



'Improving the quality of family life'

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IMPORTANT DATES



Last Day of term: Friday 13th February 2026

Coffee Mornings: Wednesday 11th February

Week beginning 2nd March: World Book Week

Friday 6th March: Pupils to Dress up as their favourite book character

eSafety

Keeping your personal information private

Think carefully before sharing information like where you live, your email address or where your child goes to school on your profile or when you're chatting online. You might be sharing your personal details with more people than you think. Talk to your children about keeping personal information private too. Explain to them that if they are worried, they should tell an adult they trust. Similarly, if they see anything online that upsets them or something happens that makes them feel uncomfortable, encourage them to tell an adult they trust about it.

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Message from Headteacher



It has been a wonderful start to the year across our Secondary site, and I am so proud of the enthusiasm and maturity our pupils have shown throughout January. From Energy Saving Week to community outings and celebrations, pupils have engaged beautifully and demonstrated growing confidence, curiosity and independence.

A special thank you goes to the family who generously funded the cinema trip as part of their child's birthday celebration. Their kindness meant that all Secondary pupils were able to enjoy a shared experience together - a joyful moment that brought the whole group together.

This month's activities have given our young people rich opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, whether through exploring how to care for our planet, developing communication through play, or enjoying shared experiences in the community. These moments strengthen their social skills, build friendships and help them feel part of a wider world.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to sharing more positive updates with you as the term continues.

Warm regards,
Sumen Starr - Head teacher

Therapist Top Tips

Supporting communication through play

1. Allow time each day to have special time with your child, where they choose how and what to play and you join in and play alongside them.
2. Model language based on what your child is paying attention to during their play.
3. Follow your child's lead, look at what they are interested in and how they are playing. Copy their actions and join in with how they want to play.
4. Songs and rhymes are a great way for your child to hear language repeatedly, in a fun way. Pause sometimes to see if they will finish a line or show you an action.
5. Play people games such as peek-a-boo or tickles. Pause during the game to give your child the opportunity to communicate that they want more.
6. If your child like movement, you can do a different active games e.g. creating an obstacle course. The obstacle course can be done inside or outside e.g. pillows, chairs balls or sticks, pebbles, large leaves to jump on.
7. Outdoor play can be a great time to get involved in messy play activities e.g. water play, shaving foam, mud, flour etc.

**'Improving the quality of family life'****Energy Saving Week****This week, our school took part in Energy Saving Week** 

Pupils joined a whole-school assembly where they learned about saving energy and why it is important. We watched a short video to help pupils understand how saving energy helps to look after our world.

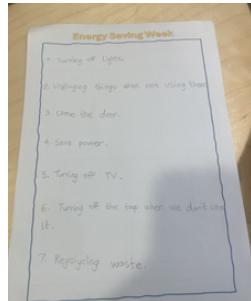
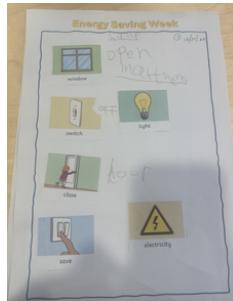
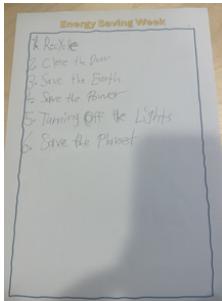
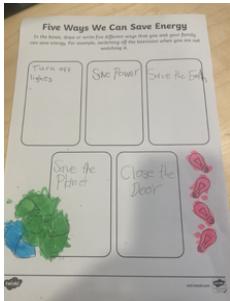
Pupils explored simple, everyday actions they can take, such as:

Switching off lights when they are not needed

Turning off TVs and screens when they are not in use

After the assembly, pupils created posters to remind everyone to save energy. These have been displayed around the school to encourage positive, environmentally friendly choices.

It was lovely to see pupils engaging so well and taking pride in helping to care for their environment.

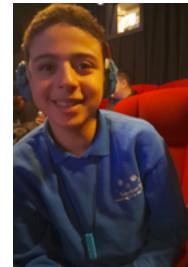
**A Very Special Birthday
Celebration** 

This week, we had a very special celebration as we marked one of our pupil's birthdays with a trip to the Cinema.

The pupils enjoyed a birthday treat at the cinema, where we watched The Jungle Book together. This was a lovely opportunity to celebrate in a fun and meaningful way, while also supporting social skills, turn-taking, and shared experiences in the community.

The pupils had a fantastic time and showed great engagement throughout the visit. It was wonderful to see so many smiles as we celebrated this special day together.

Happy Birthday! 



Medical Forms Care Plans need to be updated every year, or whenever there is a change to your child's care requirements or medication.

Please ensure you (and your child's doctor if required) sign any medical forms that are sent home and return them to school as soon as possible so we can ensure the correct care is given to your child. It would really help if you could complete, sign and ensure these are with the Admin team ASAP.