

THOMAS FAIRCHILD

NEWSLETTER



Monday 16th March 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Families,

Thank you for all your support with a thoroughly successful term so far! Children have loved their new topics, including our history focus across years 1-6. We can't wait to share the children's learning with you during Parents' Evening on Wednesday 25th March. If you haven't yet signed up, please remember to book your slot.

Our focus on attendance and punctuality at school continues. We often talk to the children about 'swift starts', and the importance of starting all lessons on time so that no learning time is lost. The children have been really impressing us with their attitude to starting learning promptly. Please continue to support us with this by ensuring children arrive at school before our 8.55am bell.

On Friday last week we were excited to launch our very special 'Here To Be Heard' pupil advocacy groups. Children have all signed up to a group to promote a particular cause. Thank you to Mr Uddin for leading on this important initiative and for such a great start! You can see photos from the groups on page 2 of this newsletter.

-Mr Matt Trahair



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th March - Music Monday Toddler Stay & Play, 9.15am (and every Monday term time)

Tuesday 17th March - Year 1 Come Learn With Me, 9.00am

Wednesday 18th March - Creative Club Toddler Stay and Play, 9.15am (and every Wednesday term time), Nursery Scooter Training, 10.00am, Year 5 & 6 Come Dine with Me, 12.30pm

Thursday 19th March - Year 6 Reading Tea, 3.00pm

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day! Red Bake Sale

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th March - Year 6 Residential to PGL Liddington

Monday 23rd March - Year 4 Museum of the Docklands - Anglo Saxons rebuilding London

Tuesday 24th March - Year 5 British Museum - Ancient Greeks

Wednesday 25th March - Parents Consultation

Thursday 26th March - Independent Travel Training (SEN)

Friday 27th March - School closes at the earlier time of **1.00pm**

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April - **Easter Holidays - School Closed.**

Monday 13th April - **Inset Day/Staff Training - School Closed**

Tuesday 14th April - **Welcome back!** Breakfast Club opens from 8.00am, the 8.30am Club opens, and school gates open for all families at 8.45am.



PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 25th March, with appointments running from 3.30pm to 7.50pm.

It will be a great opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers and discuss their progress and achievements. This time will also be a chance for you to raise any questions you have around ongoing support. We encourage all parents to attend, as your involvement is crucial to your child's success.

You can book appointments on the My Child at School App or by scanning the QR code.



YEAR 5 PGL TRIP

Spaces still available at our **PGL Residential to Liddington** this October - four nights and five days packed with adventure and fun. Children will enjoy exciting outdoor activities, stay in comfortable en-suite accommodation and build confidence, friendships and independence along the way.

Speak to Ms Bev in the school office for more information.

-Ms. Bev Dickinson



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Our aim for each class is at least 96% attendance. Last week's attendance figures were:

Nursery AM - 100%

Nursery PM - 100%

Nursery full time - 90%

Reception - 89%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 98%

Year 4 - 95%

Year 5 - 94%

Year 6 - 91%

**MOMENTS MATTER,
ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

-Ms. Sophie Medhurst



Here to be Heard >>>>

We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand-new initiative that puts your children's voices at the heart of everything we do: our 'Here to be Heard' Pupil Advocacy Groups. Every child in the school will join one of these groups to promote a cause. The goal is to provide all of our children with a platform to have their say and make a tangible impact on a cause that develops our school and/or wider community. We started these groups last Friday and they have been hugely successful so far!

