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## FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

### World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day yesterday and it was fantastic to see so many children dressed as their favourite characters or cosy in their pyjamas ready to snuggle down with a book. We had a terrific day reading some brilliant stories, with staff setting up story stations around school, check out the pictures on Facebook.

### Science Week

Next week is Science Week and the theme is 'CHANGE AND ADAPT'. We are starting the week off on Monday with a special assembly and Professor Brainstorm will be joining us in the afternoon to deliver his Science Roadshow. During each morning break next week, children can buy pocket money priced science experiments, priced at 50p to £3. Please see the full list and pictures on our Facebook page.

### Attendance Procedures Reminder

As you are aware, government guidance since August 2024, is that a Head Teacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays taken during term time are recorded as unauthorised absence. Any holidays of 5 days, (10 sessions) or more are referred to the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice may be issued to you.

The National Framework introduced in August 2024 means only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate.

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. Alternative action, such as prosecution in Magistrates court, will be considered instead.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice could result in the Local Authority starting legal proceedings against you for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

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## Diary Dates

### W/C 10.3.25 Science Week

10.3.25 Professor Brainstorm whole school science roadshow

11.3.25 Year 6 Trip to Wagamamas

12.3.25 RISE Workshop for Parents 1.45 – 2.45pm

### W/C 17.3.25

19.3.25 Bookfair event starts

21.3.25 Comic Relief

### W/C 24.3.25 Last week for Afterschool Clubs

26.3.25 Bookfair closes

27.3.25 4pm Football – more info to follow

### W/C 31.3.25

2.4.25 NSPCC Workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6

3.4.25 4pm Football – more info to follow

4.4.25 House matches - hockey

### W/C 7.4.25 Creativity Week

8.4.25 Whole School Pantomime, A Little Princess

8th & 9<sup>th</sup> April Parent Consultation Evenings

11.4.25 Easter Egg Competition

**Friday 11th April – Break up for the end of term holidays -  
Return to school on Monday 28th April 2025**

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack  
Head Teacher

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