

Friday 24th April 2026

Weekly Newsletter

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and to see so many smiling, happy faces after the Easter break. We hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. This half-term promises to be another busy and exciting one, with educational visits, Year 6 SATs, sporting events and many more opportunities for learning and success throughout the school.

Spring Parent/Carer ! Progress Meetings Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Over the next two weeks, we are holding our second parents progress meetings, and the booking system went live earlier this week.

Reception, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Parents and Carers
Parents will be able to choose from 3 appointment options:

29.04.2026 (Wednesday) - 10-minute face to face appointment slots between 15:50pm and 18:50pm
06.05.2026 (Wednesday) - 10-minute face to face appointment slots between 15:50pm and 17:20pm
06.05.2026 - 10-minute VIDEO appointment slots between 17:40pm and 18:50pm via the IRIS ParentMail App or website.

There are more than enough available options to cater for the number of children per class, but we advise you book early to secure the slot most suitable for your schedules.

Please note, should you book a face-to-face appointment, we are unable to accept children, so if you require childcare to enable you to attend a face-to-face slot, please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements. Alternatively, there are video appointments available to cater for those that can't attend school.

Year 2 Parents and Carers ONLY

Despite the recent departure of Mrs Winnard for maternity leave, we would still like to offer Y2 parents the opportunity to meet with Miss Jones for a brief online catch-up. As Miss Jones will have been teaching the class for five weeks at the time of these sessions, this will provide a valuable opportunity for her to share a short update on how your child has settled and progressed during this period.

As you will be aware, we have already provided two well-attended parent book-look events this year, alongside our comprehensive Parent Progress Meetings in January. These additional opportunities mean that parents have already received detailed insights into their child's learning, and this upcoming meeting is intended as a focused check-in following the recent change in class teacher.

Uniform Reminder

As the weather becomes warmer, many children are removing jumpers, cardigans, coats and hats during lunchtime and playtimes. Unfortunately, some items are then left outside or not returned to pegs. Please can we kindly remind parents and carers to ensure that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for lost property to be returned quickly and helps reunite items with their correct owner.
Thank you for your support.



What an important visit to crucial crew Year 5 had yesterday morning!

The children attended 7 workshops which all had key messages about how to stay safe. These included how to help someone who is unconscious by shouting for help and putting them in the recovery position; the impact antisocial behaviour has on others; road safety and the importance of wearing a helmet and hi-viz clothing; online safety and cyberbullying including the importance of only speaking to FRIENDS online and to turn location settings OFF; how to use the bus network safely, and the impact drugs and alcohol can have on their bodies.

There were some important messages shared today and the reality of what can happen if the children do not follow the rules we have in place to keep them safe. We discussed how the procedures we follow in school and the rules put in place at home are to keep them safe.

A superb, informative today for all involved!

Breaktime Fruit

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that only fresh fruit should be sent into school for your child's breaktime snack. The Government fruit scheme provides fruit for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their morning break. Children in Year 3- Year 6, should bring their own fruit for morning break (and afternoon break if needed). Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Thought for the Week

**"JUST ONE
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-DALAI LAMA

School Photos

It was lovely to welcome Tom Gradwell photography into school earlier this week. Your child will soon be bringing their proof copies hope- these contain a QR code which will take you to Tom Gradwell's online shop. Please follow the instructions to make your order. At checkout, you will have the option to get free delivery to school up to the order closing date. Any orders after this date will have a delivery fee added. We hope you enjoy your photographs!

XX A further reminder about Unauthorised Holidays XX

We kindly remind parents and carers once again to resist taking holidays in term time. These are unauthorised absences which impact on your child's progress and often on their ability to re-establish themselves within their trusted friendship groups too. We have also been receiving numerous enquiries from parents regarding the timings of key assessments for the purposes of arranging holidays around them.

The **Y1 Phonics Check** is administered week commencing Monday 8th June 2025 and concludes by 15th June 2026.

The **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check** is administered week commencing Monday 1st June 2026 and concludes by 12th June 2026.

Y6 SATS week is 11th to 14th May 2025 for English and Maths tests and writing assessments continue into June and conclude towards the end of June.

It is imperative for children to maintain good attendance throughout, and holidays in school time must be avoided.

DIARY DATES

DATE	Event
Each Sunday	St Mary's Church Sunday Service @ 10am with Sunday School. Junior Park 2K Run @ Leigh Sports Village (free for 4-11yr. Old's) 9am
Wednesday 29 th April	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 6 th May	Parents' Evening 2
Thursday 7 th May	School Closed- Polling Day
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs Week Begins



The Nurturing Programme

What is the Nurturing Programme ?

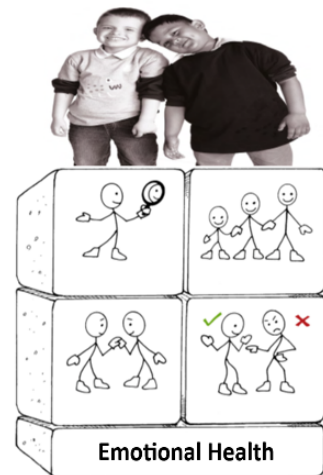
This is a free 10-week course that is available universally to parents and carers, it is aimed for families with younger children as there is a central focus on empathy, empowerment, why children behave the way they do, how to work co-operatively with children and recognise parents' feelings and emotions alongside their child's.

The Nurture Programme is based on Four Constructs

- Self-Awareness
- Empathy
- Appropriate expectations
- Positive Discipline

The programme will allow parents and carers to explore different approaches to discipline, given strategies and tools to implement changes for a calmer and happier home environment.

Parents will understand the importance of nurturing themselves and their children.



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