



Headteachers Weekly Update 24.01.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week. I'll dive straight into the key things for this week.

PTFA AGM: As you will have seen, the Annual General Meeting for the PTFA will be held on **Wednesday 12th February at 3:30pm**. We are able to look after your children who attend our school (not pre-school or secondary school children) during the meeting to help enable you to attend. It would be great to see lots of you there as committee members are voted for and appointed and for as many parents as possible to get involved in lots of ways big or small. Get the date in your diary.

Holocaust Memorial Day Service: On **Wednesday 29th January** (next week), pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be leading our annual Holocaust Memorial Day Service at the Abbey at 2:15pm. The rest of the school will remain in school. It is always a very poignant and important service and we will be joined by the Mayor of Test Valley. Parents are welcome to join us if you would like to attend.

Suez Recycling: Kirsty from Suez Recycling joined us for Collective Worship yesterday and shared about how we can all make a huge difference by developing good habits with regards to recycling and waste. She was particularly keen to share the great value of ensuring food waste is put in specific food waste bins and the energy that can be generated from this. We have specific food waste bins in school and Kirsty encouraged the children to think about what they do with their food waste at home. We can make a huge difference if we are all ready to play our part in looking after the world we have been given.

INSET Day: Next Friday (31st January) is an INSET day so school will be closed to children whilst staff complete training and development together. Our focus for this INSET day is **SEND: inclusive and adaptive teaching** and the **Power of Story across the curriculum**. We love great books at school and we want to further dig into the rich and memorable learning experiences great stories provide.

Healthy Snacks: Just a quick reminder that snacks for breaktime should be healthy snacks only and should not include crisps, chocolate, sweets or cakes. Thank you.

School shoes: Also a quick reminder about school shoes. We have seen a rise in trainers over January and have reminded children that they should be in school shoes not trainers (unless it is their PE day in Year 3-6). If a child's school shoes break or are unavailable for a short period of time please let us know and ensure they have school shoes back on as soon as possible. We have lots of black plimsolls for children to use in the classroom if their school shoes are unavailable for a day or two.



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Money Course: You can still join the Money Coaching Course on Tuesday mornings at 9am-11am in the Music Room. You can book your free place by either giving us a quick email to express your interest or calling Debs Niblett on 07562 752141 or emailing deborahniblett@capuk.org

Dates for your Diary: Here is the link for our Dates for your Diary. It is a live document so will update as new dates and events are added to the diary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhIIGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer, which you are most welcome to join me in praying...

*Dear God,
Thank you for guiding us through this week. We pray that you would refresh and renew our strength this weekend at this halfway point in the half term. Help us with those good habits we sought to develop in 2025; help us persevere and when we make mistakes help us to grow and learn rather than give up.
Amen*

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you again for all your support.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week as we navigate our way through January and the start of 2025. The children have been busily working hard this week and lots of examples of children across the school showing great resilience, particularly in Maths, not giving up when facing tricky challenges but rather overcoming hurdles through perseverance.

It has been great to welcome **new Teaching Assistants Miss Clifford and Mrs Normington this week**. It is wonderful to have them join our team and they have enjoyed getting to know the children across the school this week.

Learn from our Mistakes: In Collective Worship our resilience focus is on learning from our mistakes. God gives grace to the humble and we want to teach the children the powerful value of acknowledging their mistakes and being ready and willing to learn from them rather than trying to hide

our mistakes or run away from the consequences. We will be seeing in Collective Worship how God is endlessly gracious in forgiving our mistakes and helping us grow rather than wither in the wake of our errors. One of the phrases we often use throughout the school day is "Learning involves mistakes".

2025: A great year for Reading: As we settle into the routines of 2025, I would love to encourage us all to make reading and enjoying books a very worthwhile and daily habit for the year. Let us read with our children, read to our children and also remember the power of simply modelling reading for pleasure to our children. Can we as parents turn those screens off and show our children the value and enjoyment that can be had by getting absorbed in a good book. Of all the goals we can set for this year, prioritising reading will be one of the most significant and beneficial.

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Dear God,

Thank you that when we make mistakes you don't give up on us and like a good shepherd you help us get back on track and heading in the right direction. Help us as parents and carers to teach our children how to admit when we get it wrong and to humbly learn from our mistakes.

Amen

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