



Newsletter – February 2025

Headteacher's Update

It was lovely to see so many of you this week for Parents Evening - it's always a really positive event, as we always enjoy the opportunity to share the good things the children have achieved. We had a great turnout on the night, and the teachers have also been busy finding other times to meet with some of you who couldn't make it. Thank you to everyone for this.

We hope that you have a lovely half term break. We have a training day on Monday 24th February with the other schools in the Sigma Trust, so **we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 25th February**.

Trips and Visits

Dance Days came to teach our Year 3 children some different styles of dance. They covered Flamenco, Street & Bollywood. Year 4 took part in a Medical Maverick workshop - we have some budding doctors for the future! Year 5 turned into Romans for the day - they looked at artefacts, camp life and marching. Year 6 have been busy with a Cyber Safety workshop, a STEM day and a Careers Event.

As a school, we were invited to Thomas Lord Audley to watch their performance of 'Sister Act the Musical', this was a fantastic performance and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We thank all at TLA for inviting us, and making space for everyone.

On Friday 14th February 2025 we partnered with Colchester Rotary Club for an awareness day for Polio, acknowledged by wearing pink, purple or blue.

Class Assemblies

We welcomed parents and carers into school to celebrate class assemblies with Chi and Omega, who showed off lots of the things they had been learning. Both classes did an amazing job - well done!

Attendance

Our attendance is continuing to increase, so thank you and well done for your support.

The children who achieved 100% attendance this half term all thoroughly enjoyed their 'Alice in Wonderland' themed celebration, where they decorated cupcakes and played fun games.

Children who attend regularly have the best chance of getting the most out of school.

The NHS have a guide that you can refer to here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. We encourage you to send your child in if they have everyday coughs and colds - we always feel better as the day goes on.

OPAL Update

It has been an exciting half term that has seen many additions to our play environment, including the addition of small world figures. It has been great to watch children using their imaginations when playing with the figures. In addition, the children have been enjoying our new track areas. We have seen children racing the scooters and trying tricks on the skateboards.

A huge thank you to the parents who have been supporting with making the welly storage.

This is an ongoing project - if you are interested in helping, please contact us!



Dates for your Diary

February 2025

Monday 24th: Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 25th: All pupils back to school

March 2025

Friday 14th: Y3 Holi Festival (Information to follow)

Friday 21st: Y4 Circus Workshop (Information to follow)

Tuesday 25th: Y6 visit to Highwoods Country Park

April 2025

Friday 4th: Non School Uniform Day & last day of term

We hope that you all have a lovely festive break, and look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 25th February 2025**