

As we reach the half-way point of the Spring Term, I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of the positive start our children have made to 2026. They have returned to school with enthusiasm, determination and a real commitment to their learning, amazing us all with their hard work and attitude. Although this is a short half-term, it is always a busy and productive one, with lots of exciting activities and opportunities that have taken place. Please do take a few minutes to read about some of the highlights below and to make a note of the important dates for next half-term and beyond. Have a wonderful half-term break.

Working together for school attendance

Thank you to the whole community for being such amazing partners in your child's learning, committed to promoting strong school attendance. It makes a huge difference.

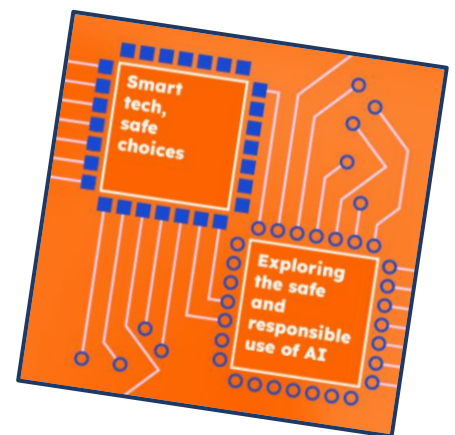
Reminders:

School	National
95.2%	94.6%

- The target is 96% for every child
- You can see the attendance policy in full or read a summary of key points on the [school website](#).
- Do remember that children can come to school if they have a cough or cold. We will look after them and be in touch if they need to go home.

Safer Internet Day 2026

This week we marked Safer Internet Day with dedicated Key Stage assemblies focused on promoting a healthy balance in children's media use and helping them to understand Artificial Intelligence in an age-appropriate way. We explored how to use technology positively, safely and responsibly, and discussed the importance of balancing screen time with other activities. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home. You can find helpful advice, resources and guidance for families on the [Safer Internet website](#).



Mental Health Week

This week we also recognised Children's Mental Health Week, exploring the theme "This Is My Place" and focusing on the importance of belonging. In assemblies and through creative activities in classrooms, children reflected on what belonging means — feeling safe, valued, included and accepted for who we are. We discussed simple but powerful ways we can help ourselves feel that we belong, such as building positive friendships and talking about our feelings, as well as how we can help others to belong through kindness, respect and celebrating our differences. It has been wonderful to see the thoughtful discussions and creativity this theme has inspired across the school.



Nature Park Initiative

We are excited to announce that the school has secured funding through the Nature Park Grant to develop our green space with a pond, raised planting beds and wildflowers. The children have already been involved in evaluating our outdoor space and further project work will provide children with valuable hands-on opportunities to learn about gardening, sustainability and the natural environment. We look forward to seeing the space flourish and to the many learning experiences it will support in the months ahead.



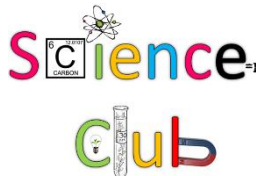
Sherwood Observatory

Team 5 visited Sherwood Observatory this term, engaging in practical science activities and exploring space during a show in the planetarium. The adults at the planetarium shared how impressed they were with the children's behaviour and engagement. We are very proud but not at all surprised!



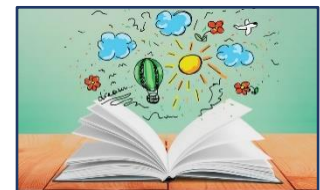
Extra-curricular clubs

A wider range of after-school clubs are on offer in the next half-term as we continue with our work on the Carrington Passport. A new selection of clubs will be on offer every half-term.



Stay and Read

Thank you once again for your engagement in our stay and read sessions. So many members of the community filled our school once more to share in the joy of reading.



We have added dates for all remaining stay and read sessions for the rest of the academic year which will hopefully help more of you to attend.

Future stay and read sessions will include a 'Book Swap' in the school hall. A range of fiction and non-fiction books for all ages will be available - bring an old book that you have finished and swap for a new one!

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Dates

More dates and further details about each event will be added to Dojo nearer the time.

INSET Day	Monday 23 rd February
First day back after half-term	Tuesday 24 th February
Police visit to Early Years	Monday 2 nd March
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March
Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week	Week beginning Monday 16 th March
Stay and Read & Book Swap	Monday 16 th March 14:30
Team 4 trip - Bosworth Battlefield	Tuesday 17 th March
Spring Disco	Evening of Wednesday 18 th March
Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20 th March
Last day of spring term	Friday 27 th March
International Food Event	Evening of Thursday 23 rd April
Stay and Read & Book Swap	Wednesday 29 th April 14:30
Year 6 SATs Week	Week beginning Monday 11 th May
Stay and Read & Book Swap	Tuesday 16 th June 14:30
INSET Day	Monday 1 st June
INSET Day	Monday 27 th July

Please visit our school website using the links below to view the academic term dates for 2025-26. [School Website Term Dates 2025-26](#)