



# UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 13th  
March 2026



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Thought for the week...



*This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day, a time to remember the people who nurture, guide and care for us.*

*For many this is a mother, and for others it may be a father, grandmother, aunt, family member or another special person who fills that role with love.*

Art of the week



*Lily, year 4 Willow*

## Spring Art competition



I have received some lovely entries for the Spring Art competition.

We will be announcing the results next week and I will be publishing the winning entries in the parent's update.

# Shakespeare rewired



Last week, we marked World Book Day by running workshops for each year group, focussing on a different play by William Shakespeare. These photos are from the year 6 workshop on Twelfth Night.



## Congratulations...



Many congratulations to Sreshtha who successfully competed for her Excel 2 practice competition at Pipers Vale Gymnastics, Ipswich. A number of clubs from the London region and East of England participated in this competition.

Sreshtha came 2nd overall, 3rd on Beam and 3rd on Range & Conditioning. The films of the competition were wonderful to watch!



# Congratulations...



...to George and Anna who entered the Milton Keynes Festival of Music.



George entered the grade 3 category and won a silver medal and Anna entered three grade two categories and won bronze and gold medals.

They both play the piano beautifully!



## Spring term events

Date	Event	Time	Notes
19/03/2026	*NEW EVENT – Movie Club*	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Details will be sent after the half term holidays.
20/03/2026	Y5 – St. Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
<b>23/03/2026</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>		
23/03/2026	Y6 Poplar – Parliament Trip	8.20am – 4.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Poplar class.
24/03/2026	Y4– Legoland Trip	8.20am – 5pm	School gates open at 8am for Y4.
27/03/2026	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	12pm	Please note school finishing time



Please note early departure time and late return

## Focus on Attendance

This academic year, there is an increased national and Hertfordshire focus on the importance of attendance. All our attendance figures are reported to the Department for Education every week, enabling them to assess how well each school is doing.

I will be including an attendance and punctuality report in each parents update, enabling you to see the picture across the school.

Congratulations to Holly, Oak, Juniper, Beech, Elm, Poplar and Rowan classes for an attendance percentage that is above our target.

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning: 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026		
<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	98%	3
3 Oak	98.33%	5
4 Juniper	97%	5
4 Willow	93.67%	6
5 Beech	98.67%	1
5 Elm	98.33%	4
6 Poplar	98.33%	7
6 Rowan	97.33%	1



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

# Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	Maria	<i>For excellent participation in all lessons this week. You have been enthusiastic and focused. Well done.</i>
3 Oak	Rocco	<i>For great performance and sportsmanship in PE. Well done, Rocco. Your teamwork and communication skills as well as your fielding and batting expertise meant your team had success in all of their matches.</i>
4 Willow	Chloe	<i>For writing a beautiful setting description for a magical place using prepositional phrases to add detail.</i>
4 Juniper	Pilgrim	<i>For working hard on developing his times tables at speed and regularly achieving 25 out of 25 in our practise tests.</i>
5 Elm	Ben	<i>For settling in to Elm class in particular and year 5 in general so well. It is not easy to move to a new school, especially mid-year, and you have done an excellent job making friends and trying hard to catch up to the work we have done already.</i>
5 Beech	Hashim	<i>Hashim's renewed enthusiasm in our music lessons has been fantastic to see. He has been engaged, positive and eager to take part. Well done! It's been lovely to see his enthusiasm for some classic pop songs as well!</i>
6 Rowan	Thea	<i>For a well written balanced argument about whether social media should be banned for under 16s. You presented convincing arguments for both sides and had good cohesion between and within paragraphs. Well done!</i>
6 Poplar	Amaya	<i>For her outstanding performance in the Shakespeare workshop 'Twelfth Night'. Amaya astounded the audience with her versatility of character and witty asides. I was crying with laughter! Well done, Amaya.</i>