

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Making sure that everybody is safe is always a very high priority in our schools. We have regular lesson themes on safety including keeping safe online, being safe in the community, water safety and road safety. Please help us by making sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic before and whilst crossing. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not with them.

A daily healthy lunch will make sure that children can get all the vitamins and energy they need to learn without getting tired in the afternoon. If your child brings a packed lunch please make sure that they have a good balance of fruit and vegetables as well as protein such as meat, cheese or nuts. We do not allow children to have crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks for their lunch as part of our healthy schools' ambition to teach children the importance of a healthy diet. Carrot sticks, raisins, nuts and yoghurts are all good alternatives. Children can also bring a healthy snack for morning break to keep them going.

We have a school uniform to create a sense of belonging to our school as well as to instil a sense of being smart and proud of being part of our school community. To be fair to everyone we insist that all pupils wear our uniform every day and we have tried to keep the costs as low as possible to make sure that it is not a financial burden on parents. A full list of our uniform is available on our website. Please remember that we expect all children to wear black school shoes, not boots or sandals and we do not allow jewellery to be worn for their own safety.

By now you will have received an invitation to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at parents' evening on Thursday 23rd March 2023. You can choose appointment slots either using our online system or by calling the school office. We ask that all parents make a commitment to come in so that they can see their child's workbooks and share with them how important learning is. We hope that your child's termly report and termly targets will be useful to you in knowing how you can further support them from home.

We will again be setting creative homework projects during the Easter holidays to prepare for new Summer Term topics. Learning will be continuing up until 2pm on Friday 31st March 2023 when we break for Easter, with school opening for the Summer term on Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.55am.

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## Reminder



**We are a SMART school. Black shoes and not trainers please!**



**Home reading diaries and reading books should be brought to school every day!**

### Exploring Forces

The children in EYFS have been busy exploring the different forces they can feel when using toy cars. They have been working sensibly in groups to build a ramp for the cars to slide down. This has allowed them to expand their vocabulary by using words such as "faster" and "slower".



### Dance Choreography

In PE, Year 2 have been working in pairs and groups to create a dance sequence pretending to be sea creatures. They mirrored their partners by moving in the same way. They then worked in groups to create a balance, trying to make the shape of jellyfish and starfish.



### Kew Gardens Trip

As part of their Rainforest topic in Geography, Year 4 went on an exciting trip to Kew Gardens to explore the environment of a rainforest. They enjoyed learning about the different living species and types of plants within the multiple layers of the rainforest.





## Inspired by Art

Year 2 their visit to the National Gallery where they marvelled at paintings by many famous artists! Their tour focused on still life paintings by Rachel Ruysch, Vincent van Gogh and Picasso, but they were most excited to see 'Sunflowers' by van Gogh. They enjoyed seeing the brushstrokes and textures of the paint in real life and left feeling very inspired!



## Online Safety Tips

The Digital Leaders from each of our schools came together, along with the ICT subject leaders to share great ideas for their newest project - a video containing online safety tips. They are hoping that their messages will be able to reach much further than the classroom. To view the video, please scan the QR code at the bottom of this page.



## Key Dates

### SPRING TERM 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date:  
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Work & Enterprise Week:  
Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2023

Safer Internet Day:  
Thursday 9th February 2023

Half Term Holiday:  
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Children's Start Date:  
Monday 20th February 2023

World Book Day:  
Wednesday 1st March 2023

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 23rd March 2023

Lower School D&T Day:  
Tuesday 28th March 2023

Thursday 30th March:  
Upper School D&T Day

End of Term Finish Date:  
Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSES at 2pm)

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

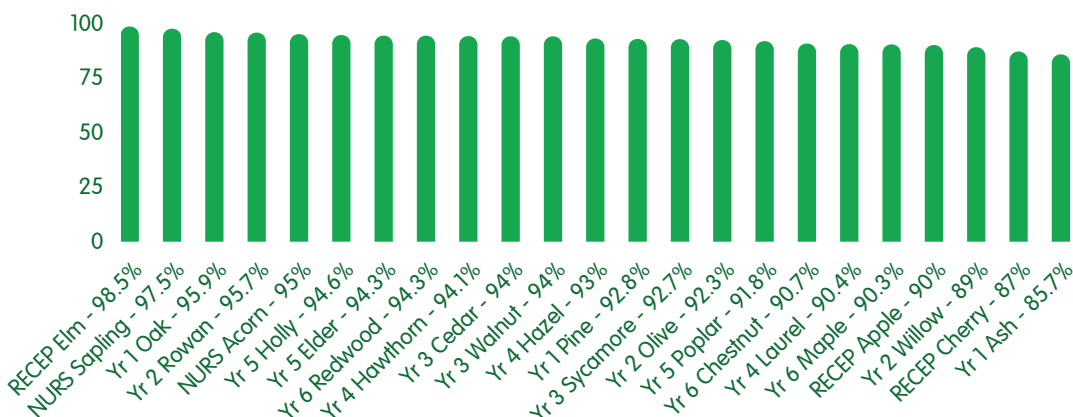
Date	Focus
Friday 24th March	<u>Easter Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 31st March	Parent Coffee Morning & Reading Celebration Event

## Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.5%.

Well done to Reception Elm class, the weekly winner with 98.5%.



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Digital Leaders'  
Online Safety Tips



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Living Crisis Guide



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