

This Week

We close our half-term with our 2nd parents' meeting event of the school year.

A reminder to parents of children in 2AS – your meetings are only taking place on Thursday.

Parents of children in Reception – your meetings will be after half-term.

If you have opted for a phone call, please have your phone nearby at your allotted time. Calls will show up as "private" or "unknown number."

We are also welcoming members of staff from the Speech and Language team on Tuesday who will be there to give advice and on Thursday, the WEST (Worcestershire Emotional Support Team) will be available to ask more about their service.

Parent questionnaires will be sent out at the end of this week.

Week beginning 10th February

Monday 10th February

Tuesday 11th February

Year 5 swimming

Parents' meetings 3.30 – 5.30

Year 1 – 6 (not 2AS or Reception)

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th February

Year 3 swimming

Family learning 1pm

Parents' meetings 4.30 – 6.30 (Years

1 – 6)

Friday 14th February

No school for children

**School reopens Monday
24th February**

Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 11th February is national Internet Safety Day. The "online world" is ever changing and can be a wonderful source of education, entertainment and enjoyment for us all.

However, you will be aware it can also be a dangerous place if not used properly.

Staying safe online is a constant message we give our children at school but this week all classes will be giving an extra focus to it. Our next newsletter will share some of these lessons and messages.

If you need advice either for yourself or how to keep your child safe, then you may find the following link useful.

[Parents and carers Archives - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Our website also offers support

[Online Safety | Hollymount School](#)

Do you know what your child is watching?

Children can access 'entertainment' from all sorts of devices these days. Do you know what they are watching?

Within days of Netflix Squid Games returning to the network we have had children 'playing' squid games. Although seemingly innocent, it is worrying to think of children as young as 4 watching such extreme violence on screen.

Please help to protect childhood by monitoring screen time.



SCHOOL
VALUES

PROUD
TO BE ME

ENJOY
LEARNING

ACHIEVE
SUCCESS

RESPECT FOR THE
WORLD



Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding and Family Support

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs S Ricketts

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs A Donnelly

Mrs R Hussain

Pastoral/ behaviour leads:

Mr Ryan

Special Educational Needs:

Mrs E Davis-Lloyd (SENDCO)

Mrs L Montgomery (Inclusion lead)

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak about any worries, please see one of our team. They can signpost families to additional support, if it is required.

Anyone can make a referral to Children's services.

[Children's Social Care](#) |

[Worcestershire County Council](#)

In an emergency, always ring 999.

Keeping Children Safe Online

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe in day to-day life and online. Please check your child's online activity,

- Check game age advisory notices
- Limit children's time spent online
- Set filters so that inappropriate material is blocked
- Keep phones, tablets etc. out of bedrooms

Attendance

Year group	Week beginning 27/1/25	This half-term	This Academic Year
Reception	92.42%	94.89%	94.78%
Year 1	91.33%	90.79%	93.04%
Year 2	95.34% ★	93.04%	92.39%
Year 3	93.11%	93.07%	94.43%
Year 4	91.82%	93.32%	94.79%
Year 5	93.21%	92.98%	93.57%
Year 6	91.51%	92.72%	94.98%
Whole School (Rec – Y6)	92.7%	92.9%	93.9%

Well done Year 2 – the only ones above 95% and your highest attending week since early December.

Teachers will be able to let you know your child's current attendance rate at meetings this week. **Anything above 96% is considered good attendance.**

Anything below 90% is considered persistent absenteeism and is likely to be having a negative impact on a child's progress in school. Remember fines may be issued where a child has 10 or more unauthorised missed sessions (half day = 1 session) in a 10 week rolling programme.

Half-term Food vouchers

If you have a child who is eligible for free school meals, then you should receive your vouchers by the end of this week (or early next week.)

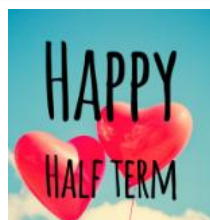
Please let us know if you have changed your email address!

If you are not sure if you are eligible for free school meals via benefits you receive, you can check using the following link:

[Online FSM Application](#)

Please do this as soon as possible so that we can add you to this half-term's voucher list as time is running out to make changes.

Thank-you

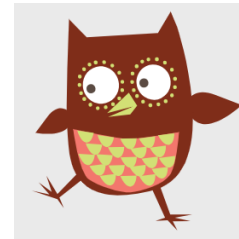


**Half-Term holiday: Friday
14th – Friday 21st February**

**HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK?
IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO VIA SQUID.**

What is my child learning? How can I help?

All children have access to age-appropriate educational websites. You will find their usernames and passwords for these in their reading diaries. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. Three key sites are:



Oxford Owl

You will find links to appropriate sites on the school website, year group page. PLEASE help your child to use these regularly. They will make such a difference to their reading and maths fluency and help a child feel confident in their own abilities.

