

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let families know that the Spring Term Parents' Evening has been rescheduled and will now take place on Thursday 12th March. Further details about how to book appointments will be shared with families in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to meeting with you then.

This week has been our Work and Enterprise week. We have been encouraging children to explore the world of work and to think about and develop their own aspirations for their future careers. Different year groups have experienced either a visit to a work place or a visitor to the school to speak about the job that they do. All year groups have taken part in the Enterprise Fayre, designing and making a product to sell. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. Enterprise education helps children to develop specific skills in negotiating, influencing, innovating, and problem solving. Although we do not have room to show photographs of all of the events here, please do look at our website and Facebook page to see what the children have been up to!

At the very beginning of each school day, children get straight to tasks whilst the teacher completes the register. These tasks often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they miss out on their own learning time and this is disruptive for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am so that they can come into school with their class. The school gates close at 9:00am and pupils may be classed as late if they arrive after this time.

You will have noticed that the weather has been much colder recently. We are keen that children get fresh air by playing outside every day, so please make sure that children bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt and plain black shorts or jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Thank you for all of your support.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher
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Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.


PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.


Gardening Workshop

This week in Reception, children took part in a gardening workshop where they explored a variety of plants and herbs. They learned how to care for them and enjoyed smelling and tasting some of the herbs.


Growing Cress

This week, Year 2 planted cress seeds as part of their science learning to investigate whether sunlight affects the germination and growth of a plant. They carefully planted the seeds and discussed what plants need to grow.


Junior Citizenship Scheme

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the Forest Road Youth Club to engage in some dynamic workshops with Hackney Junior Citizenship Scheme. They learnt all about TfL and fire safety, as well as about dental hygiene and street safety!



Work & Enterprise Week

Children at Orchard enjoyed a variety of workshops and presentations for Work Week. Pupils had visits from a barrister, architect, artist, healthcare workers and more who told them all about the world of work. The week ended with the Enterprise Fayre where pupils sold items they made during the week!



Librarians

This week, our KS2 librarians enjoyed reading with children in KS1. The librarians supported the younger children with their reading, shared their favourite books and promoted reading for pleasure throughout the session!



Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week: How can I support my child's wellbeing through developing positive connections?

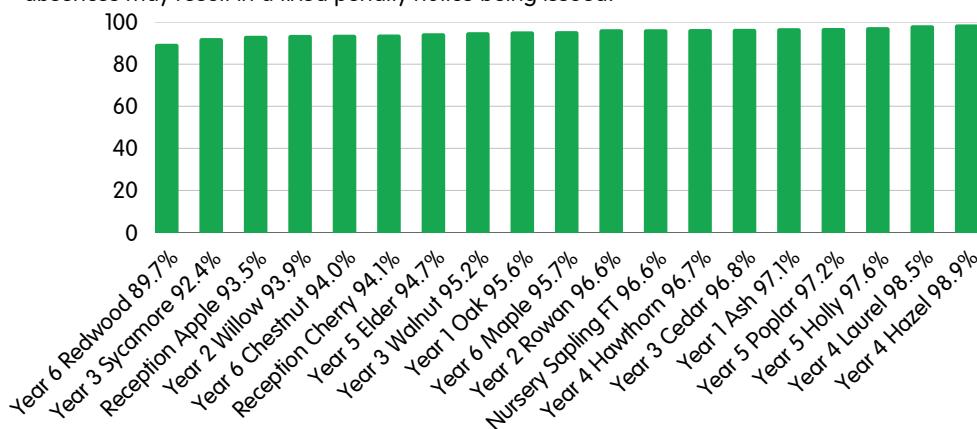
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.4%.

Well done to Year 4 Hazel, last week's winners with 98.9% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Key Dates

Year 4 Hazel Class Assembly
Thursday 5th February at 10:45am

Children's Mental Health Week
Week beginning 9th February

Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10th February

Children break up for the half term holiday
Friday 13th February at 3:30pm

Spring Term Parents Evening
Thursday 12th March - School closes at 1pm

Term End and Start

The first half of the spring term ends on Friday 13th February at 3:30pm.

Please scan the QR code to view our 2025-2026 term dates.



School Uniform

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