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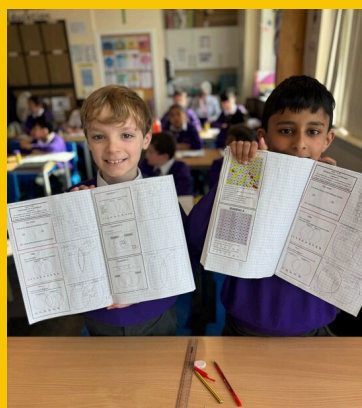
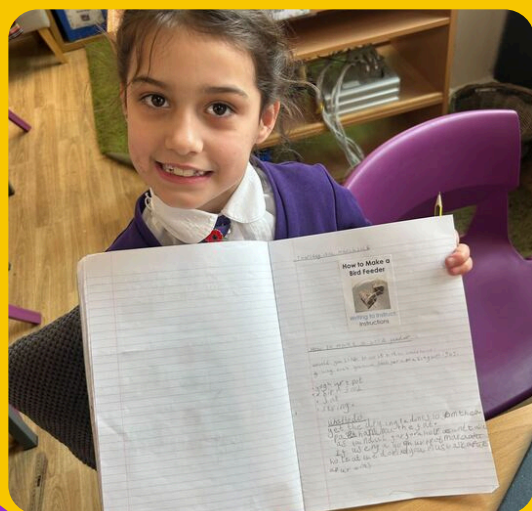
Church of England  
Primary School

# Spring Term 2

# Newsletter

## Life in all its fullness

### John 10:10



## Each and Every Child

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As we wrap up the spring term, it is important to take a moment to reflect on all the many successes we have achieved together this academic year.

As we go into the final term, we want to reach out to all our parents and carers to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support. This term has been truly amazing, and we feel so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Our children continue to set a great example within our school and the wider community. It's a joy to see them grow, take pride in their learning, and embrace the opportunities available to them.

Your encouragement and involvement make a huge difference, and we've loved welcoming you to our events, such as World Book Day and Family Bingo. Your support and positivity mean so much to us.

Wishing you all a fantastic and enjoyable Easter break!

**School closes for Easter on Friday 4th April at 12pm.  
School re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April at 8:45am (Breakfast club open from 7:45am)**



# We have had a very busy term...

## PGL

This half term children from across Y2,3,4 and 5 took part in their annual residential. We are so proud of all our children who represented our school at the residential and got stuck in with all the activities and developed their confidence and resilience.



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## Family Bingo

Thank you to all our Parents who came along to our Family Bingo and helped us raise funds for school.



## B-Tales

Thank you to B- Tales who visited school to share the Easter story with us.



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## Sporting Achievements

This half term our Boys and Girls football teams have been back in action playing in their tournaments and we have also had children competing in the Merseyside Cross Country Games. Well done to this Year 6 girl who made it all the way to the final!



## Red Nose Day

Thanks to all our parents and carers who supported our fundraising efforts for Red Nose Day. We loved seeing all your crazy hair styles.



# Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in helping us maintain great attendance at school. It makes such a difference to your child's learning and helps keep them connected with their friends and daily routines. We really appreciate your efforts in making sure they are here and ready to learn!

**Our whole school attendance to date is 95%. We are just 2% away from reaching our target of 97+%.**

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school by 8:45 am to report their absence.

Please can we politely remind families that, due to new government guidelines, we are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Please see the process the school follows in such cases on the next page.

## Class Attendance this half term.

Pre-Nursery: 92.7%

Nursery: 93.6%

Reception: 94.8%

Year 1: 96.2%

Year 2: 95.1%

Year 3: 97.5%

Year 4: 95.7%

Year 5: 95.5%

Year 6: 96.8%



**YEAR 3**



**YEAR 6**



**YEAR 1**

# Attendance

## Attendance Updates

The Government will be implementing changes concerning unauthorised absences from school from 19th August 2024. Please read below to find out what this will mean.

### What do the new rules mean?

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised.

Because your child will miss 5 days of school you will be given a penalty notice.

£160

The fine is £160

2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN



£160

+ £160

+ £160

+ £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

3

FOR A FAMILY OF 2 PARENTS

4 children & 2 parents =  
£1280

4

Irregular Attendance

10 in 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, you can receive a fine of £160

1

Day =

2

Sessions

Every Day Counts!



# Values

Our Value for next half term is:

## Friendship

We will be sharing the Bible story of David and Jonathan, which is a great example of the value of Friendship in action.



### Family Prayer for Friendship

*Dear God,*

*Thank You for the gift of friendship.*

*Thank You for the friends who make us smile,  
who share with us, and who help us when we need it.*

*Please help us to be kind and caring friends too.*

*Help us to listen, to share, and to include others.*

*When someone is lonely, help us to notice and show them love.*

*When there is a problem, help us to be peacemakers.*

*Bless our friends and keep them safe.*

*Fill our hearts with kindness and joy,  
so that we can be good friends, just like Jesus is to us.*

*Amen.*



# Wrap Around

Just a reminder that we run a daily breakfast club for all children from 7:45 am each morning. Please note that, due to our insurance policy, children are not allowed to enter the school building before 7:45 am.

Our after-school wrap-around care operates every night until 5:45 pm. Sessions must be booked beforehand by contacting the school office.

Further information can be found here: [Club Information](#).



# Key Dates for Summer 1 Term

Summer Term 1	
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school
Thursday 29th April	3:30 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 1 parents
Wednesday 7th May	3:30 Messy Art
Sunday 11th May	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
W.B Monday 12th May	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 15th May	2:30 Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 21st May	Y1- 6 Sports Day and Graham Henderson Run
Thursday 22nd May	Early Years Sports Day
Friday 23rd May	Finish for half term



**School re-opens on  
Tuesday, 22nd April  
at 8:45am  
(Breakfast club open  
from 7:45am)**