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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year. I hope everyone had a lovely break!

The children have settled in well to the first week back. Last week every class looked at our value for this term. Each class discussed what the value of 'service' means to them and then shared work they had completed in family assembly on service. Reception class read the Elves and the Shoe maker and learnt about how both the shoe maker and his wife helped the elves and how the elves helped them. Year 1 talked about helping hands and what they can do to help and serve others in school and out of school. Class 2 talked about what they can do to help others, Class 3 shared their pictures of who serves us in our community and how they help us and Class 4 demonstrated through a tennis match: how service is just like a game of tennis – giving and receiving the tennis ball and giving to and receiving help from others. Year 5 children shared their 5 star reviews of St Gabriel's and how good we are at serving one another, and Year 6 shared their text message conversations demonstrating helping others who may need help.



Is my child too ill for school?

Mirroring government expectations, we have a focus on attendance this term. The DfE are currently focusing on raising the attendance of children in schools and have published the following helpful guidance. It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell...

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give school the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.



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Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

<p>Coughs and colds It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.</p>	<p>High temperature If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.</p>
<p>Chickenpox If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.</p>	<p>Impetigo If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.</p>
<p>Cold sores There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.</p>	<p>Ringworm If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.</p>
<p>Conjunctivitis You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.</p>	<p>Scarlet fever If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.</p>
<p>COVID-19 If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a high temperature • do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities <p>What to do if your child has tested positive Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.</p>	<p>Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease) You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.</p>
<p>Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.</p>	<p>Sore throat You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.</p>
<p>Hand, foot and mouth disease If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.</p>	<p>Threadworms You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.</p>
<p>Head lice and nits There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.</p>	<p>Vomiting and diarrhoea Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).</p>

If you are too unwell to bring your child in, please let us know – it may be that we are able to support you with getting your child into school.

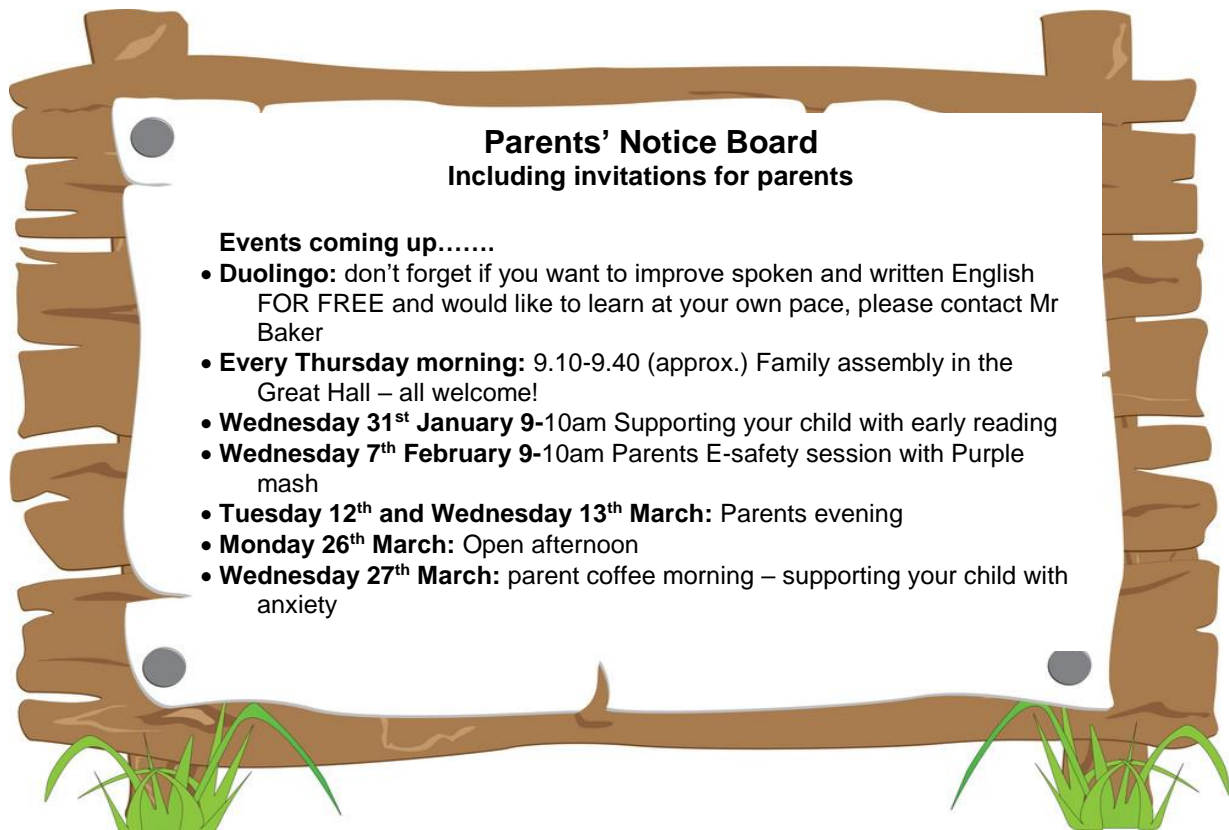
Attendance: We ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Our holiday dates for this year and next year are on the website and also are available from the office on a wallet sized card. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97% and have a little way to go yet.

Class with highest attendance last week was: Year 5 with a fabulous 98.57% Well done Year 5!

Whole school attendance is: 94.55% we are starting to slip a little, let's see if we can get a bit better before half term and head towards 97% !

Dates coming up:

January	February
Mon 15 th : Yr 3 swimming resumes, after school care starting this week Mon 22 nd : clubs start this week including Yr 6 SATs booster club	Thurs 1 st : Small group of children to LDBS schools service at St Pauls Thurs 1 st : Yr 6 MOD theatre company part of black and blue project Fri 9 th : Yr 4 to Balham Mandir, Yr 6 to Stamford Bridge for Black and Blue project Fri 9 th last day of half term Mon 19 th : school starts



Awards:

Top Table: Zahra K and Amar **Class of the week:** Classes 1 and 3

House of the week: Our Lady **Highest Attendance:** Class 5 with 98.57%!

Mentions	Aras and Eldana	Clara and Roman	Travis and Omari	Poppy S and Avani	Ahmad and Narjis	Mohamad and Berksan	Evelyn and Ibrahim
Courtesy	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

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