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'The Best for Every Child -a Unique Child of God'
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Dear Parent / Carers

Our Christian Value this term is **Perseverance**.

Our Ethos Statement this week is: *"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and protector of faith."* Hebrews 12:1-2

Training Days for 2025/26

Mon 1st June

Mon/Tue 20/21st July

Spring Term

What a wonderful start to 2026. Our first week back has been filled with real warmth and excitement, despite the chilly winter weather outside.

This term, we are exploring our school value of perseverance, helping our children to understand how to bounce back, learn from challenges, and keep moving forward with a smile.

Across the school, we have also been focusing on strengthening our listening routines. You might like to ask your child about STAR listening, which helps them to sit smartly, track the speaker, actively listen, and respect those around them.

Our school attendance has been lower than usual recently, dropping below 96% for the first time in many years. We know that winter can bring coughs, colds and, as many families experienced before Christmas, some particularly unpleasant flu bugs. Please be assured that we would never expect children to attend school when they are unwell. At the same time, when children are well enough to be in school, every day offers valuable opportunities for learning and connection. We are always here to work with you to support good attendance while keeping our children healthy and safe.

A special invitation to our Praying Parents group. We will be meeting on Friday 16th January in the school conference room from 9.30 to 10.00am. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a moment of reflection and community connection.

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With best wishes,

Dan Hemming
Headteacher

Pupil of the Week

<p>RB This week in RB class our pupil of the week is Piper Avison. Piper is an excellent role model for the children in Reception. She follows the rules and is kind and helpful. In our English group work this week we have been writing words, Piper confidently identified the individual sounds in each word and wrote them down independently. Well done Piper! ☺</p>	<p>RC This week in RC, Zayaan is our pupil of the week. Zayaan has worked really hard this week and we have seen his confidence and perseverance grow. Zayaan did some amazing phonics work and showed independence during our focus activities. Well done Zayaan, keep it up! ☺</p>
<p>1T 1T's pupil of the week is Robyn. Robyn is a lovely and enthusiastic member of the class. She actively participates in lessons, often putting up her hand to answer questions ☺ Robyn has been working hard in Phonics and beginning to apply this knowledge to her writing. This week she impressed me with writing a sentence about winter independently. Well done Robyn, keep up the super work! ☺</p>	<p>1RC Our pupil of the week is Maya Ladinetti. Maya has had a fantastic start to 2026. She has impressed us with her STAR listening skills and her sensible attitude to learning, trying her best in every lesson. Maya has persevered with our English unit on Poetry, working hard to find rhyming words and to read with expression. Well done Maya! ☺</p>
<p>2J I'm really pleased with how the whole of 2J have returned to school this week. We've really hit the ground running with our learning and there's been lots of fabulous effort and perseverance going into our work. My pupil of the week however is Leo Anderson. It's been wonderful to see Leo's confidence in his own abilities flourishing, with his hand going up in most lessons to answer questions. He's also trying hard to neaten up his handwriting and make his letters smaller. Keep it up Leo- we're really proud of you! ☺</p>	<p>2S 2S have made a fantastic start to the term and we've been so impressed by how well everyone has settled back in after Christmas but we have chosen Zara Clark as our pupil of the week. Zara is an utter delight to teach. She comes in every morning with a huge smile on her face and is always enthusiastic and ready to learn. She tries her best in every lesson, persevering if she finds something tricky, and makes thoughtful contributions to discussions. Her reading skills especially, are fantastic! Zara is also a wonderfully kind friend who is always looking out for others. You are a total superstar Zara! ☆ ☺</p>
<p>3R My pupil of the week is Henry Laycock. I have chosen him for his brilliant attitude towards learning, his attention and focus in lessons, and his hard work towards our new STAR listening initiative. I am also very proud of his maths work and contributions to lessons as he helps to enhance the learning of others.</p>	<p>3W This week in 3W we have chosen Neve as our pupil of the week. Neve is an always child and she deserves pupil of the week every week. She is always working hard and putting in maximum effort into all the work that she does. Additionally, Neve has stood out for her STAR listening, which has been introduced this week.</p>

	<p>Neve is one of the first to respond every time showing all adults excellent respect, when they are teaching. Well done Neve, keep up the good work. 😊</p>
<p>4W</p> <p>Well done to all of 4W for a fantastic first week back after the Christmas break! This week, our Pupil of the Week is Josh Waite. Josh has really impressed us with his renewed attitude to learning. He has been working extremely hard in all lessons, contributing confidently to class discussions and producing some fantastic work. He has particularly enjoyed our English lessons on graphic novels. Well done, Josh, keep it up!</p>	<p>4S</p> <p>This week in 4S our Pupil of the Week is Ella! Ella has had an amazing start back in the new year and is demonstrating an amazing attitude in all of our lessons. She has put great care into her presentation in English, where we are writing in the style of a graphic novel, and because of this her work looks beautiful! What particularly impressed me this week was her enthusiasm and engagement in our science lesson! She had lots of ideas and questions that really got the whole class thinking. Well done Ella, keep up the super work! 😊</p>
<p>5L</p> <p>My 5L Pupil of the Week is Millie Riordan for a wonderful week of learning! Millie has impressed me this week with her math learning. She has shown great perseverance with our new division method, not giving up when things got tricky! Millie has also shown great active listening, tracking the speaker during lesson times, which is great to see! Millie has enjoyed our dance unit, linking to our Earth and Space unit. Well done, Millie! 😊</p>	<p>5K</p> <p>I have chosen Edward Williams for pupil of the week because he consistently shows a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Edward always tries his best and is a wonderful role model to others. Edward has also shown a deep understanding of our class poem, "The Highwayman" and has written some excellent personification sentences linked to this. Well done Edward! 😊</p>
<p>6C</p> <p>Charlie Hemingway for his great start to the new term. He always has a great attitude to all his learning, and this has continued throughout the week. When discussing the events of our new class novel, The Hobbit, Charlie has thoughtfully offered his opinions and predictions. He has also shown respect to others through his Star Listening when other people are sharing their opinions. Keep up the great efforts Charlie, well done! 😊</p>	<p>6E</p> <p>Our pupil of the week this week is Henry Speight. I am always impressed by Henry's willingness to get involved in school life which he does with a smile on his face and infectious enthusiasm. This week has been a reminder of that with voluntarily putting himself forward for a long reading during mass, and (during English) singing multiple songs in the style of the dwarves from the Hobbit. When you need someone to do the work that others won't, Henry's your man! Keep it up as every class needs a Henry! 😊</p>

Dates for your diary

- Fri 30 Jan – Art exhibition after school (3:30 to 4pm)
- Fri 6 Feb – Number Day – dress up day (information to follow)
- w/c 9 Feb – Childrens' mental health week
- Fri 13 Feb – Dress to Express (dress down day)
- w/c Mon 16 Feb – half term
- Tue 24 to Fri 27 Feb – Scholastic Book Fair
- Thur 5 Mar – World Book Day (costume/dress down, info to follow)

Tue 10 Mar – Year 1 trip to Nell Bank (information to follow)

Wed 11 to Fri 13 Mar – Year 5 residential to Newby Wiske

Wed 18 Mar – Parents Consultations (later)

Thur 19 Mar – Parents Consultations (early)

Tue 31 Mar – Year 4 trip to Murton Park (information to follow)

Advance diary dates

Summer term

- Sports week will be w/c 9th June (w/c 16th June bad weather back up)

Y5/6 - Mon am

Y3/4 - Tue am

Y1/2 - Wed am

Rec - Fri am

- Year 6 dates will be sent separately