



Value - Hope *Message from Headteacher*

Newsletter

It has been a fun-filled, energetic and rewarding half term, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy half-term holiday.

Award-Winning Travel Success!

I am also delighted to share some wonderful news. For the past few years, our school has been recognised through the Modeshift STARS programme for our commitment to sustainable travel and the success of our Travel Plan initiatives, including our promotion of walking to school.

I am incredibly proud to announce that we have been named Modeshift STARS Regional School of the Year 2026/27 and Modeshift STARS Local Authority School of the Year 2026/27.

This fantastic achievement reflects the support and enthusiasm of our whole school community in embracing initiatives such as walking, scooting and cycling to school, not to mention the hard work from our staff. We are absolutely thrilled with this achievement and look forward to celebrating this with some pupils at the awards celebration in London next year. Thank you to everyone who has supported our travel initiatives and helped make this success possible.

Christmas Box Appeal - Your child should have come home with a leaflet explaining about this appeal. We take part in this every year. Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty. This year the school has decided to support a Christmas box appeal run by House of Opportunity (houseofopportunity.org), to try and help some of the poorest people in Europe to have a more joyful Christmas. Please ensure your box arrives at school by Monday 16th November for collection. Thank you.

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



The Headteacher's Award - this week's 'Hot Chocolate Reward' has been awarded to 2 Year 2 pupils, a Year 1 pupil and 3 Nursery pupils for showing our school values of helping and service to others and for just having impeccable manners at all times - well done.



RECEPTION TOURS - FOR SEPT 2027

Tuesday 10th November - 9.30 am - 10.30am

Wednesday 18th November - 9.30 am - 10.30am

Thursday 26th November - 9.30 am - 10.30am

Upcoming Events

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance % for the Academic Year so Far
Pear Class (R)	94.95%
Oak Class (1)	97.02%
Elm Class (2)	96.73%
Beech Class (3)	97.99%
Maple Class (4)	96.2%
Silver Birch Class (5)	96.19%
Mulberry Class (6)	96.62%
School Attendance this year - 96.3%	
Arbor National Attendance - 95.5%	
Whole School Target - 96%	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 - 30 th October	Half Term
3 rd November	Swimming Starts - Year 6
10 th November	Reception Tours - New 2027 (9.30 - 10.30)
16 th November	Bletchley Park (Year 6)
18 th November	Reception Tours - New 2027 (9.30 - 10.30)
26 th November	Reception Tours - New 2027 (9.30 - 10.30)
27 th November	Occasional Day- school closed
4 th December	Jigsaw Jam (PTA) 7pm - 10pm
9 th December	Whole School Panto - am
10 th December	PTA Christmas Disco (EYFS & KS1) 3.30 - 5pm PTA Christmas Disco (KS2) 5.30 - 7pm
11 th December	KS1 Production - 9.15am for 9.30am start
11 th December	EYFS Production - 10.45am for 11 am start
14 th December	KS1 Production - 9.15am for 9.30am start EYFS Production - 10.45am for 11 am start
16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
17 th December	Church Service
18 th December	Term Ends at 1.30pm
4 th January	Inset Day
5 th January	School Term starts

PTA

EVENTS

Thank you for your support with 'Break the rules day', the children have really enjoyed taking part.

Please begin to arrange your Jigsaw Jam team and book your places.

Important Diary Dates - Please note these may be subject to change!



- **BREAK THE RULES DAY FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER**
- **JIGSAW JAM - 4/12/26**
- **CHRISTMAS DISCO 10/12/26**





Sporting News

This half term we have participated in a variety of sports with our Bishop Sports Partnership and Leventhorpe.

We have attended Boccia, Tri Golf and Cross Country. Our pupils came 2nd in most of the cross country overall and our Year 6 boys came 1st overall – well done to all who made it across the finishing line (a great achievement).





Alpha Bake - Year 1



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KITTERIDGE ALL SPORTS DODGEBALL & FOOTBALL CAMPS



MONDAY – DODGEBALL CAMP

@ Thorn Grove Primary School

FRIDAY – FOOTBALL CAMP

@ Manuden Community Centre



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