



Together We Love, Live and Learn February Newsletter 2025

The value of this term is Perseverance.



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that six months have already passed since I joined the school as Deputy Head. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience so far, and I'm truly grateful to be part of this wonderful school community. I'm enjoying the new experiences this role brings and working alongside a dedicated and supportive team.

My role is to help and support our teachers improve teaching, learning and assessment to ensure all of our children succeed. One of the most enjoyable and rewarding aspects of my job is getting to visit classrooms across the school and seeing all the exciting and engaging learning taking place.

It has also been lovely getting to know so many of our families, and I'm looking forward to continuing to work together to help your children achieve their full potential. Please feel free to say hello when you see me around the school—I'd love to meet you!

It's been fantastic to see all the children come back after the half-term break so full of energy and excitement.

Wishing you all a fantastic spring term.

Warm regards
Alex Allard
Deputy Head Teacher

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World Book Day Reminder – Thursday 6th March 2025

We're excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March! To mark the occasion, we invite children to wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book to share. There will be various fun activities throughout the day.

We are also holding a Book Sale, with books available for just £1 each. Please donate any pre-loved books to your class teacher. All proceeds will support our school library and future reading programs.

If you have spare cushions, blankets, or rugs in good condition, we'd appreciate donations to help make our library a cosy space.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful day!

Look Who's Talking Competition

A huge congratulations to Rylee, Isla, and Josh for representing our school at the "Look Who's Talking" competition! You displayed incredible courage and determination throughout the event. Your performances were outstanding, and you showed remarkable skill and confidence. Reaching the finals is an impressive achievement, and we are all extremely proud of you. Well done for making it that far and for showcasing the vision of our school!

And well done to everyone who took part in their class competitions – all of you should be proud of your efforts and progress. It's always a pleasure to see our students confidently express themselves, and we look forward to seeing more of this talent in the future!



Reminder to Parents: Healthy Snacks at Break Time

We kindly remind all families to provide **healthy snacks** for their children at break time. Please avoid sending chocolate, sweets, or other sugary treats, as they can negatively impact your child's energy levels, concentration, and overall well-being during school hours.

A **healthy snack** is essential as it helps:

- Provide steady energy throughout the day
- Support focus and concentration in class
- Promote better long-term health and development

Ideal snack options include fresh fruit, yogurt, whole grain crackers, or vegetable sticks. Thank you for helping us encourage healthy habits!

Parents Evening

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents Evening! It's always a pleasure to catch up, discuss the progress your children are making and celebrate their achievements.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us – your support is so important and greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the best for your children throughout the rest of the year.

Year 4 In The Net Trip

Year 4 had a wonderful time visiting Beech Green Primary School to attend the 'In The Net' internet safety show. Both classes represented the school amazingly and made Miss Wright and Mr Pegg very proud. The audience were introduced to the villains, Spam and Virus, who attempted to use the internet to cause upset. Thankfully, between the Year 4s and the hero, Password, they managed to save the day and learn how to be safe online. The children learnt so much from the performance and are now even more confident in knowing how to stay safe on their devices.

Sports Update

Last half term, we had a range of exciting sporting events. Girls in Years 3-5 enjoyed intra-school football and rugby sessions, while Year 2 had 30 children attend the multisport Atlas events.

Our Years 3-5 classes took part in Chance to Shine Cricket sessions, followed by a whole-school assembly. We also hosted an inclusive sports session with Atlas for our SEN students.

Finally, selected children from Years 3-6 participated in a Gymnastics Atlas event.



We're looking forward to more sporting achievements this term!

- KS2 Quick Sticks - Wednesday 5th March
- KS2 Girls Football Tournament (Rearranged) - Friday 7th March
- KS2 Sports Hall Athletics - Wednesday 12th March
- Inclusive Panathlon - Wednesday 2nd April

Happy News

Congratulations to Mrs. Begum on the exciting news of her pregnancy! We are thrilled for you as you embark on this wonderful new chapter.

Wishing you good health and happiness in the months ahead!

Thank you

A big thank you to the Norman Family for dedicating their time and effort to clear the willow and remove the rotten play equipment on our school field. Your hard work has made the area safer and tidier for our students, and we truly appreciate your support!



Watch this space for news on future developments on the school grounds.

We are always looking for ways to improve the school so if you could help make a positive difference in anyway, please get in touch.

Key Dates and Information

Term 4: Learn Value – Perseverance	
5 th March	KS2 Quick Sticks
6 th March	World Book Day: Refer to the letter sent by Miss Cook
7 th March	Author Visit – B. Ware
7 th March	KS2 Girls Football Tournament (Rearranged)
12 th March	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics
18 th March	Class Photos and Leaver Portraits
21 st March	Red Nose Day
24 th March	NHS Height, Weight & Vision Screening - Reception & Year 6
25 th March	School Nurse Parent Drop in morning school hall - 8.50am - 10:30am -
31 st March	Last week of after school clubs
1 st April	Year 2 Trip - Bristol Zoo Project
2 nd April	Inclusive Panathlon
3 rd April	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting - 3:30pm
9 th April	Year 5 Easter Worship - 9:15am
11 th April	Break up for Easter Finish Normal Time



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