased to share that a total of £205 was raised through the Friday Tuck Shop and the Back to School Disco. Your contributions help support school activities and opportunities for our pupils, and we greatly appreciate your involvement.

## Non-Uniform Day – Easter Egg Donation

On Monday 9th March, we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day to support our upcoming Easter activities. Pupils are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for donating an Easter egg. All donations will be used as prizes for our Easter Games and Bingo event.

Thank you for your continued support — we really appreciate your generosity in helping make our school events special for the children.

## Reminders



### Easter Bingo & Games Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March

Join us for our Easter Games and Bingo event on 13th March. Tickets are now available from the school office. Prices are £6 per ticket or £20 for a family of four. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun evening of games and prizes!



## Prayer of the Week

Dear God,  
I ask for your forgiveness,  
Help me to let go of anger and  
bitterness and forgive as you have  
forgiven me.  
Amen.



## Attendance

We would like to highlight that our current whole school attendance is 90%, which is below the government and Staffordshire Local Authority expectation of 95%. Improving attendance is a key priority for our school, as regular attendance is essential for children to make good progress in their learning.

We are working hard to improve our attendance rates and would greatly appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping us achieve this. Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office by 9:15 am on the day of absence. This helps us maintain accurate records and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

To keep parents informed, attendance letters will be sent out at the end of each half term outlining individual attendance levels.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve attendance and ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed.



## Wednesday's Swimming Day

Please ensure children bring their full swimming kit on swimming days. Thank you for your support.

## Mother's Day Church Service – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

You are warmly invited to join us for a Mother's Day Church Service on Friday, 13th March at 2:45 pm. All families are welcome to attend as we come together to celebrate and give thanks for mothers and mother figures in our lives. We look forward to seeing you there



## British Science Week

Don't forget that next week is British Science Week, and this year's theme is "Be Curious." We encourage all pupils to think about how they have been curious about the world around them or about something they have been learning. Perhaps you could share your ideas, questions, or discoveries with your teacher!

## Spring Disco

A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for giving up their own time to organise and support the Back to School Spring Disco on Friday 27th February. The event was a real success and greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the music and dancing, and it was great to see DJ Henry Weaver take to the mic and keep the party going. The glow sticks and goodie bags were a particular highlight, and with plenty of sugary treats to keep their energy up, the dance floor was full of bouncing, smiling children throughout the evening.

Thank you again to the PTA for their time, effort and continued support in helping to create such enjoyable events for our pupils.



# What's Gone

# On



# Diary Dates

## Spring Term 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27th March

Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5th April

## Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Holiday: Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Inset Day: Monday 1st June

Term Ends: Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20th July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Church Service 2:45 pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Non-Uniform Day – Easter Egg Donation

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - School Photos

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parents Evening - More details will be published on Dojo

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Early Lunch, Church Service at 12:30 pm

School Closes at 1 pm



## School Photo

Please ensure that pupils come into school smartly dressed in the correct school uniform for the school photo. This includes school jumpers and ties. Thank you for your support.



## Comic Relief

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 20th March. More details will be shared soon on Class Dojo.

Look inside our



# Classroom Moments



Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!



Since returning back from half term it has been full of exciting learning and great progress. We're proud of our students for their effort and enthusiasm in every activity. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:



## Doves Class

In Doves Class, we have begun exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. In History, we are learning about what the Ancient Egyptians believed and why these beliefs were important to them. This topic also links with our Art lessons, where we are creating our own Egyptian scrolls, and in English we are enjoying reading *The Egyptian Cinderella*.

In Science, we have started our new topic on forces and magnets, and the class is looking forward to carrying out the exciting investigations that Mrs Howarth has planned.

In Maths, we have recently begun our fractions topic. The children particularly enjoyed learning about sharing equally using biscuits as a practical activity — and they were delighted to eat them afterwards!



## Eagles Class

In English, we have started our new class book, *Who Let the Gods Out*, which will support our learning as we work towards our final outcome on Greek Mythology at the end of the term.

In Maths, the Eagles have been superstars while learning about decimals, showing great focus and enthusiasm.

In Science, the class recently took part in an exciting workshop, *Sublime Science*.

### Eagles Updates

SATs Club has begun for Year 6 and takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30–1:00pm. This week pupils have been practising their reading comprehension skills.

Swimming: Year 5 pupils have enjoyed resuming their swimming lessons, while Year 6 pupils have remained at school to revise SATs content with Mrs Regan.



## Robins Class

This week in Sparrows, the children have been enjoying our class story, *Iggy Peck, Architect*, which has inspired lots of exciting design and building activities. In Maths, we have been learning about one more and one less, as well as practising our counting with the song *Five Speckled Frogs*. The class has also taken part in rainbow challenges, helping to develop their fine motor skills through a range of creative activities.

The children have loved spending time outdoors, where they sorted different materials on our construction site as part of their exploration and play. We also created our own donuts, filling the "hole" with our favourite stories, which sparked some lovely discussions about books we enjoy.

During Show and Tell, the children shared their books with the class. Everyone was very brave speaking in front of their classmates while sitting proudly in our green chair.

Next week, we will continue our theme of *People Who Help Us*, focusing on doctors, dentists and vets. For Show and Tell, children are invited to bring in a picture of their mum, nan, or another special lady in their lives to share with the class



## Sparrows Class

In Maths, Sparrows have started learning about multiplication and division, building their understanding through a range of engaging activities. Our English book this half-term is *Iggy Peck, Architect*. Next week, the children will be designing and building their own bridges, linking the story with our science topic on *Uses of Everyday Materials*. This will give pupils the opportunity to explore how different materials work and think creatively about strong and stable structures.!

# Recognition Achievements

## Love Live & Learn



As a result, a reward has been chosen and will be sent home for the following child, who will receive a Love, Live & Learn Certificate in recognition of their hard work, positive attitude, and achievements. These awards reflect our school values and celebrate the many ways our pupils contribute to our school community.

### Love Award

The Love Award recognises pupils who consistently show kindness, respect, and care for others. This includes being a good friend, showing empathy, offering help, and contributing positively to school life. Pupils who receive this award demonstrate our value of treating everyone with compassion and understanding.

WC 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Presented to:

**CONNOR**

for his mature attitude and excellent contributions during a conversation about our school rules.

### Live Award

The Live Award celebrates pupils who embrace school life with enthusiasm and resilience. This may include excellent behaviour, perseverance, teamwork, or representing the school positively. It also recognises achievements and participation in activities outside of school. Pupils receiving this award show a willingness to engage fully, try new experiences, and make positive choices each day.

WC 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Presented to:

**GEORGE**

For overcoming his worries about going swimming and having a great time!

### Learn Award

The Learn Award is presented to pupils who demonstrate a strong commitment to their learning. This includes trying their best, showing determination, making good progress, and displaying curiosity and independence in the classroom. Pupils who receive this award embody our value of striving to achieve their full potential. We look forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements and continuing to build great habits and a love of learning together.

WC 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Presented to:

**LUCA**

for his excellent questions during Picture News Assemblies.

WC 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Presented to:

**ADELA**

for the love and care she shows towards the younger children in school.

WC 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Presented to:

**ISAAC**

for being kind and supportive to his friends when they were feeling unsure about going swimming.

WC 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Presented to:

**ROMEO**

for working hard to prepare for his SATs and striving to achieve his very best.

*Well Done!*



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# HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY

