

WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10 January 2025



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Message from Miss Taunt

Dear Families

Happy New Year!

We've all so enjoyed seeing all the children back this week and it's been a lovely calm start to the year. Children across the school have been studying the Oliver Jeffer's book **What We'll Build**. I have seen some amazing work from what



children would store in their memory boxes (locks of hair and their baby teeth) to their hopes for the world and their futures (including that their families will always be safe and that they can learn to ride a bike.) We always start each term with a whole school book study - it's the perfect way to get our brains back working and bring the school together.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term from trips, year 4 are going on a boat! and visits - year 1 have a Victorian day coming up. We have years 3 to 5 starting their class assemblies which parents are invited - see dates on page 2. We have lots of interesting guests for our Thursday coffee mornings starting with a SEND focus with HACS and SENDIAS joining us over the next 2 weeks. And lots more coming.

We have also welcomed our new Assistant Head and SENDCo Mr Cotter to the team who has already met lots of parents and is quickly getting to know lots of the children too.

Have a great weekend!

Rose Taunt, Head Teacher

Dates for next week

Clubs start this week

Monday 13th January

Tuesday

Wednesday

Back to School

Thursday

Coffee Morning - Guest: Samantha Richards from HACS (Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support)

Friday

Celebration Assembly—years 1, 3 and 5

Year 5 Greek Day

Dates for your Diary

We want you to be part of our school

We will be *ACTIVE*
in mind and body

Spring Term

New things that have been added this week will be highlighted yellow.



Spring Term Dates

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January	Monday 20th January		Reception Vision and Hearing checks
	Thursday 23rd January		Coffee Morning—Guest: SENDIAS
	Thursday 23rd January	9am	3H Class assembly - Parents of 3H welcome to watch
	Friday 24th January	9am	Celebration Assembly—Families of children in years 2, 4 and 6 invited
	Wednesday 29th January		School Council Trip - Dragon's Den Workshop
	Thursday 30th January	8.35-10am	Coffee Morning—Guest: Natalie Dollard School Nurse . When to see your doctor,
	Friday 31st January	9am	Celebration Assembly—Families of children in years 1, 3 and 5 invited
February	Thursday 6th February	8.35-10am	Coffee Morning—Guest: Nims Virdy—School Attendance
	Thursday 6th February	9am	4Cl Class assembly - Parents of 4Cl welcome to watch
	Friday 7th February	9am	Celebration Assembly—Families of children in years 2, 4 and 6 invited
	Monday 10th February	12-10pm	Choir—Young Voices Trip
	Tuesday 12th February		No more choir club this term
	Thursday 13th February	8.35-10am	Coffee Morning - Parents Wellbeing
	Friday 14th February	9am	Celebration Assembly—Families of children in years 1, 3 and 5 invited
	Monday 17th-Friday 21st February		Half Term
	Thursday 27th February		Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Checks
	Thursday 27th February	9am	5F Class assembly - Parents of 5F welcome to watch
March	Thursday 13th March	9am	3R Class assembly - Parents of 3R welcome to watch
	Wednesday 19th March	1pm onwards	Early Finish for Parents Evening
	Thursday 27th March	9am	4Ch Class assembly - Parents of 4Ch welcome to watch

Key Dates for 2025

June	Thursday 12th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 6 & 4; Afternoon - Years 1 & 2
June	Friday 13th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 5 & 3; Afternoon - Reception
June	Friday 20th June	Sports Day	Morning - Nursery; Afternoon - SEND Hub
July	Tuesday 1st July	4-6pm	Open Evening for existing parents to come in and see children's work, chat informally to teachers and visit their new classes

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Celebrating success

*We ASPIRE to be
the best we can be*



Star Pupil

This is given to one pupil per class every week and recognises a child who has done particularly well linked to our school's values.

Celebration Assemblies and certificates start again next week.

Reader of the Week

This is a new certificate given out weekly to someone who has tried extra hard with their reading that week. All the winners will be entered into a prize draw at the end of each half term to win a



Families are invited to join us for these assemblies at 9am every Friday.

PSD Sports Champion

PSD award a sports champion every week to a boy and a girl who have tried particularly hard in their PE lessons.



Check the newsletter dates to see when it's your child's year group's turn...

Pupil of the Term & Right Choice Award

These are awarded at the end of the term to someone who has worked particularly hard and made amazing progress and someone who has been noticed as always making the right choices. Parents of the winners are invited in for the assembly and pupils receive a reward.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attend today, Achieve tomorrow
Every day counts!

We will be ACTIVE
in mind and body

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important that you phone the school **before 8am** on the first day of absence and leave a message on the absence line **by calling 01895 462364 and choose option 1.**

Starting in January we want to celebrate the classes getting 100% attendance. If your class gets 100% attendance, the whole class has a non-uniform day on the Monday.



Attendance WC 06/01/25

Class	Attendance
NAM	78%
NPM	86%
ALL DAY	87%
RCW	86%
RW	94%
RMR	71%
1Q	85%
1R	93%
1O	96%
2H	86%
2E	87%
2D	90%
3H	90%
3R	81%
3B	87%
4CH	87%
4CL	96%
4Q	86%
5L	93%
5M	86%
5F	90%
6F	94%
6T	91%
6L	90%

Attendance Cup Winners

The classes claiming the Attendance Cup for the best attendance this week are:

Key Stage 1—10

Key Stage 2 - 4Cl



They will receive the Attendance Cup to keep in their class next week!

This week's whole school attendance

Our target is more than 95%

Number of children who had 100% attendance this week:

413



KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

We are **RESILIENT** and learn from our mistakes

We are getting more and more children who are using online games and social media inappropriately. Make sure you have the right information to keep your child safe online.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **TIKTOK**

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free-to-use social media platform that lets people watch and share short videos of up to ten minutes in length. Its memes, trends, and celebrity cameos have made it enormously popular with an estimated 1 billion users worldwide – but its algorithm that surfaces videos based on users' activity can make the app seriously addictive.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users that someone follows, "For You" is a collection based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will probably be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially show something unsuitable. What's worse, if they engage with this content, more will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the volume of uploads means that they aren't manually monitored.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal, or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With over 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards to other users for videos they've created, retaining their monetary value. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Recent figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time on it. In 2024, UK children have spent an average of 127 minutes per day on TikTok – twice as much as in 2020 – according to parental controls company Qustodio. This compulsive usage can interfere with children's sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short-form videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but with Ofcom reporting that nearly a third of children aged 12-15 use TikTok as a news source, you should be wary of extremist material.

TikTok has a minimum age of 13 meaning that it is not safe for children at primary school to use.

[Zoom in to read and find out more information about keeping safe online on our website—here](#)

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Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers, and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure that they understand not to share any identifying personal information, and to talk to a trusted adult if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework, or skipping meals.

Click below for TikTok's Guardian Guide

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.

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Guardian's guide

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Please let us know if they are any concerns regarding bullying online so that we can support children in school. As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor and check children's usage and devices.

EXTERNAL SPORTS CLUBS

We will be ACTIVE
in mind and body

GIRLS MINI DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS
Introduction and Development

Two week free trial!

SATURDAYS 10 - 11AM **REC - YEAR 4 (U5 - U9)**

Be Tweedale in the Summer, Breakspear in the Winter

Summer Address
Tweedale Grove
Playing Fields
Ickenham
UB10 8TT




Winter Address
The Breakspear School
Bushey Road
Ickenham
UB10 8JA

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For children with special educational needs and disabilities

Have fun, make friends, play football

Wednesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm **Ages under 5 to under 12**

Glebe Primary School
Sussex Road
Ickenham
UB10 8PH

FREE TRIAL

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WEALDSTONE YOUTH FC


GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

REC - YR 6 (U5 - U11)
SATURDAYS 9 - 10 AM

Be Goals in the Winter, and The Vale in the Summer

2 week free trial!

- Ball technique
- Teamwork
- Potential pathway to WYFC



To register your interest email soccer.school@wealdstoneyouthfc.co.uk

WEALDSTONE YOUTH FC

SEND FOOTBALL SESSIONS

REC - YEAR 6 (U5-U11'S) **SATURDAYS 10AM-11AM**

Be Goals in the Winter, and The Vale in the Summer

SCAN TO BOOK

- DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES
- A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO SHINE

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READING MATTERS

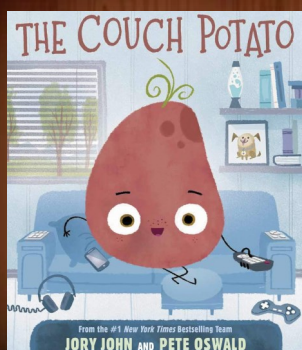
Books build a stairway to your imagination

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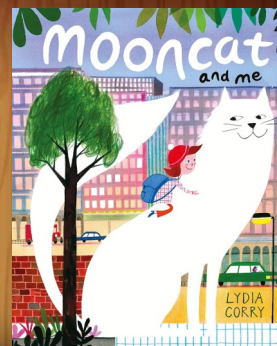
January is all about celebrating the new year and making choices about ways to start a fresh or make small changes. This months books are all linked to new beginnings and changes whether they be at the start of a new year or at any other time. Change can be tough, and reading a story with change as a theme can be a really great way to support your child in understanding how to cope when change happens.

January 2025 Recommended Reads

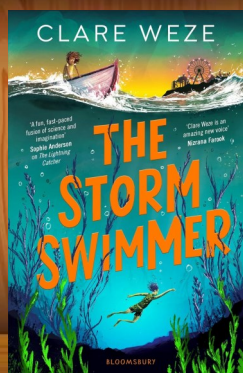
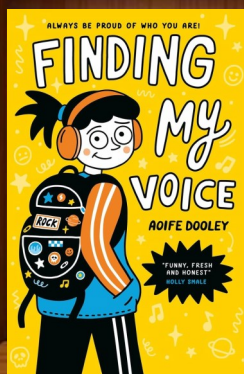
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KS1



KS2



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

*We are KIND, RESPECTFUL
and WORK TOGETHER*

Please use recycling bin by the front gate. Please bag up your unwanted clothes and put them in the bin to raise money for



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are working to improve lunchtimes and need the following -

- ⇒ Big Lego or Duplo
- ⇒ Role Play areas and equipment e.g. toy kitchen equipment
- ⇒ Dolls, doll buggies and doll baths
- ⇒ Trikes and sit on toys
- ⇒ Scooters and balance bikes
- ⇒ Small musical instruments
- ⇒ Toy vehicles e.g. diggers, cars, trucks
- ⇒ Any other items that encourage imaginative play and physical activity



Please bring any good quality donations to the office so we can make lunch times more fun!

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