



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children in Bumblebee and Squirrel classes have had the opportunity to try out their new outdoor learning area. The outdoors offers a rich sensory environment where children can explore different textures, sounds, and smells. These sensory experiences are vital for brain development, helping children to make sense of the world around them. Whether it's feeling the rough bark of a tree, listening to the chirping of birds, or smelling fresh flowers, these interactions enhance their sensory awareness and cognitive growth. One of our school development areas is to create more engaging outdoor spaces for our children to use during learning time. We are delighted that a new outdoor area has been created at the back of Squirrel and Bumblebee classes. It has been a delight to see and share the delight the children have had using this additional space to enrich their learning.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski  
**Headteacher**



### Illness or Medical Appointments

•You must let us know by 8:50am if your child is too ill to come to school. We need a telephone call for every day of absence.

•Parents are required to inform the school of the reasons for their child's absence. Simply stating 'not in' or 'unwell' gives us insufficient information to make an informed decision, and it may therefore be recorded as unauthorised.

•Every half-day session absence from school must be classified by the school (not parents/carers) as either authorised or unauthorised. Therefore, information about the cause of each absence is always requested. A full day is equal to two sessions.

•**Authorised absences** are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason (e.g., illness or other unavoidable cause).

•**Unauthorised absences** are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This includes keeping children off school unnecessarily, absences which have not been properly explained, and children who arrive at school too late to receive a present mark in the register.

If we do not hear from you, we will try to phone you or any of the contacts you have given us.

If we cannot make contact, we will send a text and/or email letting you know that your child is not in school, and that we may make a Safe and Well Check at home.

**Medical appointments should be arranged before or after school.** If you can't do this, please let us know of all appointments in advance. We can only authorise one session for medical appointments, therefore your child will still be expected to attend school either morning or afternoon, unless exceptional circumstances and previously discussed.

**Enquiry based learning:** - A mysterious suitcase appeared in Squirrels class this week. We asked lots of questions and looked for clues to predict who it might belong to. Is it a suitcase from today? Does it belong to a child or an adult? What have they packed? Where are they taking the suitcase?

We discovered that the suitcase belonged to a child from the 1940s, we found a label that says "London" and something called a "ration book". We still have a lot of investigating to do. Who do you think the suitcase may have belonged to?



### Adverse weather conditions

In any adverse weather conditions such as snow or ice, we always conduct a thorough risk assessment of the school site and consulting with staff to determine whether it is safe to open the school. The safety of our children and staff is our top priority.

We will always communicate any decisions regarding school closures as soon as possible on Class dojo. To ensure you always receive any updates, ensure your contact information is up to date.



**Cooking Club:-** By learning to cook, children become more aware of nutrition and are more likely to try and enjoy healthy foods. Successfully preparing a dish can give children a sense of accomplishment and boost their self-esteem. Our weekly cookery after school club has been a huge success! Mrs Jones says cooking together requires communication and cooperation, helping our children develop social skills and learning to work as part of a team. This week Fajitas were on the menu and tasted delicious!

### Congratulations Mrs Griffiths

Mrs Griffiths attended her Graduation ceremony today at University for successfully achieving another post-graduate qualification - the NASENCo.

Mrs Griffiths increased level of knowledge will benefit our children greatly. Well done Mrs Griffiths, we are so proud of you.



### This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of Respect

Our chosen worship songs this week were: [Shine Jesus Shine](#) and [From the Tiny Ant](#)  
This week in worship we learnt about treating others with Respect. Watch together [here](#).

### WORSHIP



**Watch or Read together:-** The story of Elijah offers several lessons about respecting others that can be particularly meaningful for children. Elijah's actions, such as helping the widow and her son, demonstrate the importance of helping others. This can teach children to be helpful and supportive to their classmates and friends. You can find out more about the story of Elijah [here](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

### Events at a glance:

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:-** Children break-up for half term
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:-** PD Day (no children in school this day)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:-** Children return to school
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:-** Mother's Day Service in Church
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:-** Badger Class Residential 3 days
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April:-** Easter Service in Church
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April:-** Children break-up for Easter holidays
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April:-** Children return to school
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May:-** Bank Holiday (no children in school this day)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May:-** Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:-** Children break-up for half-term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:-** Children return to school
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July:-** Children break up for Summer holidays

### Happy Birthday to

Maya, Jamie, Phoebe, Ivy-Mae and Ms Thorpe

who all celebrate their birthdays this week

### Meet our House Captains!



## NEWS



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