



Weekly Briefing. 27.02.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such positive energy and enthusiasm for learning. The classrooms are already buzzing with activity, and we are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term ahead.

World Book Day

We are especially looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next week. Please see the information on Parent Hub from Mrs Marsden with full details (see below). This year, children are invited to come to school wearing something comfy to read in – perfect for enjoying a good book! There will also be a fun “Potato Head Book Character” competition. We can’t wait to see their imaginative creations and to celebrate the joy of reading together.

Artist

Some of our children also had a fantastic art session this week with our Trust artist. They worked incredibly hard and produced some excellent pieces of artwork. It was a pleasure to see their creativity shine, and we are very proud of the effort and focus they showed throughout the session.

Attendance Update

I hope you continue to find the half termly attendance reports useful. Good attendance remains a key priority

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Nursery	95
Reception	93.3
Year 1	89.1
Year 2	100
Year 3	100
Year 4	88.9
Year 5	90
Year 6	100
Overall	94.3

for our school. Being in school every day and on time makes a significant difference to children’s learning, confidence and friendships. Even a small number of missed days can quickly add up and impact progress. We are grateful to parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that children attend regularly and arrive punctually. If you are experiencing any difficulties with attendance, please do get in touch with the school office so that we can work together to provide support.

Our overall attendance is: 94.6%. Our target is 97%.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another successful and enriching half term.

With best wishes,

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Dates for your diary:

- 2.3.2026 Science Workshops throughout the day for Years 1 -5
- 2.3.2026 Karaoke event organised by Music Junior Leaders (see parent hub for details)
- 3.3.2026 WYCC Long Distance Finals. (Children attending have been informed)
- 5.3.2026 Bench Ball Competition. (Children attending have been informed)
- 5.3.2026 World Book Day.

On World Book Day, Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating our love of reading! "Reading is a way of loving the world," and that idea is at the heart of our plans for the day.

Throughout the day, children will have the chance to explore a variety of books and genres, discovering new stories and authors they may not have chosen before. Classes will pair up to share reading time, spreading their love of reading across the school. And we are thrilled to welcome back the much-loved 'Reading Fairies', who will hide books around the school for children to find, take home and enjoy.

We would also like to set your child a fun creative challenge to complete at home - create a potato character.

Children are invited to create a potato version of a favourite book character. Guidelines:

- *One potato per character*
- *Use simple materials such as paper, fabric, recyclable items.*
- *Choose a character from a book your child has enjoyed.*
- *No need to buy anything special – creativity matters more than perfection.*
- *Children should be able to talk about their character and the book it came from.*

Please bring potato characters into school on the morning of World Book Day, clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Characters will be judged by our Reading Leaders, focusing on creativity. I have attached some photos for inspiration.

What to Wear:

Instead of traditional costumes, children are invited to wear something they love. This could be children's favourite superhero outfit, comfy jeans or cosy clothes perfect for reading.

We are so excited to spend the day sharing stories, discovering new books and celebrating the wonderful stories that bring us together.

Thank you for supporting your child in taking part in our World Book Day celebrations!

