



27th February 2026

**‘Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry.’
Matthew 4: 1-2**

Holcombe Hill Hikers

Good luck to those selected children from Year 3 and 4 who are hiking up Holcombe Hill on Monday morning. I am sure that they will have an enjoyable morning and let's hope for nice weather!

Champions League for the Bowling Team!

Our bowling team take part in the next round of competitions on Wednesday morning. Information has been sent out to those children involved via Arbor. Good luck bowlers!

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 5th March. We are inviting all the children to come dressed up as 'a word'. This could be 'colourful' or 'inventor' or any word of your choosing. The children's costume/outfit should represent that word and the word should be displayed/worn too for all to see. During this week we will be having lots of book sales/swaps and other interesting activities too. A letter has been sent out with all the information.

Year 1/Year 2 History Workshops

On Friday 6th March, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have their special History workshops linked to their topics. Year 1 will take part in a 'Neil Armstrong' activity and Year 2 in a 'Great Fire of London' workshop. Information has been sent on about these activities.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Our Year 3 children will be undertaking swimming lessons w/c 9th March – this consent has been placed on Arbor and this is required prior to the lessons taking place. Any problems please contact Mrs Barber.

Year 4 Trip

Year 4 will be visiting the Bolton Museum next month and the consent form is live on Arbor. Please ensure you give the consent and the £9 is due to be paid into school by 9th March latest.

School Photographer

A letter has gone out on Arbor regarding our upcoming school photographer. All forms are to be signed and returned by 18th March latest and we cannot accept any forms after this date and photos will only be taken for forms that are returned. A copy of the form can be obtained from the school office.

World Book Day Luncheon

A letter has gone out on Arbor regarding our special luncheon to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. For children currently have a lunch we ask that you choose your child's choice and return the form back to the office. For children currently on sandwiches, should they wish to partake in this luncheon then a form and £2.70 will be need to be sent in. Forms can be collected from the office and the deadline is Monday 2nd March for all forms – thank you.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must to seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
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Reception	97%
Year One	95.6%
Year Two	97.4%
Year Three	98.3%
Year Four	99.3%
Year Five	97.1%
Year Six	96.4%

Well done to Year 4 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	-	-
Reception	Irene Rodriguez	For trying her very best ALL the time
Year 1	Alayna Shabbir	For being an always child and setting a great example to all
Year 2	Ayesha Bilal	For being a brilliant helper without being asked
Year 3	Aisha Hussain	For working so hard and becoming very confident in her learning!
Year 4	Imogen Melia	For working extra hard on her times tables! Keep up the hard work!
Year 5	Harris Khan	For superb and innovative joining techniques during our bridge building lessons in DT! Well done Harris - maybe a budding engineer!
Year 6	Mme Nwakamma	For putting 100% effort into all aspects of school
Mr McRae	Joy Adarkwah	For always being a superstar!
Reader of the Week	Musa Butt	For fantastic reading skills

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

During this holy season of Lent, we have reminded ourselves about the importance of 'Giving' (charity work) 'fasting' (giving something up) and 'Praying'. During assembly, we listened to the scripture reading of Jesus being tempted in the desert and explored his determination and resilience in resisting temptation. We made links with the holy season of Ramadan, as there are clear, common themes between Lent and Ramadan.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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