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Message from Miss Taunt

Dear Families

I talk a lot about it in our newsletters but attendance at school is incredibly important. **Children are expected to be at school 95% across the year.** If a child has only 90% attendance, it means they've missed 4 weeks of school across the year. If a child has 80% attendance, they've missed 8 weeks, more than a half term of learning. This is their chance to attend school, they don't get this opportunity back. Children who don't have regular attendance are more likely to be behind academically and find friendships more difficult. Our current whole school attendance is 90% which is much lower than it should be. We have a range of new incentives to help children want to come to school:

- ⇒ Attendance prizes will be given out to 6 children picked at random every Monday who have had 100% attendance the week before
- ⇒ Any class with 100% attendance will have a non uniform day on the following Monday and be awarded an attendance badge. There are 3 to collect - bronze, silver and gold!
- ⇒ The Attendance Cup will be awarded to the KS1 and KS2 class who have the highest attendance the week before



Most of our absence comes from families travelling abroad either for holidays or to visit unwell relatives. Education is important - please don't take your children out of school.

If you have any concerns about attendance please speak to our Attendance Office - Ms Payne who you can contact through the school office. See more about attendance on page 3.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Rose Taunt, Head Teacher

Dates for next week

Monday 13th January

Reception - Vision & Hearing Checks

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

After drop off: Family Coffee Morning - Guest: SENDIAS

9am: 3H Class assembly.
3H families invited to attend

Friday

9am Celebration Assembly— Families of years 2, 4 and 6 are welcome to attend

Avoid the rush at the school office

Our busy times are 8.30-9.30am and 3-3.30pm. It may be easier to email enquiries@belmore.school, phone or visit outside of these times.

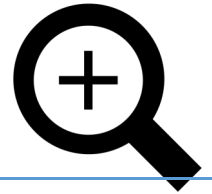
Dates for your Diary

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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from Noun Project

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| January | Wednesday 29th January | | School Council Trip - Dragon's Den Workshop |
| | Wednesday 29th January | | Y4 Pedestrian Training |
| | Thursday 30th January | 8.35-10am | Coffee Morning—Guest: Natalie Dollard School Nurse . When to see your doctor, when to keep your child off school |
| | Thursday 30th January | 3pm | Year 4 Residential Information Meeting (for the Yr 5 Woodrow Residential) |
| | 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 |
| | Monday 10th February - Friday 28th February | | Swimming for Y5 and 4Ch (The rest of year 4 will swim in September) |
| | 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 |
| | Thursday 6th March | | World Book Day. More details to follow of lots of booky events! |
| 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 20th March | | Y4 Chiswick Bridge Trip |
| | Thursday 27th March | 9am | 4Ch Class assembly - Parents of 4Ch welcome to watch |
| | Friday 4th April | 1.30 | End of Term |

Key Dates for 2025

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| 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 |

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attend today, Achieve tomorrow
Every day counts!

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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.



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| NAM | 87.8 |
| NPM | 81.6 |
| ALL DAY | 87.7 |
| RCW | 88.7 |
| RW | 90.3 |
| RMR | 91.3 |
| 1Q | 91.2 |
| 1R | 99.6 |
| 1O | 98.7 |
| 2H | 87.8 |
| 2E | 94.4 |
| 2D | 89.2 |
| 3H | 86.7 |
| 3R | 88.2 |
| 3B | 87.1 |
| 4CH | 93.8 |
| 4CL | 95.0 |
| 4Q | 85.7 |
| 5L | 95.4 |
| 5M | 93.1 |
| 5F | 85.0 |
| 6F | 97.8 |
| 6T | 90.7 |
| 6L | 91.7 |

Attendance Cup Winners

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

Key Stage 1—1R

Key Stage 2 - 6F



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

This week's whole school attendance

↑ 91%

Our target is more than 95%

Number of children who had 100% attendance this week:

406



THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Celebrating success

*We ASPIRE to be
the best we can be*

**Our super
stars of the
week are:**



| Class name | Star Pupil |
|------------|------------|
| 1O | Prathisha |
| 1Q | Natalia |
| 1R | Hawa |
| 2D | Hallie |
| 2E | Mason |
| 2H | Patrick |
| 3H | Mustafa |
| 3R | Jeaven |
| 3B | Shoaib |
| 4CH | Sara |
| 4CL | Tavleen |
| 4Q | Suwani |
| 5M | Amari |
| 5F | Amelia |
| 5L | Keisha |
| 6L | Zaidan |
| 6T | Maya |
| 6F | |

**Our Readers
of the week**

Congratulations

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| Roohneet | Darcie Mae |
| Liliana | Janistan |
| Hawa | Daniel |
| Aurie | Hana |
| Manvi | Brandon |
| Frankie | Karanveer |
| Adnaa | Jack |
| Frankie | |
| Hanna | |
| Francisca | |

PSD Sports Champions

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| Alayna | Harshita | Zakariah | Charlotte |
| Sakchyam | Davontae | Julia | Anesa |
| Rose | Aisha | Alok | Riley |
| Thurkkesh | Lukas | Stanley | Ruhani |
| Antonia | Harlie | Uzziel | |

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)

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-18s (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 'Outstadio'. 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.

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-18s 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.

Meet Our Expert

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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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Click below for TikTok's Guardian Guide



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

ICKENHAM YOUTH F.C.
Est 2006

Pathway to Girls league football

To register your lioness email Girls@ickenhamyouthfc.com

SEND INDOOR FOOTBALL SESSIONS

ICKENHAM YOUTH F.C.
Est 2006

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

For more information and to register email welfare@ickenhamyouthfc.com

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

WEALDSTONE FC

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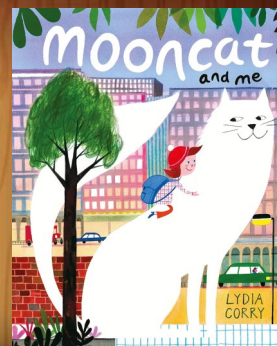
January is all about celebrating the new year and making choices about ways to start a fresh or make small changes. This months books are all linked to new beginnings and changes whether they be at the start of a new year or at any other time. Change can be tough, and reading a story with change as a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

January 2025 Recommended Reads

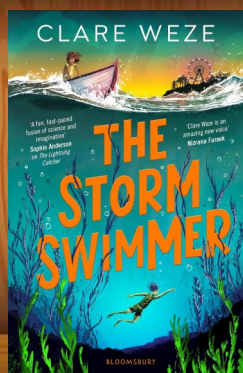
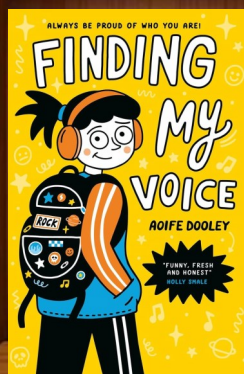
EYFS



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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