



## February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,  
It has been lovely to see and feel signs of spring in the air around school, daffodils in flower, blossom on the trees in the wood, birds singing and lighter evenings and I am sure Mr Hudson will soon be out mowing the school field and the children will be on the grass at playtime, which is always a highlight for them!

## World Book Day 2026

Next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we are once again celebrating World Book Day in school by engaging the boys and girls in a variety of activities to promote a love of reading.



Reading is one of the most important skills that children develop in school and in the words of Barack Obama, **'Reading is the gateway skill that makes other learning possible.'**

As a way of marking the day, giving it a slightly different feel for the boys and girls and promoting the idea *reading a book at bedtime*, we are inviting them to wear a



clean pair of pyjamas for school and bring in their favourite bedtime story to read or share with other pupils in their class. Throughout

the day the staff will also be swapping classes to read their favourite stories to other pupils.

Could I please request that if your child decides to wear their pyjamas on the day, please ensure they are suitable for travelling to and from school, they provide appropriate coverage and are warm enough to wear outside.

## Navigating the Digital World

Internet Matters is a UK-based, not-for-profit organisation,



launched in 2014, dedicated to helping

parents, carers, and professionals keep children safe in the digital world. It provides evidence-based, practical advice, resources, and expert guides on topics like cyberbullying, screen time, and parental controls for various ages.

Below are the key articles in the latest addition which you may find useful and can be accessed in full by clicking [here](#).

- AI Safety & Education.
- "How Do My Screen Time Habits Impact My Child?"
- Updated Parental Controls & Tech Guides.

- Apps: New guides for ChatGPT, Meta AI, and Spotify.
- Devices: Updated advice on Apple (iPhone, iPad, HomePod), Samsung, and Google Family Link.

## SEND Changes

I am sure you may have heard that the Government have recently published a Schools White Paper, **Every child achieving and thriving**, which proposes significant reforms to the education and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) systems in England, in order to make the support for SEND pupils clearer, fairer and more consistent.

Various media outlets have recently suggested that there is a crisis in schools with regard to this SEND and I would like to reassure you that we are committed to providing high-quality teaching, inclusive practice, and the right support at the right time so every child, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

We will obviously keep you up to date with any changes when they occur.

## Term Dates 2025/26

Here are the term dates for this academic year:

- **23<sup>rd</sup> Feb- 27<sup>th</sup> March**
- **13<sup>th</sup> April- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**
- **1<sup>st</sup> June- 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

## INSET Days –2025/26

Our INSET days for this year are as follows:

- **26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
- **29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**



## Upcoming Event:

Here are some of the events planned for this half-term so far:

Date:	Event:
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	JFCS Scholar's Programme for Year 5 pupils
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	AVSSP Triathlon Comp @ Charles Hill
23 <sup>rd</sup> Ma	Parent's Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent's Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Achievement Assembly 9.10am
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Break up Easter

## and finally...

Thank you for your continued support. If you wish to discuss the content of this newsletter, or indeed any other items, please do get in touch. 

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# KJS Medium TERM Curriculum plan: Spring 2A

	Lower School	Upper School
	<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>GLOBALISATION &amp; INTERDEPENDENCE</b>
	<b>Greta and the Giants</b> - Zoë Tucker <b>The Tin Forest</b> - Helen Ward	<b>Oh, Maya Gods</b> - Maz Evans
	Dialogue based on Greta and the Giants, inverted commas, speech rules and punctuation, adverbs. Persuasive writing, apostrophes,	<b>Fiction writing based on the story The Whale</b>
	<b>Year 3</b> - Mass and capacity, Formal arithmetic methods, Fractions, length and perimeter <b>Year 4</b> - Decimals, money, time, shape	<b>Year 5</b> - Statistics, Position and direction <b>Year 6</b> - Algebra, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
	<b>Plant Lifecycle</b> - Understand what makes plants healthy. Know how water is transported in plants. Understand functions of flower's parts.	
	Focus on colour mixing and use of colour to reflect mood. Paintings of trees inspired by feelings towards climate change.	Mayan Gods and ceremonies. Mayan Twist on Modern Figures. Mayan fashion Designing appropriate Mayan wardrobes
	<b>Keeping Ourselves Safe</b> Internet Safety – Understanding how to stay safe online	Five pillars of internet safety: Be sharp, Be kind, Be secure, Be brave, Be alert- real Real life case studies
	<b>Changes and Emotions</b> Understand the changes that can and can't be controlled Year 4- Bodily changes- Boys/girls	
		Who were the Maya? Mayan Cities. City States. Chichen Itza. Mayan culture, Maya calendars
		Central American Study- Identifying where Maya culture existed. Focus on physical geography of central America.
	Songs linked to the curriculum (art and Science) Singing Games and Rhymes New note C& F and combining these with Notes B, A and G. Compositions	French songs. jFlute - Combining and reviewing all notes from the year. jSax – New note E flat and playing as part of a trio.
	Year 4- Swimming Netball, Basketball	Basketball and Netball
		
	Understand the importance of Ramadan in the Muslim faith. Temptation. Forgiveness. How do people use the bible	Understanding Islam The beginnings of Islam. Why is Ramadan so important? Where do Muslims pray?
	<b>French- Ancient Britain-</b> Ages Through Time	<b>French-Healthy Living</b> Learn the nouns for healthy and unhealthy food. Learn how to use negations. Learn vocabulary for ways to stay healthy.
	<b>Science</b> -Animal Habitats. National Grid modelling. <b>Drama</b> - Greta and the Giants Drama. World biomes. <b>DT</b> - Bird Feeders	<b>DT</b> - Maya Masks and Macuahuitl, Mayan cooking <b>ART</b> - Textiles, Dying, Fabric making
	Pledges linked to energy saving /recycling- Linked to the EMBARK Award	The Mayan Ceremony