

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week in school, we welcomed our Year Three parents to a fabulous parent workshop. Children and their families enjoyed an art session where they took part in sewing activities.

We also welcomed many of you to our spring term parents' evening. It was lovely to receive lots of positive comments about school and your appreciation for all that staff do for your children.

It is great to see that children are really enjoying the new lunch menu in school. The salad bar, deli bar and a huge selection of fruit are all being well received; children are tasting new fruits and vegetables for the very first time.

Next week the PTA will be hosting their annual Valentine's Discos. Tickets can be purchased directly from them and not from the school office. The deadline for buying your tickets is Monday. No tickets will be sold after that day.

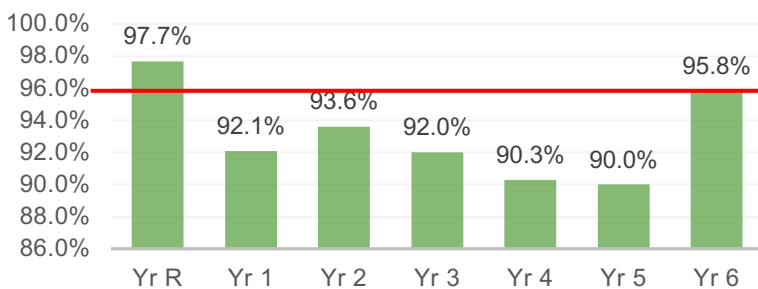
With very best wishes

Mr Higgins



## Attendance

w/c 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025



96% is our **minimum** expectation for attendance.

Did your child's class reach 96% last week?

This year's attendance, to date, is **91.7%**

# DIARY

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> February Lunch Menu:  
**Week Two**

**11<sup>th</sup> February**

PTA: Valentines Disco

**14th February 2025**

Teacher Training Day

**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Half Term Week

**26<sup>th</sup> February**

Children and Anxiety Workshop

**6<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

**10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Design Technology Week

**14<sup>th</sup> March**

Non-Uniform Fundraiser

**20<sup>th</sup> March**

Year One's Class Assembly

**26<sup>th</sup> March**

Year Five Parent Workshop

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Children and Anxiety Workshop

**3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Year Four's Class Assembly

**10<sup>th</sup> April**

KS1 Easter Bonnet Assembly with PTA Cake Stall

**11<sup>th</sup> April**

Last Day of Spring Term



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# Valentines Disco

Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

KS1 2.45pm – 3.15pm

KS2 3.25pm – 4.15pm

£1 per child (includes a drink)

Tickets can be purchased from a member of the PTA.

Children can wear their Disco party clothes to school on that day.

Refreshments will be on sale.

# Food Cycle

Food Cycle is a community dining charity that offers **free**, healthy and nutritious meals every Tuesday at 4pm at St. Gabriels Church, B29 5PL. Everyone is welcome to join them regardless of background or circumstances. You will not only be provided with a free cooked meal, but you will also receive a bag of free groceries to take home.

# Celebration Assembly

Today in our assembly we celebrated the achievements of:

## Reception

Angel-TigerLily  
and Mabel-Rose

## Year One

Harli and Miya

## Year Two

Ellie and Tommy

## Year Three

Chloe, Jeff and Mason

## Year Four

Freya and Mya

## Year Five

Kaden and Mekiyah

## Year Six

Boris and Deccan



# May 8<sup>th</sup> - VE Day

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 we shall be commemorating Victory in Europe Day with a special school lunch. In the afternoon, each class will undertake activities relating to this momentous day in world history.



# Full Lockdown Practice

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we shall be rehearsing a full, whole school lockdown. On that day a distinct alarm will sound across the school and children and staff will follow our lockdown procedure. Parents will receive the following message on their mobile phones:

*We are in a lockdown practice at school, please do not telephone or come to the school.*

You should be aware that during this practice the school phones will not be used, and entrances will be unmanned, external doors locked, and nobody will be allowed in or out of the school. **You should not telephone the school during this practice.**

At the end of our lockdown practice an end of lockdown alarm will sound in school and you will receive the following message:

*We are now out of a lockdown situation; thank you for taking part in our lockdown practice.*

After the lockdown practice, we will evaluate our procedures and make any necessary improvements. We will then publish an information leaflet for you explaining our revised procedures and what to do in the event of a real lockdown situation.



**Our School Values: We are respectful, ambitious, creative, inclusive, independent and we persevere.**