



**November 14th 2025**

### **Remembrance**

On Tuesday we marked Armistice Day with a very respectful assembly. The children learnt more about why it is such an important event. I am grateful to Mrs Patterson and Mrs Spence for accompanying Ava and Lisa to the service at St Mary's and the parade on Sunday the girls did a great job in church and laying our wreath.

### **Children in Need**

Our children and staff looked great in their colourful clothes and crazy patterns! We talked in an assembly this week about the types of things our donations are spent on for children in the UK. We will let you know how much we raised next week.

### **Year 4 Visit to Hulands Quarry**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November Year 4 will visit Hulands Quarry as part of their work on rocks. We are grateful to one of our parents, Mr Harrison, for arranging this with Mrs Smith. Please see ParentPay for further details.

### **MP Visit**

On Monday, the school was visited by our local MP, Sam Rushworth. He spoke in a special assembly about the role of an MP and the role that he has in our community. He encouraged the children to have 'a voice' and contact him if they feel something needs to be addressed. Sam also discussed his previous work in Africa and with the Donkey Sanctuary, which was very popular with our animal loving children. After speaking with the whole school, Sam spent some time with the Eco Committee, sharing what we do in school and allowing the children to question him about environmental work that he supports.

### **Year 6 Visit to Flatts Wood**

On Monday I accompanied Miss Palmer and Mrs Miller to Flatts Woods to identify the flora and fauna there as part of their topic on different types of woodland. They produced some good field sketches and were great at identifying leaves.

### **Christmas Fayre**

Plans for the Christmas Fayre are progressing well which takes place from 5-7pm on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Bowron, Mrs Patterson and FOMS are working hard in the background on this. It promises to be a great evening. For those new to the Fayre, there will be stalls by local businesses but a lot of crafts made by our children, also games, raffle and a bottle tombola from FOMS, visit from Santa as well as lots of refreshments choices too! Please bring cash for our stalls and activities – I am sure the business stalls will have card readers.

### **Donations to FOMS**

FOMS would be really grateful for donations of the following items for the Christmas Fayre:

- Bottles for the bottle tombola stall.
- Bottle gift bags.
- Raffle prizes.

If you have any please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

## Year 2 Visitors

On Monday, Year 2 were visited by Mud and More to guide them through the creation of an owl clay sculpture in the style of Paul Harvey. The children listened beautifully and followed the instructions carefully. They had to create a pinch pot, use clay tools, and add details to their birds to create their own unique artwork. The owls will be painted next week once they are dry. Dr Blezard is delighted that she has a parliament of owls sitting in the classroom!

## Dance Off

On Friday next week the school hall will be packed as each class performs in front on the rest of the school to win the prodigious Glitter Ball prizes. Early Years and Key Stage 1 compete for one and Key Stage 2 will compete for the other.

## Reception Places for September 2026

The window for applications for Reception school places for children due to start school in September 2026 will close on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. School Admissions at the Local Authority organise this. Please see further information [here](#).

## Attendance

This week's attendance figures are below. Well done Year 4!

Class	Attendance this week (%)
Reception	98
Year 1	98.3
Year 2	83.6
Year 3	98.6
Year 4	98.7
Year 5	97.7
Year 6	94.1
Whole School	95.7

## Dates for the Diary

November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dance Off
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity (pm)
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Singalong (pm)
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert and Christmas Jumper Day 1.30pm at St Marys
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception-Y6 to the pantomime at The Witham
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Play (pm and evening)
December 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties
December 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Holidays
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

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Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

