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This week's value is: Friendship



*Encourage one another and build each other up.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Dear parents

### This week

It has been another busy week in school. Our youngest children had their first lesson in playing the glockenspiel this week.



Elsewhere in school there has been lots of science activities. Year 4 have been experimenting with air resistance.



Year 2/3 did an investigation to show how fluid in our bodies can help protect organs, as well as bones. They shook an egg in a jar without water, and then repeated the experiment with an egg in a jar of water. They found out that in a jar full of water, the egg was well protected, but as we tipped out water, it became more vulnerable. This led to a discussion about how important it is to wear a cycle helmet for cycling and scooting.

### Worship



This week in Worship we have been thinking about Harvest and how we can help other people at this time.

### Award Winners

Well done to the children who were awarded 'Star of the Week' for their year groups:

Michaela (Year 1), Aria Year 2), Mia (Year 3), Sophia P and Renee (Year 4), Thomas (Year 5) and Leo (Year 6).

Well done also to William (Year 1) and Violet (Year 6) for receiving a 'Headteacher's award' for friendship.



Well done to Thomas (Y5), Leo (Y6) and Elsie J (Y4) for being the most valuable players in last week's tournament.

Year 5 picked up the trophy for the most points.





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## Parents Evenings

Please accept our apologies for the initial issues with being able to book slots for parents' evening, we have now resolved this issue, and slots are now available to book. Our parents' evenings are taking place in school w/c 14th October. For Mrs Chalkley's class this will be on Monday and Tuesday and for all other classes this will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

To book your 10 minute appointment, you will need to use the ARBOR PARENT APP. When you log in to Arbor, the Parents' Evening option is on the home page under "Guardian Consultations". Simply click on the Parents' Evening option and this takes you to the Parents' Evening page where you will be able to click into the meeting and book your time slot. <https://login.arbor.sc/>

Normally, at parents' evenings, we would give you a slip with some targets on as well as your children's attendance. This year we will be producing interim reports instead, at the start of the spring and autumn term with the same information on so that you are receiving increased up-dates on your children's progress throughout the year.

## Harvest Festival



Thank you to those who brought in items for the 'House of Bread'. Your donations are much appreciated.

## Focus on Attendance



Last week's attendance fell to 94.9%

*A well done to Mrs Chalkley's class who had the highest attendance for the third week in a row at 99% attendance.*

This week's focus is on '**Attendance actions**'. As a school we will do all we can to encourage children's attendance to be as high as possible. It has been proved that children's attainment and wellbeing is negatively impacted by poor attendance, therefore there are various thresholds for which action will be taken by the school.

<b>Attendance 100%</b>
Attendance is excellent – no further actions for the school.
<b>95%</b>
Attendance is good and in line with acceptable levels of absence. The school will alert you at regular intervals of your child's attendance.
<b>90%</b>
Child is considered a persistent absentee. The school will issue a letter to inform parents/carers of current attendance and implement appropriate strategies to support the child in attending school every day. School to consider referral to EWS and legal action if persistent absence cannot be resolved at school-level.
<b>85%</b>
Child is considered a persistent absentee. School to refer to EWS and proceed with legal interventions if persistent absence cannot be resolved at school and Local Authority (LA) level. Legal interventions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parenting contracts</li> <li>• Education supervision orders</li> <li>• Attendance prosecution</li> <li>• Parenting orders</li> <li>• Fixed penalty notices</li> </ul>

You can keep up to date with your child's attendance on your Arbor app.





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Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes.

Miss Alison De Ste Croix (Headteacher)

As usual on the next page you will find the key dates for this term. *\*Please note, dates are subject to change and more events/activities may be added.*

## Next week

<b>Monday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 5/6 football tournament</b> <i>Letters sent home</i></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 4/5/6 girls football tournament</b> <i>Letters sent home</i></li> <li><b>Keyboard lessons</b> <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 5/6 Prayers</b> <i>9:15 in church, parents welcome</i></li> <li><b>Guitar lessons</b> <i>Led by Mr Murphy (am)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Violin lessons</b> <i>Led by Ms Hayes (pm)</i></li> <li><b>National Rail – safety workshops</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stanley Head meeting</b> <i>3:30pm – Year 6 parents</i></li> </ul>





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KEY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2024			
September		November	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Art Week	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Design and Technology Week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>		Year 6 residential at Stanley Head
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Stone Fire Station <i>(Letters sent home)</i>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations <i>(Details to follow)</i>
	Meet the Teachers meeting 4:00pm and 4:30 pm		PTFA Non-uniform Day <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2/3 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day <i>(Details to follow)</i>
	Year 4/5/6 trip to Cosford <i>(Letters sent home)</i>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2/3 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception class – Parents' Lunch 12pm <i>(Class Dojo message sent to parents)</i>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Parent Meetings <i>(Letters sent home 20.09.24)</i>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Class Assembly <i>(Parents welcome in school – 9:15)</i>
October		Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Advent service <i>(Approx. 9:15. Details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Individual Class Photos	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Village Christmas Light switch on
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SEND parent Meetings <i>(Letters sent home 20.09.24)</i>	December	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvest Themed Lunch <i>(Details in newsletter)</i>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival <i>(Details in newsletter)</i>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Christmas Fun <i>(Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Play <i>(Approx. 9:15 – 10:00. Details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening <i>(4:00pm - 6:30pm - Details to follow)</i>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Play <i>(Approx. 9:15 – 10:00. Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>		Year 4 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>
	Parents Evening <i>(4:00pm - 6:30pm - Details to follow)</i>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-Y6 Christmas Concert <i>(Approx. 5:30 – 6:30. Details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2/3 Prayers <i>(Parents welcome in Church – 9:10)</i>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Disglow <i>(6:00pm – 8:00pm)</i>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-Y6 Christmas Party Afternoon
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner for children <i>(Details to follow)</i>
		Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Movie and Munch <i>(3:20 – 5:00. Details to follow)</i>
		Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carol service <i>(Approx. 9:15. Details to follow)</i>





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## Term Dates

### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024 - 2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Tuesday 3rd September	Term starts
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term
Friday 20th December	Term ends

#### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January	Term Starts
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 11th April	Term ends
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday

#### Summer Term 2025

Monday 28th April	Term Starts
Monday 5th May	May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Friday 23rd May	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 18th July	Term ends for pupils
Monday 21st July	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

