

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of the spring term 2025; I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. On behalf of all the staff in school, a huge **thank you** for your kind wishes, Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated by us all.

This term we have some busy times ahead of us and a spring term diary date list is available on the school website and included at the end of this week's newsletter too. We have also set the term dates for 2025-2026 so if you are looking to book holidays, please use these to make sure you avoid school days, **particularly the start of new terms when attendance is vital.**

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Thank you for returning your child's clubs letter so promptly so that the lists can be organised for next week. Clubs start next week from **Monday 13th January**. Young Worship will continue as before so there is no need to sign up for this club again; the choir group will also continue although there are some spaces available in choir for new joiners.

Please be aware that clubs will be cancelled if there is a clash with other events such as parent consultations week, school trips or sports fixtures. We would also be grateful if you could ensure prompt collection – KS1 clubs finish at 4pm and KS2 finish at 4.15pm.

Please note that the KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket Club finishes at 4pm, not 4.15pm

A big thank you to our amazing teachers for offering such a fantastic range of extracurricular activities for the children. These clubs are run voluntarily, and teachers aren't paid for this extra work. Without their dedication, we would have to rely on external providers, which would mean additional costs for parents. Thanks to them, we are able to offer a variety of clubs completely free of charge for all the children. So, a huge shout-out to our wonderful teaching team – we're so lucky to have you!

Reception Admissions 2025

Deadline for applications is next week: Wednesday 15th January

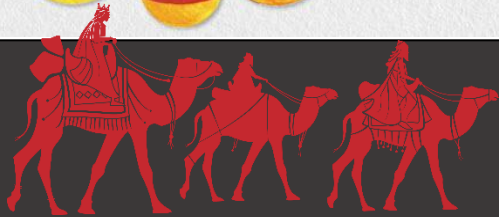
Christingle

In worship yesterday, Rev Tricia taught us all about Christingle and the work of The Children's Society.

You can find out more about the tradition of Christingle here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

Each class has a Christingle collection box for any loose change you might like to donate.

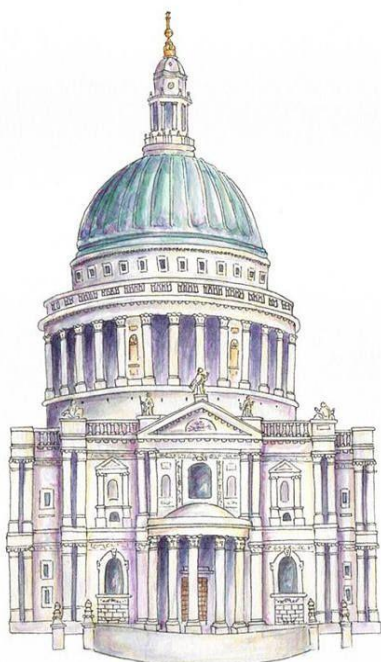


EPIPHANY

On Tuesday in our first Collective Worship of the new year, we explored the meaning of Epiphany and the tradition of 'Chalking the Door.' The children were challenged to explain the special code used in this tradition to their parents—can they remember what the letters and numbers mean?

20 + C + M + B + 25

This tradition is a lovely way to ask for Christ's blessing and protection over our homes throughout the year. Why not ask your child to share what they've learned about this with you?



Young Worship trip to St Paul's Cathedral in London

Next Thursday, Young Worship are heading into London to visit St Paul's Cathedral. The children will be having a guided tour and taking part in a hands-on workshop about London during the Blitz. They will also have the opportunity to climb the staircase to the dome of the cathedral for incredible panoramic views of London. What a wonderful day they will have!

This trip will be leaving at 8.30am and back by around 4.30pm, so please park considerably for coach access that day. Many thanks.



Remember to Speak out. Stay safe.

Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

I am pleased to inform you that in February we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 (Y2) and 9-11 (Y5&Y6). The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful.

SPRING TERM 2025

Date	Event	Information
JANUARY		
7 th	Spring Term begins	
13 th	After school clubs start	
16 th	Young Worship trip	
21 st & 22 nd	Arts Days	
22 nd	PTA Recycled clothes Collection	Bags on the village green by 9am please
31 st	Class 4 Cake Day	
FEBRUARY		
3 rd	Open Session	3.30-5.00pm, no appointment needed
7 th	Class 4 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 4 parents
10 th	Movie and Munch	
13 th	Y6 Parent Consultations	All day
16 th	Finish for half term	Usual time of 3.15pm
24 th	Back to school	
24 th – 28 th	STEM week	
MARCH		
4 th	Shrove Tuesday	
6 th	World Book Day	Costume needed!
7 th	PTA Quiz Night	
10 th – 14 th	ASSESSMENT WEEK	Years 1-6, avoid absence please
21 st	Class 3 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 3 parents
24 th – 28 th	Parent Consultations	Face to face appointments available on Monday 24 th . The rest of the week will be video and telephone calls.
28 th	Class 3 Cake Day	
APRIL		
3 rd	Easter Service	
4 th	End of term 2pm	



SUMMER TERM 2025	
22 nd April	INSET Day, no school for children
23 rd April	Summer term begins for children
26 th – 30 th May	Half term week
18 th July	END OF TERM 2pm
21 st July	INSET Day, no school for children
22 nd July	INSET Day, no school for children
23 rd July	Occasional Day. School closed to staff & children



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

22 JANUARY
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



Term dates 2025 – 2026



AUTUMN TERM 2025	
3rd September	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
4 th September	Autumn term begins for children
27 th – 31 st October	Half term week
19 th December	END OF TERM 2pm
SPRING TERM 2026	
5th January	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
6 th January	Spring term begins for children
16 th – 20 th February	Half term week
27 th March	END OF TERM 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2026	
13th April	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
14 th April	Summer term begins for children
25 th – 29 th May	Half term week
18 th July	END OF TERM 2pm
19th July	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
20th July	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
21st July	<i>Occasional Day. School closed to staff & children</i>

ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2pm on 18th July 2026. No absence for any reason will be authorised at the end of the summer term.

Very occasionally, term dates and INSET days may need to be changed. We will notify parents well in advance should this be the case. Holidays should not be taken during term time; such absences will not be authorised. This includes days 'tagged on' to the beginning and end of school terms; these absences will also not be authorised.