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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Half-Term

We can't believe that we are now half-way through the academic year. We are really looking forward to next half term, when the days are lighter and hopefully not quite so many indoor playtimes! We also have some fantastic things to look forward to. Miss Wilson is currently planning, with the help of our science ambassadors, one of our famous 'Science Days.'

Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported our school disco — the children had a wonderful time. Thanks also to the PTA and staff members who planned and supervised the disco.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo will be ready to be relaunched after half-term. This will give us an opportunity to share with you some of the many amazing things children do in school in a safe and secure way.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. As a school our theme will be 'Rebel Writing' and we will be focussing on poetry. Children are invited to come, wherever possible, dressed as their favourite rebellious/ villain from a story or poem.

New Catering Service

After half term, Chartwells will be taking over the delivery of our school meals. Our current catering staff have been TUPE'd over to the new company. The company are very experienced in the area of school meals and hopefully the transition will be as smooth as possible.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope that you have a lovely half-term break.

Kind regards

Dawn Bradshaw
Headteacher

Statutory Tests Dates 2026

Below are the statutory test dates for 2025/26. Can we politely request that parents/carers avoid these dates for any appointments/ holidays.

Year 1 phonics screening check June 8 to Friday, June 12, 2026

Year 4 multiplication tables check June 7th to June 18th 2026

Key stage 2 SATS May 11th to 14th 2026

Calendar Dates

Friday 13th February- break up for half term

Monday 23rd February- return to school

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Friday 20th March- Red Nose Day

Friday 27th March- break up for Easter

Monday 13th April- return to school

Monday 4th May- bank holiday

Thursday 21st May-children break up for half term

Friday 22nd May- INSET day

Monday 1st June- return to school

Friday 17th July children break up for summer

Monday 20th July- INSET day

