



Make Every Minute  
Meaningful

Dear parents and carers,

It's been wonderful to see the children return so enthused, with fantastic immersion into our new topics and real excitement for their learning. Although February is a short month, it's an important and busy one. As always, please keep in touch—we're always here to help and support you.

Best wishes, Mrs Pinto & Mrs Webb



### February dates

**Tuesday 3rd February:** Safer Internet Day

**Monday 9th February:** Phonics workshop @ 2:30pm - Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Wednesday 11th February:** PTA event: Cake Sale for KS1 @ 3:30pm

**Thursday 12th February:** Year 6 WW2 workshop

**Thursday 12th February:** Year R Stay and Play (parents invited) @ 1:45pm - 2:45pm

**Monday 16th - Friday 20th February:** **Half term**

**W/C Monday 23rd February:** Parents evenings (invite only)

**Tuesday 24th February:** Parents Vs Kids KS1 & EYFS event

**Friday 27th February:** PTA event: Cake Sale for KS2 @ 3:30pm

## February 2025

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### Attendance

Every day at school really counts. One school day is around **6 hours** - that's 360 minutes of learning, friendships and routines. Missing just one week over the year adds up to over **30 hours of learning lost**, which can have a significant impact on your child's progress. Please talk to us anytime about attendance concerns. We're here to help and support your child.



### Online safety

Internet Matters have put together a brilliant new resource for parents and carers. It's a **Set Up Safe guide** which simplifies all the confusing tech/device settings advising that online safety works best when it's shaped around how children actually use their devices; it's all about 'layering'.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/setupsafe/>

Research suggests that children are using AI for interactions and adults must be mindful of this. There have been numerous accounts of AI generators sharing dangerous advice with children despite safeguards. For more information, please read: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/post/from-social-media-to-social-ai-a-youth-teen-paradigm-shift>

## Healthy snacks

A gentle reminder that children's break time snacks should be healthy options such as fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, meat or bread. Crisps, chocolate and biscuits are **not allowed** at break time and children will be asked to change their snack. We are a strictly nut-free school — **no nuts or Nutella** - as we have children in school with severe allergies and take their safety incredibly seriously. If you have any questions about healthy and safe snacks, please speak to the office.



## No toys in school

Please be reminded that children should not bring toys into school, unless otherwise agreed for special occasions. Toys can easily become lost or damaged and may cause disagreements between children and school cannot take responsibility for personal items. Thank you for your support in helping us keep a calm and happy learning environment.



## Community spirit

A big well done to Hazel, year 6, who has been keen to improve the environment in and around home and school where she can and chose to litter pick in her own time!

Hazel has shown fantastic community spirit and we couldn't be more proud of her for wanting to better our local environment for all.

Well done, Hazel!



## Celebration

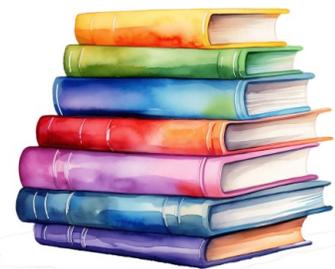
You may remember Avani, year 4, who recently took part in the JSKA Karate World Championships 2025 (and did competed exceptionally well). Since then, Avani has taken part in the JSKA GB and Ireland Championships and came home with a bronze, a silver and two gold medals! A huge well done to Avani whose ambition and resilience knows no bounds!

WELL DONE!



## PTA updates

The PTA are very excited to announce that they have secured a Hampshire County Councillor Grant, for the value of £500, to provide a traditional fairy tale bank of books in the library! This will give all the children the opportunity to benefit from reading different traditional fairy tales, ones that they may not already know, and explore some new ones and some from around different parts of the world. We are really looking forward to purchasing the selection of books and installing them in the library. We would like to thank the staff for recommending the best books to purchase and we will let you know once they are installed. We can't wait to see what you will choose to read first!



# Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.



## Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill.

Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

## Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- 👉 toys where the battery compartment isn't secured
- 👉 string lights and nightlights
- 👉 small remote controls
- 👉 car key fobs or key finders
- 👉 musical cards and books
- 👉 light-up toys and novelty items
- 👉 digital scales and thermometers

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack.

Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.

## Check your home

- 👉 Hunt around your home for button batteries
- 👉 Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- 👉 Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- 👉 Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily

## Has your child swallowed one?

- 👉 **Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.**
- 👉 **Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.**
- 👉 **If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.**
- 👉 **Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick**

**There may be few symptoms. So trust your instincts.**