



Spring 1 e-News

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At least we're waterproof!



It has been an extremely wet and miserable half term in terms of our weather, with a sprinkling of snow, which has had some impact on what we have been able to do over the last few weeks. However, this has not dampened our spirits as staff, children, and parents have adapted to make the best of it.

During this half term, we have still managed to enjoy Wheelie Wednesdays, visits out of school, a new play area, a host of clubs, and even a full STEM week! The classes have been involved in so much activity that the HG News team have found it hard to squeeze it all into their bulletins!

Read on for more about some of these activities but also visit our website at:

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Notices



**Mark Your
Calendar**

World Book Day 2026

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6th March which is the first Friday after half term.

Information has been provided regarding what the children will be involved in, and we hope that it will be an enjoyable day which supports everyone to engage in reading and books.

Open Evenings

Open evenings for parents/carers are scheduled for week beginning Monday 9th March 2026.

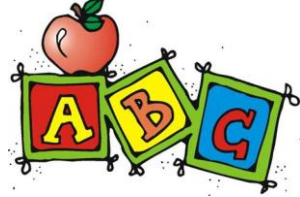
This will be an important opportunity for teachers and parents/carers to share information and for the children's work to be presented.



Message from Year 6 Head Children

It has been a very wet half-term, but our new innovation 'Wheelie Wednesday's' has been a success. This is a fun opportunity for children to roller-skate and scoot in the MUGA at playtimes once every fortnight. Everybody was jealous this week, when they could smell the delicious apple crumble that Year 3 were making in DT- even more so when the teachers got to sample it!

Early Years



Nursery – People Who Help Us

This half term, Nursery have learned about the people who help us in our community. They explored different jobs and the uniforms and equipment people use such as firefighters, nurses, doctors, paramedics and builders.

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Reception – Journeys

Reception explored the local area as part of their Journeys topic. The children completed a traffic survey, made pictograms on Purple Mash, and compared groups in maths. They programmed Beebots to visit local landmarks and used Google Earth printouts to find familiar places outdoors. They also enjoyed building their own vehicles in the construction area.

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Key Stage 1



Year 1 – Weaving a placemat

In Design and Technology, Year 1 have begun their weaving project. They researched table mats, explored different materials and their purpose, and practised weaving both outside using the MUGA fence and indoors with felt strips. The children then designed and made their own animal-shaped woven table mats, showing brilliant perseverance and creativity.

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Year 2 – Life in Rural Uganda

In Geography, Year 2 learned about life in rural Uganda and compared it with life in the UK. The children explored the differences between rural and urban areas, located Uganda on a world map, and learned about daily life for a girl.

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – Back to the Stone Age

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age workshop to finish their topic. They explored a giant timeline, learned how early humans lived, created cave paintings with natural pigments, and handled real artefacts – including a 65,000-year-old flint tool. The children also had fun playing a hunter-gatherer game and discovering how life changed with the arrival of farming.

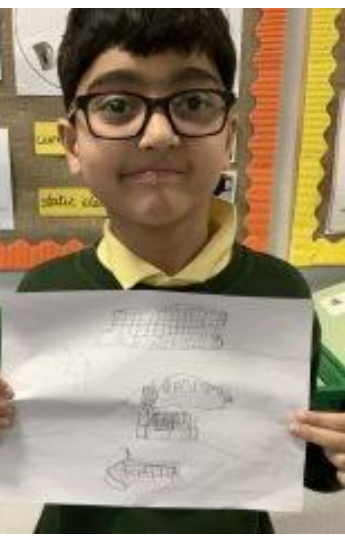
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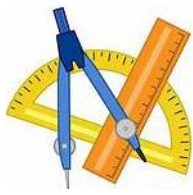
Year 4 – Boats of the Future!

Year 4 have been busy during STEM week designing their own futuristic boats. They explored how boats float, discussing buoyancy, balance and waterproof materials, before creating imaginative and detailed designs. The children produced creative, well thought-out ideas – a brilliant mix of art, science and teamwork!

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Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Super South America

As part of their topic 'Life in the Rain Forest', Year 5 needed to develop their geographical knowledge of the continent of South America. Using atlases, the children identified South American countries as well as some of the physical features such as the Amazon and, of course, the rain forest!

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Year 6 – Healthy Hearts

There was more medical knowledge being developed in Year 6 science when the children learned about the heart. Developing knowledge about how the heart functions to keep us alive was made more realistic with the opportunity to handle lambs' hearts. These were very different to the hearts we see on Valentine's Day!

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Whole School Events

Play Yard Update

Despite the snowy weather, our new play area is now complete, and children across the school are already enjoying the soft-surface space for building and obstacle play. Wheelie Wednesday has also been a big hit, with lots of fun on scooters and skates, and our new kerby area has quickly become a playground favourite. We look forward to sharing more playtime updates soon.

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Robotics fun!

This half term, our robotics team, 'The Green Machine', took part in the VEX IQ tournament at Nissan. They worked brilliantly with other schools on timed challenges, showing great teamwork, confidence and composure. Although they didn't bring home a trophy, they performed incredibly well and enjoyed a fun day together—complete with some impressive dance moves! The team can't wait for next year.



Attendance



The highest attendance this term has been for **Year 5** with a fantastic **95.98%**.



02/09/25-13/02/26

Rec	94.36%
Year 1	94.91%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	94.07%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	96.61%
Year 6	94.69%
All	94.52%

**177 children
attended for
96%
or above**

**51 children
still have
100%
attendance**




Coming soon ...

Extra-Curricular Clubs Spring 2

Club	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Y3/4 Football Club KS2 Lego Robotics
Tuesday	Dance Festival Rehearsals Violin	Rights Respect Officers School Football Team Training KS2 Choir Y4 Art
Thursday	Y4/5/6 Girls Football	Dance Festival Rehearsals Yr2b Lego
Friday	Tennis	

We can't tell you about everything that is going on but ...

Remember, the events and club calendar can be accessed on the  Arbor app.



Some Important Dates

Date	Event	Group
20/02/2026	Last Day of Spring 1	All
23-27/02/26	Half Term	All
6/03/2026	World Book Day	All
9-11/03/2026	Parent Consultation Evenings	All
02/04/26	Last Day of Spring Term	All