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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents and carers,

Last week in Family Assembly, we enjoyed hearing what children in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 had been up to. Year 3 shared their writing and some of the facts they have learnt about the Stone Age, Year 5 shared some of their work on Climate Change and Year 1 shared their fabulous 3D models of the Arctic!

Year 5 Athletics Trip

This week, Class 5 enjoyed an exciting athletics trip to Moberly Sports Centre.



Pupils took part in a range of

track and field events, including sprinting, jumping and throwing, where they demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. The children challenged themselves to improve their personal bests while supporting and encouraging one another throughout the day. It was a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to develop their athletic skills, build confidence and represent the school positively.



Public Health

We have been asked to share the following public health information:

Measles

Measles is still circulating in our boroughs. As children return to school, cases are likely to rise again.

*Public Health are advising families that if they are not up to date with their MMR vaccines, they should **call their GP to book** as soon as possible.*



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed to give long-term protection, and it's never too late to get vaccinated.

Whooping cough (pertussis)

Whooping cough case numbers are also still high in London and expected to rise further now that schools are back. Please be aware of signs and symptoms, check your child(ren) are fully vaccinated and we have been asked to stress the of vaccination for pregnant women in order to protect their babies. Symptoms are similar to a common cold, with a runny nose and a mild fever. But, after about a week or two, the classic cough develops with uncontrolled fits of severe coughing that can last for several minutes, sometimes causing vomiting. Coughing is often worse at night. Coughing fits can cause some people to make a typical 'whooping' sound as they gasp for breath between coughs.

To protect our school community, anyone diagnosed with whooping cough should stay off school until 48 hours after starting antibiotics or 2 weeks after their cough started if they have not had antibiotics. More information can be found in this link: [What is whooping cough and is there a vaccine? – UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/what-is-whooping-cough-and-is-there-a-vaccine)

Dentist



School is regularly sent a list of all dentists accepting new NHS patients. Establishing good oral routines from infancy is vital for your child's wellbeing. Please do contact the office if you are looking for a dentist for yourself or/and for your child and if this would be of help to you.

Attendance:

Please do take a note of our holiday dates. These are available on our website, in a handy credit card size, and are regularly in our newsletters. Holidays in term time are not permitted and may result in a penalty notice. We ask that parents provide evidence that medical advice has been sought if a child is ill and there have been more than 2 days off. We ask for 2 days, because if your child is not well enough to come to school after 2 days, then it is advisable seek medical advice – this could be a phone call or advice from a pharmacist.

Congratulations to Class 6 with 99.33% attendance, make them the best class for attendance last week!

Dates coming up:

<p>January 2026 Tues 20th Reception Parents Phonics Session 9.15 – 10.15am Thurs 22nd; Yr 5 online author session Thurs 29th Yr 5 visit to Westminster planetarium Fri 30th MIND parent workshop 9.10 – 10am</p>	<p>February 2026 Tues 3rd Yr 4 level 1 bikeability Tues 3rd Parents follow up session for NSPCC 'Pants' session – Yr 2 focus, but all parents are welcome Wed 4th: Parents Evening Thurs 5th: Parents Evening Fri 6th: Charity Pyjama Day (more info to follow!) Thurs 12th Peter Daniel working with Yr 5 in school, followed by..... Fri 13th Yr 5 Docklands visit and last day of half term (school closes normal time) Mon 16th – 20th School closed for half term Mon 23rd: School starts back</p>	<p>Parent Workshops: •Tues 20th January Parents Phonics Session 9.15 – 10.15am – primarily aimed at Reception Class parents •Fri 30th January: MIND workshop (mental health awareness) - this is a provisional date and is to be confirmed. •Tues 3rd February Parents follow up session for NSPCC 'Pants' session – Yr 2 focus, but all parents are welcome. The aim for this session is to give parents the tools to have the more tricky conversations with children about their bodies and about relationships •Wed 4th : February Parents Evening •Thurs 5th : February Parents Evening</p>
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Awards:

Star of the Week: Amayah **Class of the week: Class 1 Top Table: Jairiah and Nikolina**

Courtesy	Zunairah and Vinnie	Luke and Azjad	Mila and Zahra	Sulayman and Rumaysah	Holy and Arven	Alice and Jumayna	Michael and Farmaan
Mentions	Luanah and Sulaiman	Lynda and Henry	Aras and Jacob	Suzanne and Alion	Zakir and Danny	Poppy S and Yezin	Sortoo and Shanaiya

With very best wishes
Rebecca Anson
Headteacher