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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024  
**Excellence with Compassion**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Save the date:

**9.00am Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – Parent Session for Early Reading

Next week we will be holding an Early Reading information session. The session will be run by Ms Wilson and will be an opportunity to hear more about how we teach Early Reading, how you can support your child at home, whilst also meeting other parents at the same time. Please do come along. This is aimed at earlier reading, but all parents are welcome from any age group.



### Parent Support

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on trips this year, we really do appreciate it. Sometimes we are able to have enough adults from school accompanying trips, but this is fairly rare as it will often mean borrowing an adult from another class. And so without your support many of these trips, which our children get so much out of, would not be able to go ahead. We also very much appreciate the weekly commitment parents have shown when their child is in Year 3 and is going swimming. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those parents who have helped out with this and who have signed up to help again! Your support is invaluable!

### Dates coming up:

January	February
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> : clubs start this week including Yr 6 SATs booster club, Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> : Yr 5/6 football competition (boys) Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> : Yr 3 to the Natural History Museum	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> : Small group of children to LDBS schools service at St Pauls Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> : Yr 6 MOD theatre company part of black and blue project Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> : Yr 2 to St Pauls Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Yr 1 to the library Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> : Yr 5 to Tate Modern Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> : Yr 4 to Balham Mandir, <b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup>: last day of half term (school closed 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February)</b> <b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup>: school starts</b> Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> : Class 3 to the library Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> : Class 2 to the library Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> : Class 4 to the library

**Attendance:** We ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Our holiday dates for this year and next year are on the website and also are available from the office on a wallet sized card. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97% and have a little way to go yet.

Class with highest attendance last week was: Year 1 with a fabulous 98% Well done Year 1

Whole school attendance is: 94.65% - we are aiming for 97% by the end of the year.



Artsmark Silver Award  
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We have been asked to share the following: →

### Mary Smith's Pantry

Many of you may know of or have walked past Mary Smith's Pantry on Lupus Street (next to the toy library). They have very kindly donated food items to school lately, including the Frubes and bananas you may have seen in the playground at the end of the day. They have put a shout out for donations of toys and books, which they then pass on to the women's refuge. If you have any good as new books or toys that your children no longer want, Mary's Pantry will happily receive any donations.

### Got any questions or a concern?

If you need to chat to your child's teacher, they are always available in the playground or a meeting or phone call can be arranged via the office. If you have a concern, we always encourage parents and carers to talk to the class teacher first as this can be the quickest way to clarify query or address an issue. If you do not feel that your concern has been addressed a meeting can be arranged with myself, or Mr Nunn or Miss Bell, our Assistant Heads.

### Awards:

**Star of the Week:** Lydia    **Class of the week:** Class R    **Top Table:** Ayla O and Oscar  
**House of the Week:** Our Lady

<b>Mentions</b>	Beelen and Jimmy	Suzanne and Samira	Selina and Ayla	Jalal and Grace	Amar and Maryam	Rayyan and Salma	Modar and Ayub
<b>Courtesy</b>	Jood and Delilah-Snow	Carter and Lottie	Omer and Ayla	Mehmet and Avani	Yearsema and Lawen	Ayla and Indigo	Kaylem and Modar

With very best wishes

Rebecca Anson  
 Headteacher

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