



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. We are excited to welcome everyone back for the Spring Term!

On behalf of myself and the staff team we would like to thank you for your kindness in sending such wonderful cards and gifts to us at the end of last term. It was so thoughtful and much appreciated.

We are really pleased to welcome Mrs Allen back this week, on a phased return and it will be lovely to have her in school again. Mrs Spence will commence a detailed handover with Mrs Allen over the course of the term, and we will ensure all communications are directed to the relevant adults within our staff team. If you have any questions or queries then please contact the office.

Our Collective Worship Theme for this half term is Courage and we will consider what this means to us and how we can use courage to lead our lives. *Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow, Mary Anne Radmacher.* We will also link the theme to our school values and the opportunities we are offered.

Forest school recommences this week and it is paramount that the children have plenty of layers to put on as well as a hat, scarf and gloves. We also ask that the children have suitable coats and footwear. ALL children must have clothes to change into, especially socks/tights and footwear. Thank you for supporting your children to get the most out of these lessons and we hope that they enjoy them fully by wearing the required clothing. We hope that children do not have to miss sessions due to lack of appropriate clothing.

Class curriculum newsletters will be sent home via email at the end of the week which will give you an overview of the topics your child will be learning this half term.

Please can we remind you that **any absence from school** needs to be in writing via email by 9.15am on the first day of absence. A call or face to face message can be given at drop off time but we need written notification along with the reasons for the absence.

Reminders –

PE Days: Please ensure children have their full PE Kit including trainers and a dark coloured jumper or hoodie in case the lesson is outdoors.

Home reading and maths: Please continue to support daily reading at home and please encourage your children to use TT Rockstars to boost their multiplication skills.

We are delighted to be taking part in the Greene King Tub2pub scheme which recycles empty chocolate tubs to raise money for MacMillan Cancer charity. All plastic chocolate or cracker tubs need to be empty and clean and handed into school by the end of January when Mrs GB will deliver them to Greene King. Thank you for your support.

Key dates and events for the term for each school will be sent out separately next week.

This term promises lots of exciting learning opportunities and enrichment activities for the children. Please keep an eye on our new joint weekly newsletters for key dates and events.

With very best wishes,



Miss E E Miller



As shared with you in the autumn term we have changed **Celebration Assemblies** to Thursday afternoons and here are the dates for this half term:

Thursday 15th January at 2.45pm – Year 4 and 5 parents are invited.

Thursday 29th January at 2.45pm – Reception and Year 1 parents are invited.

Thursday 5th February at 2.45pm – Year 3 parents are invited.

Thursday 12th February at 2.45pm – Year 2 parents are invited.

‘Every person is an individual and also part of a community.’

1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Over the coming weeks will be reviewing **our School Vision** statement to ensure that it is a theologically rooted response to the needs of our current community. The biblical quotes we use are well known and familiar to the children but we feel that we need to consider Christian values that are more closely linked to these and the impact this has in school life. We will be discussing ideas with the children over the coming weeks and will seek views from all stakeholders before agreeing on the final statement and school values.

Mrs Postill successfully completed the first term of her Teacher Apprenticeship Course and will now have a 6 week placement at Escrick CE Primary, we have sourced a supply teacher who will cover some of Mrs Postill’s teaching commitments and these arrangements will be shared in the class curriculum letters.

‘Love your neighbour as yourselves.’ Matthew 22:39

‘Let us encourage one another.’ Hebrews 10:25

Safeguarding children – if you have any concerns for the welfare of a child please contact Miss Miller, Miss Tams or Mr Broxup.

Respecting staff – our staff are dedicated professionals. We will not accept any abuse towards our staff.