



Spring Term 2026

Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back. The children have settled in brilliantly and have returned with enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning. Despite the crisp winter weather, they have embraced outdoor activities and enjoyed playtimes. As the weather is colder and wet please can I ask that ALL children come to school with a coat and sensible shoes. Also, if your child has their **forest school session**, they need to have layers to put on so they are warm and can then enjoy the full range of activities. If your child has come to school in forest school clothes as their lesson is first thing, please can we remind you that the children will need some also some dry socks/tights and school shoes, as well as uniform to change into after their lesson.

PE and safety – For safety reasons earrings must not be worn for PE. If your child cannot remove them independently then they must be removed at home, or alternatively, as a last measure the earrings must be covered by plasters.

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.

With very best wishes,

Miss E E Miller



Last week the children completed some work reflecting on the term **'Spirituality'** and what it means to them. Spirituality can be a gentle, grounding thread in a child's development, helping them make sense of themselves, others, and the wider world. In school, it often means encouraging children to pause, wonder, reflect, and recognise that life has depth beyond the everyday. This might involve exploring big questions, noticing beauty in nature, showing gratitude, or thinking about how their actions affect others. By working with children to define what spirituality means to them—through discussion, storytelling, reflection activities, and shared experiences—we help them build a personal understanding that feels real and relevant. It becomes less about giving them a fixed definition and more about guiding them to recognise moments of awe, compassion, connection, and purpose in their own lives.

As the half term progresses, we will be sharing with you our definitions and how these link to the curriculum delivered in our school.

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

1 Corinthians 12:12-27



The bible quotes that we aim to follow are '**Love your neighbour as yourselves.**' **Matthew 22:39** and '**Let us encourage one another.**' **Hebrews 10:25.** As part of our ongoing work to strengthen and refresh our school vision, we have been reflecting on the biblical quotes that guide our community. These remain an important foundation for the values we uphold and the relationships we nurture within school and beyond.

As a staff team, we have explored the Christian values connected to these quotes and have agreed to focus on five key principles: Love, Forgiveness, Empathy, Honesty, and Kindness. These values will shape the next stage of our work as we begin developing a new vision statement that weaves together our chosen values and the biblical messages that inspire them.

If you would like to be involved in a small working group to help shape this vision statement, please speak to Mrs Butterfield.

Wheldrake Pre School - It has been a lovely start back to 2026! We are so pleased to welcome six new families to our pre-school family, and we have loved getting to know our new friends. The children have settled back into pre-school life beautifully, and it has been wonderful to see new friendships beginning to grow. There has been lots of excitement at lunchtime as we start enjoying school dinners. The children are loving the yummy lunches and are doing a fantastic job

trying new foods and sitting together with their friends. This half term our topic is “Wake Up Spring!”

We will be exploring our world and looking for signs that spring is on its way, such as changes in the weather, budding flowers, and new life. We are really looking forward to a fun, happy, and busy half term together!

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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.