



Primary School

Thursday 22nd October 2025

As we come to the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support. It has been a truly successful start to the year, with lots of positive changes already taking place across the school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evening and the Come and Read sessions. These moments are so valuable in sharing your children's learning journey, and it's wonderful to see such strong engagement from our school community.

This week, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Haylock. We are so grateful for her dedication and contribution to our school over the years—she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures.

Every day, the children continue to amaze me with their enthusiasm, kindness, and curiosity. They are truly special, and it's a privilege to be part of their learning. I also want to thank you personally for making me feel so welcome in my role—it means a great deal.

I'm looking forward to the next half term and all the exciting times ahead.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break.

Mrs Bower

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you so much for your Christmas card design orders! Through your support, we've raised a fantastic **£150**, which will go towards enriching experiences for the children. We're really looking forward to seeing the finished products—they're sure to be full of festive creativity and charm.

DOUGHNUT DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Doughnut Day fundraiser! We're delighted to share that we raised **£138**, which will go towards purchasing new netball posts for the school. The children loved the treat, and it was a fun way to come together for a great cause. Your continued support makes such a difference—thank you!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the food bank as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. Your kindness and support are truly appreciated and will make a real difference to families in need. We had a lovely afternoon walking together across the autumnal fields and celebrating Harvest in the church—it was a special moment of reflection and community. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing harvest songs and sharing poems they had prepared, which added a joyful and heartfelt touch to the occasion.



CLUBS

There will be a few changes to after school clubs after half term.

Monday- Choir, Netball, Little Coders, Construction and Football

Tuesday- Dodgeball

Wednesday- Maths (invite only)

Thursday- Reading club (invite only)

Friday- Dance (more details to follow)

WINNING WORD COUNT

Class 3	Harriet Poyser- 13,232
Class 4	Gabriel Saunders- 87,873
Class 5	Molly Hart- 311,735

After half term, we're excited to introduce new reading competitions to further encourage and celebrate our children's love of reading. In Key Stage 2, there will be a challenge based on the number of quizzes completed, while across the school we'll also be tracking how often children read at home. We ask that children aim to read at least four times a week at home to take part. These competitions are a fun way to build reading habits and celebrate progress—we look forward to seeing the enthusiasm grow!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Class 1	95.6%
Class 2	94.3%
Class 3	92.3%
Class 4	94.8%
Class 5	92.1%
Whole School	93.7%

KEY STAGE 2 ACTIVITY DAY

On Monday, our pupils had a fantastic time at Notleys Golf Club, where they took part in an exciting activity day. The children enjoyed a range of fun and engaging activities including footgolf, crazy golf, the driving range, paddle tennis, and trying out the ProStrike simulator. It was a brilliant opportunity to explore new sports and develop new skills. We're hoping to welcome ProStrike to our school in the near future so even more children can experience this exciting resource!

BOCCIA

Some of our children recently had the opportunity to attend a Boccia event, where they experienced a sport that originates from the Paralympic Games. It was a fantastic chance for them to learn about inclusive sports and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the morning.

GRAPES

We kindly ask that any grapes sent in for snacks or lunchboxes are cut in half. Whole grapes can pose a serious choking hazard, especially for younger children. Cutting them lengthways helps reduce this risk and ensures a safer eating experience for all. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe and healthy.

WELL DONE

A huge well done to Olivia for completing her Stage 8, 9, and 10 swimming awards! This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her impressive swimming skills, determination, and hard work. We are all incredibly proud of her—keep up the amazing effort, Olivia!



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Cross Country at St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham- Wednesday 12th November at 3.30pm (more details to follow)

CHRISTMAS DATES- more details to follow nearer

PTFA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT- Friday 5th December 3.10-5.45

CLASS 1 & 2 NATIVITY- Tuesday 9th December 9.15 & Wednesday 10th December 5.30

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY and CHRISTMAS DINNER- Thursday 11th December

CLASS 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Concert- Tuesday 16th December 2.30 & Wednesday 17th December 5.30

CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND- Friday 19th December 2.30