

NEWSLETTER



Spring

Term

01.05.26



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

A couple of updates for you all:

1. We have updated the Anti-Bullying Policy – it is available on the school website (Policies and Behaviour Page). There is no change to the policy from the previous one. Please familiarise yourself with the terminology of this policy as there is a distinct and significant difference between children falling out and learning about appropriate behaviours and bullying.
2. Academisation. I wasn't planning on mentioning this in this week's newsletter. However, I am conscious that the Archdiocese Plan has been partly published in some local newspapers and is appearing on Facebook too (possibly on other social media platforms). This is not a pressing matter for our school as we are scheduled to be part of the last wave of schools to be transitioned. Also, it is expected that we will join the Our Lady of Lourdes NW CMAT (Catholic Multi-Academy Trust) which has not been legally formed yet. I will update when it is appropriate to do so.

We have welcomed a couple of new families to school recently (Y1 and Y3) and next week, we will hopefully be welcoming another new family (Y5) to our school community. Please look out for parents who are new to school and help them to feel welcome, as you always do.

We have limited places available in some classes, so if you know of anyone who is new to the area and looking for a place in a local school please ask them to contact the office and we will help support them in the mid-year application process.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Year 3 and Year 6 Assembly Date Swap:

Due to Year 6 attending Howe Bridge Leisure Centre on the day of their assembly, we have had to swap the Y3 and Y6 assemblies around. This has already been shared via email with parents of children in these classes. The date change has not yet been changed on the website.

Arbor App – Payments

Payments still live on your Arbor App and navigation instructions:

Summer Term Snack (£11.80): *Arbor App > School Shop > Summer Term Snack*

Music Tuition (£34.95): Now collected half-termly – *Activities > Clubs > Music Tuition Summer Term 1*

Curious Critters Reception (£4): *Activities > Clubs > Curious Critters (voluntary contribution)*. If parents/carers would still like to make their kind donation.

All Arbor payments can also be made at the school office by cash. Thank you.

Arbor App – Attendance

Our school Arbor app is a fantastic tool for keeping all of our parents/carers up to date with their child's attendance, enabling a strong school partnership in working together to support good attendance. Your child's attendance statistics are shown on the top of your Arbor app in bold colours. Please take a look!

Government Attendance Terminology

Please refer to the national terminology when looking at your child's attendance.

- 95% – National Average
- <90% – Persistently Absent
- < 50% – Severely Absent

AWARDS

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Reception

Golden Ticket	Chloe	Excellent independent sentence writing.
Golden Ticket	Diyaan	A wonderful painting of a ladybird.
Golden Ticket	Jessica	Fantastic handwriting.
Reading Champ	Lucas	Thank you for reading regularly all week.
Responsibility	Fraser	Showing responsibility every day. You take care of your belongings, make sensible choices, and can always be trusted to do the right thing.

Year One

Golden Ticket	Bentley	Thoughtful responses in our Diversity lesson.
Golden Ticket	Oliver	Becoming more confident at reading Tricky Words independently.
Golden Ticket	Zoe	Great work in maths when counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s
Reading Champ	Emaleah	Thank you for reading regularly all week.
Responsibility	Xavier	Xavier is kind and caring, he supports classmates who need help and takes responsibility for own learning by listening and staying focused.

Year Two

Golden Ticket	Atlas	Accurately using a ruler to measure in centimetres correctly.
Golden Ticket	Freddie	Producing amazing writing this week about wolves; making sure he used capital letters, full stops, and that each sentence made sense.
Reading Champ	Johua	Thank you for reading regularly all week.
Responsibility	William	Developing a mature attitude and taking responsibility for his own learning, working very hard to produce good-quality work.

Year Three

Golden Ticket	Freya	Excellent arguments for and against during a conscience alley in English.
Golden Ticket	George	Settling in well and already following school rules consistently.
Golden Ticket	Sebastian	A confident approach in Maths when answering deeper level questions on mass and capacity.
Reading Champ	Viktoria	Thank you for reading regularly all week.
Responsibility	Precious	Taking responsibility of her own learning and developing her independence.

Year Four

Golden Ticket	Jane	Working hard this week to improve her presentation skills.
Golden Ticket	Jed	Excellent teamwork in PE when playing rounders.
Golden Ticket	Zoe	Great work when exploring tenths as a decimal .
Reading Champ	Natalie	Thank you for reading regularly all week.
Responsibility	Doris	Always taking care of our school environment.

Year Five

Golden Ticket	Alex	Using the Mastery keys to write a description in English.
Golden Ticket	Evie	Excellent work when beginning to learn about percentages in Maths.
Golden Ticket	Jayda	Fantastic understanding of the message of Peter to the disciples.
Reading Champ	Ayesha	Thank you for reading regularly all week
Responsibility	Imogen	Imogen can be trusted to complete any task around school with diligence, showing great responsibility.

Year Six

Golden Ticket	Alex	Fantastic character description on the pilot.
Golden Ticket	Ekrem	Super double page spread on 'How our eyes see things'.
Golden Ticket	Ivaylo	Excellent work in P.E when practicing the relay changeover.
Reading Champ	Aliya	Thank you for reading regularly all week.
Responsibility	Jessica	Showing responsibility in all aspects of school life.