



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

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NEWSLETTER – 9th JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first school newsletter of 2026. I hope you all managed to enjoy some moments over Christmas and that you have a happy and successful 2026.

Our return to school has been brilliant – although the weather has certainly tried to hinder that – we had a brief bit of fun in the powdery snow on Tuesday and I really love the wintry mornings currently, however the uncertainty around snow is sometimes a challenge. We seem to at this stage have received minimal disruption in this area but let's see what else is to come. We will inform everyone by 7am of any changes to the plans relating to weather and school both via T2P and on social media.

We started on Tuesday with the launch of our Traditional Tales whole school project as well as attending an Epiphany Service at Church. Here Revd George discussed the significance of the gifts the wise men brought as well as 'chalking the door'.

The selected children read well, and I was impressed by the knowledge that they shared on Frankincense and Myrrh. I also wish to recognise and thank Felix for his Reading at the village Carol Service at the start of the Christmas Holidays – he read with great confidence.

Yesterday was an excellent memorable experience at Milton Keynes Theatre watching the pantomime – Goldilocks and the Three bears. I mean the traditional story of that probably only lasted 10 minutes in the show but what a show it was, and it did not disappoint with magicians, acrobatic dance acts and such impressive costumes and staging. Children all behaved brilliantly, commented on by the public sat behind me, and it was a joy to lead such a trip. Thank you for all your support too with collection last night never easy but the rain added an extra layer I know!

Today you have received curriculum overviews, class letters and homework grids for the term. A paper copy has been sent home as well as an email version giving no excuses that you can't find it!!! It will also go on the class pages of the website.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Mrs. Sarah Smith

In the absence of Mrs Smith, Mrs Green and Miss Curtis will be available should there be any concerns that need addressing. They will always be able to get hold of the head teacher should it be needed. Both Mrs Green and Miss Curtis are trained as DSLs meaning they can carry out any safeguarding responsibilities as well.

On these occasions there will be a sign on the front door informing you of the absence.

Attendance figure - Whole school for academic year: **95.07%**

Authorised: 3.81% **Unauthorised:** 1.1%

Class attendance this week:

OAK: 96.5% **SYCAMORE** 98.1%

CHESTNUT 96.9% **MAPLE** 95.8%

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs. S. Smith
Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Mrs. K. Green & Miss Curtis
Gov responsible: Rev'd Sara Cliff

ONLINE SUPPORT – we value your support in this area and understand how tricky it is navigated. This week's support guide attached is on:

Digital devices and Wellbeing

Yr R Primary School application link if live in West Northants [Closing date 15.1.26:](#)
<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions-and-appeals/school-application>