



Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Success for all - Nothing Less!

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It has been absolutely wonderful to see our school filled with smiles, laughter, and warm greetings as we start this new term together. The positive energy from our pupils, staff, and families reminds us what a special community we have here.

As we begin 2026, we are excited to continue building on our school values, which guide everything we do and help our children grow into confident, caring individuals:

- **Aspirations** - Encouraging every child to dream big and believe in their potential.
- **Determination** - Celebrating perseverance and resilience, knowing that effort leads to success.
- **Respect** - Fostering kindness and understanding so everyone feels valued and safe.
- **Teamwork** - Working together and supporting one another to achieve shared goals.
- **Enthusiasm** - Approaching learning and life with positivity and energy.
- **Responsibility** - Taking ownership of actions and choices, both in and out of the classroom.
- **Compassion** - Showing empathy and care for others in all situations.
- **Honesty** - Being truthful and trustworthy in everything we do.

This term is packed with exciting opportunities for learning and growth, and we can't wait to see what the children achieve. Let's make this year one to remember—full of hard work, big smiles, and plenty of fun along the way! Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.



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Times Tables Practice

As we prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June, it's really important that children keep practising their times tables regularly. Strong times table knowledge is the foundation for many areas of maths, and daily practice makes a big difference.

✓ We recommend using TT Rockstars - it's fun, interactive, and helps improve speed and accuracy.

💡 Tip: Short, frequent sessions work best! Aim for 5-10 minutes a day rather than long sessions once in a while.

Parking Reminder

Please be considerate when parking near the school. Avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or stopping in unsafe areas.

👨👩👧👦 Our local community really appreciates your cooperation, and together we can keep everyone safe.

If possible, consider walking to school or using designated parking areas to reduce congestion.



Earring Reminder

For safety reasons, only plastic studs are allowed in school.

✗ No metal earrings, as they can cause injuries during play and PE lessons.

If your child has recently had their ears pierced, please let us know so we can support them while following school policy.





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Online Safety

Children spend a lot of time online, so keeping them safe is essential.

- ✓ Monitor your child's internet use.
- ✓ Talk about privacy and why they should never share personal information.
- ✓ Encourage them to tell you if something makes them uncomfortable.

🔒 Use parental controls and check age-appropriate settings on apps and games.

For more guidance, visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk.



Clothing

Please make sure names are clearly labelled in all clothing items - coats, jumpers, and PE kits.

- ✎ A simple name tag or permanent marker works well and helps us return lost items quickly.





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Update your details

The start of the New Year is always a good time to get organised. If you have changed your telephone number or address recently, please ensure the office know about this. Although most families update the office, we do encounter problems when people either forget or simply do not update their details. If you need to make an update to your records in school, contact the school office and they will assist you.

I ♥ BOOKS

National Year of Reading

We are excited to share that 2026 has been designated as the National Year of Reading, a nationwide initiative to inspire a love of reading among children and families. Reading is one of the most powerful tools for learning, creativity, and personal growth, and this year provides a wonderful opportunity to make it a central part of our daily lives.

Throughout the year, our school will be taking part in a range of activities to celebrate reading, including:

- Reading Challenges to encourage children to explore new books and genres.
- Family Reading Events where you can join your child in fun, shared reading experiences.
- Author Visits and Storytelling Sessions to bring stories to life.

We invite you to support this initiative at home by:

- Setting aside time each day to read together.
- Visiting your local library and exploring new books.
- Talking about stories and encouraging your child to share their thoughts.

Together, we can make reading a joyful and lifelong habit for every child. More details about upcoming events will follow soon.

Thank you for your continued support in making reading a priority.





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House Boccia

A fantastic morning of Boccia on Wednesday for our annual House Boccia competition. It was wonderful to see so many of our school values being used. The final was so close between Kipling and Ransome with two brilliant captains supporting, guiding and encouraging their teams. It all came down to the last ball. Well done to everyone and a big congratulations to Ransome House Boccia champions.



Swimming Reminder

Next Monday the year 4 swimming lessons will resume. Please can everyone remember their swimming kits and wear a coat to school.





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After School Clubs



Judo Club - All
Years Tuesday



Year 6 Art Club
Tuesday



Mixed Years
Chess Club
Thursday

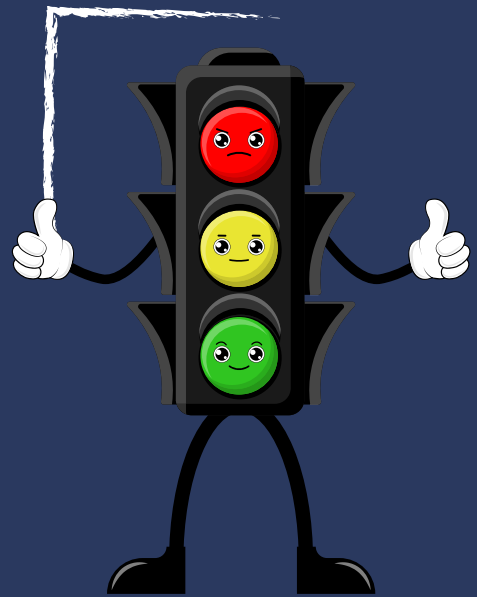


Year 4
Gymnastics -
Wednesday

Behaviour

This week, we are 99.9% Green
This week, 3T, 3P, 4L, Year 5 and Year 6 are 100% Green.

Well done, everybody.



Attendance



Remember our school target for attendance is 95%+.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
3P	94.1	5P	93.8
3W	91.4	5AP	91.3
3T	96.2	5BC	85.3
4A	91.3	6A	92.9
4L	93.1	6M	86.6
4R	94.3	6P	91.8

This week's attendance is 91.7%