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Newsletter 5 – Tuesday 11th November 2025

Dear parents,

Message from Mrs Hulse

We have had a very busy start to the new term. Last Thursday Class 3 made the whole school very hungry when they baked some delicious looking and smelling bread as part of their DT project. The Tag Rugby Team represented the school brilliantly when they competed at Burnham Copse last week. They won all their matches and showed fantastic team work. Rehearsals for Nativity have already started and the children are busy practising their lines and learning their songs.

Today, I had the privilege of attending the Remembrance Service with the Year 6 Ambassadors. They represented both the school and the wider community with great dignity, laying two wreaths and taking part in the service by reading a Bible passage and the list of the Fallen. I was extremely proud of their maturity and the respectful way they conducted themselves during such a solemn and important occasion.

Staffing update

Miss Ayto, who is currently working as an LSP in Class 3, will be leaving us. Her last day will be Wednesday 12th November. Miss Ayto has worked at the school for a number of years. First as a volunteer and then as a member of staff. She has been a dedicated and committed member of staff and we will all miss her exceptional ability to support children, her friendly and positive attitude and the warmth and care she has for the whole community. We wish her all the best for the future.

Collective worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about Remembrance. On Monday we thought about how different people around the world mark Remembrance Day. This afternoon all the classes visited church. They were able to spend some time reflecting and remembering and also were able to see the display of poppies which has been created by the community.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for academic success. When students attend school consistently, they are better able to keep up with the curriculum, develop strong learning habits, and build a solid foundation for future achievement. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives on time and attends school every day, unless unwell. Together, we can support every student's learning journey. If your child is unwell then please check the NHS guidance about if they are well enough to attend school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> this contains important

advice about when your child is well enough to attend and when they should stay off school. If they are unwell, please inform school by either ringing or emailing the school office.

Dates for your diary / Reminders

Wednesday 12th November – Class 4 Swimming – session 2

Friday 14th November – Children in Need. Non-uniform day and cake sale. Suggested donation £1.

Monday 17th November – Open Morning for Prospective Year R children September 2026. If you know anyone with a child starting school next academic year, encourage them to sign up through the office.

Wednesday 19th November – Class 4 Swimming – session 3

Monday 24th November – Cardwells Christmas Family Photo Shoot - 4pm – further details to follow

Wednesday 26th November – Class 4 Swimming – session 4

Wednesday 3rd December – Class 4 Swimming – final session

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre 5pm to 7pm -further details to follow

Tuesday 9th December 10am – Nativity Performances – further details to follow

Wednesday 10th December 10am – Nativity Performances - further details to follow

Thursday 11th December 10am – Nativity Performances - further details to follow

Friday 12th December – Whole School Pantomime – further details to follow

Monday 15th December – School Association – Movie Mob after school – further details to follow

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 19th December – End of term

Monday 5th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January – Start of Spring Term for pupils

Kind Regards,

Caroline Hulse
Acting Headteacher