

# Newsletter - Term 3/4 March 2024

## Nurture Discover Achieve



### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27th March	End of term 4
Thursday 28th March	INSET day
Monday 15th April	Start of term 5
Wednesday 17th April	Reception Trip to the Fire station
Friday 19th April	Scientist dress up day!
Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th April	Year 5 trip to Wagamama
Thursday 23rd May	Parent workshop—phonics
Friday 24th May	End of term 5
Monday 3rd June	Start of term 6



It's lovely to see spring developing and the journeys to and from school now being lighter and occasionally sunny!

As the weather gets better and more children scoot or bike to school please can I remind you that bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the playground! There is also an RBC rule that dogs are not allowed in school playgrounds unless they are assistance dogs or by prior agreement.

We have had some parents asking about a before school club as part of wrap around care and we are investigating this again—we would love to be able to provide this service so hopefully we will have enough interest to make it viable! Please complete the questionnaire sent over Easter to help us in the planning and decision making process.

It is always useful to have parental feedback on any topic—please feel free to come and chat in the playground, call or make an appointment if you have any concerns, worries or anything else you wish to share or discuss!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Sulh at the end of this term, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her contributions to school life and the care she has shown the children. We wish her all the best for the future.

I hope you all have a lovely break and that the weather is good enough for you to enjoy some outside family time!

Mrs McMinn



### Eco Project

Year 5 took part in an eco project “inspiring future green leaders” with The Earth Trust - the children had a trip to visit the Earth Trust and the children were then given a brief to design an eco friendly space for the school grounds. The children came up with amazing ideas and picking one that would work for us was a difficult task! The Earth Trust team will be working with the children over the coming months to implement the winning environmental project. The design will include a water feature, planters and lots of new flowers! We are really pleased that the wider school Eco-Committee will also be working alongside Year 5 on the project. Look out for the changes and we will share photographs at a later date!

### Parent Workshops

We have had record attendance at our parent workshops so far this year—topics have included phonics learning together, maths, helping your child to self regulate, and supporting your child at home.

Coming up: Reading, Phonics, SEND

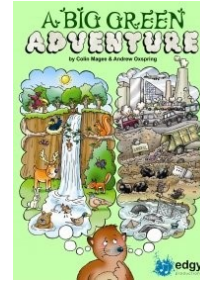
If there are any topics you would find helpful then please let us know!



### Spring production!

We were all blown away by LKS2’s production “ The Big Green Adventure” this term! The singing and acting were fantastic and with a very important message!.

A big thank you to all the staff and children for their efforts!



### Attendance

Well done Year 5! You continue to be our reigning champions for attendance and you have exceeded the Government’s guidance on minimum attendance levels in school, demonstrating to all we can achieve this!!!!!! It is wonderful to see improvements in attendance across most year groups. With only one long Summer Term left let’s see if all year groups can achieve at least 95%. Year 5 we challenge you to get to 96%. To put a twist on a well-known phrase **“Every session helps!”**

Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell that you inform the office directly by leaving a message on the dedicated absence line (option 1) or via email by 09:30am. You should provide the office with a daily update for each day your child is unable to attend school.

We urge you not to take holiday during term time - we would like to remind you that this will not be authorised and fixed penalty fines will be issued. It is important that if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or for any reason/length of time that you complete and return the appropriate form—this is required so we don’t have to report your child as “missing from education” .

The request for leave form is available in the main school office foyer or on the school website under the attendance tab.

Attendance data for year groups						
	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
<b>For the Autumn Term up to and including 20.12.23</b>	90.6 %	91.4%	91.2%	93.7	95.4%	92.2%
<b>For the Spring Term up to and including 22.03.24</b>	91.3	90.1	93.1	94	95.5%	93.3

<b>190 DAYS</b> <b>100%</b>	<b>183 DAYS</b> <b>96%</b>	<b>179 DAYS</b> <b>94%</b>	<b>175 DAYS</b> <b>92%</b>	More than <b>18</b> days absence less than <b>90%</b>
Very best chance of success	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**