



Wednesday 21st January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school. Please see below, a few important reminders and updates.

Dressing for the Weather

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately. We have noticed that a number of children are arriving without coats. Children spend time outdoors each day, so a warm, waterproof coat is essential.

We would also like to remind parents/carers to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named, especially coats, jumpers, and cardigans, to help us return any lost items to their owners.

Reading at Home

Reading remains a key priority in school, and we greatly appreciate your support with reading at home. We encourage children to read at least three times per week. When this happens, they move up the class reward chart, which is a great motivator for the children.

Children who read regularly also receive prizes as part of our school reading challenges. Regular reading has a significant impact on children's confidence, comprehension, and enjoyment of books, and even a short daily read can make a big difference.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress, and wellbeing. Every day in school matters, and absences can have a significant impact on children's academic achievement and social development. We kindly ask that appointments are made outside of school hours where possible and that children attend school every day unless they are too unwell to attend.

Bringing Items from Home

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys or other personal items from home into school unless specifically requested by staff. Unfortunately, these items can easily become lost or broken, which can cause upset for children. In addition, toys from home can be distracting and disrupt learning for the child and others in the class. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment.

Children's Wellbeing Day

The PTA has arranged for JustBee Wellbeing for Kids to come into school on Monday 26th January to run wellbeing sessions with all of the children. The sessions will include breathing techniques, calming strategies and some Yoga. **Can you please send children into school on Monday in their PE kits.**

Pantomime Performance @ QPS

We are delighted to let you know that a theatre company will be visiting the school to perform a pantomime. This event is open to the wider community and promises to be a fun evening for all. Doors will open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, and the performance will last approximately one hour. Refreshments will be served. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Further details will be shared by the PTA in due course.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

With warmest wishes,



Emily Bevan
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Key Dates

<u>Date & Event</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Monday 26 th January – Wellbeing Day	Children to wear their PE kit to school
Tuesday 10 th February – Forest School	Children to wear clothes suitable for the weather for that day – this will likely be that they need to wrap up warm at this time of year!
Thursday 12 th February – Stall at the end of the school day for children and adults	The PTA will be holding a 'Valentine's Raffle' for the adults and a 'Teddy to Love' stall for the children. This will take place at the end of the school day.
Friday 13 th February	Break up for half term.
HALF TERM WEEK W/C 16 th FEBRUARY	
Monday 23 rd February	Return to school following half term.
Tuesday 24 th February – Panto Time!	PTA to send more details in due course.
Thursday 5 th March - World Book Day	Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!
Thursday 5 th March - World Book Day Disco	The disco will be held after school. More details to follow from the PTA in due course.
EASTER HOLIDAY W/C 6 TH APRIL AND W/C 13 TH APRIL	
Monday 20 th April	Return to school following the Easter break
Thursday 7 th May - Polling Day	School will be closed to pupils on this day due to it being used as a polling station.