

Newsletter 17 – Friday 13th February 2026

Parking concerns

We are all pleased to see parents have listened to our concerns regarding parking on School Road and the situation has much improved in the last couple of days. I have included a footnote on the bottom of the newsletter which will now remain a permanent fixture to ensure that this important safety measure isn't forgotten.

New management system in school – arghh!!

During the last week we have been switching over our management system in school. This has been an absolute nightmare but I think we're just about there with it. It has meant that we have been without text messages so our apologies if you have missed reminders or updates about anything. I did write a newsletter last week but I couldn't text you to tell you it was there! Hopefully, we'll be running smoothly again after half term. There will be an app for parents to download as well but we'll make sure we know what we're doing with it before we share it with everyone.

Goodbye Mrs. Beavon – we will miss you!

After 21 fabulous years at Holly Hill as a TA, Mrs. Beavon retired on Wednesday. Mrs. Beavon has been a much-loved member of our team for such a long time and we will miss her crazy sense of humour and dedication to the children. Thank you for everything Mrs. Beavon – enjoy a happy and relaxing retirement.

A Chinese feast!

Our Key Stage 1 children were treated to an amazing Chinese banquet on Thursday as part of their China topic. Mrs. Hutchinson did an amazing job of cooking noodles, stir fry and rice for 90 children and the children did a fabulous job of eating it all using chopsticks! Thank you to the team for organising such a lovely experience and thank you to parents for supporting our Winter Warmer before Christmas, as the money raised helped to pay for this.

Sporting super stars...

Brilliant at Basketball

We were extremely proud of our Basketball team last week who played so well and tried so hard in their tournament. You are fabulous – Bethany, Rosie, Olivia, Isabella, Jacob, Sonny, Jackson M and George H.

Cracking Cross-country

On the most miserable day ever, a team of KS2 children have headed off to Wollaton Park this afternoon to take part in a cross-country competition. I personally can't think of anything worse than running in this weather (actually, running in any weather!!) but this group have shown resilience and effort in bucket loads! We are so proud of you all – well done Blake, Theo,

Rebecca, Bebe, Alfie, Jason, Carson, Dana, Jasmine, Olivia, Skyla, Cerrone, Bexley and Bethany. Thank you to Mr. Close and Mrs. Bis for providing transport and Mrs. Fisher for going along on her day off to organise. And of course, to the gorgeous little Fisher twins who are our biggest supporters!

Number day

Number day was a great success last week and raised an amazing £300 for the NSPCC. Thank you all once again for your support!

Children's mental health week

This week in school we have focused on children's mental health. Each day we have had a different focus: Mindful Monday, Talk About It Tuesday, Well-being Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Feel-Good Friday. We have spent some time creating our own 'belonging' islands and have talked about the importance of belonging and what that feels like. We took part in a live Picture News assembly, a live Safer Internet day assembly and we considered the impact of social media on our mental health during assembly time. Everyone looked fabulous in their 'dress to express' clothes today too. There were people representing football teams, ice hockey teams, their hobbies including gymnastics and dancing, favourite outfits, princesses, superheroes, favourite colours and a group of Year 6 girls in their pyjamas! It's been great to see all of the children engaging so well this week and we hope they have been able to reflect and gather ideas on some of the different ways to take care of their own well-being.

The week ahead...

- Monday 23rd February – Children return to school after half term

Have a fabulous half term everyone,

Mrs. Leanne Steed

Headteacher

Attendance heroes

Good attendance in school is extremely important. The government target for good attendance is 96%.

This week's winners were Swan class with 96.8% Well done Swans!!

This is fabulous attendance! Well done to the whole school for being mostly green for attendance this week – amazing!!

RECEPTION	90.0%	KINGFISHERS	93.1%
PUFFINS	90.7%	DOVES	92.6%
WRENS	92.1%	SWALLOWS	92.0%

WOODPECKERS	89.4%	OWLS	84.3%
		FALCONS	88.1%
		SWANS	96.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR (excluding Nursery)		92.8%	

INTERESTING ATTENDANCE FACTS:

- Worryingly, there are only 140 children in school who currently have attendance of 96% or above, in line with the national target. This will hopefully even out for some children who have had a bout of illness but won't miss any more time for the rest of the year.
- A huge well done to the 166 children who have 100% for this half term! It's the most miserable, grey, cold half term of them all and you still got out of bed every single day and made it in to school. Super stars!!
- There are currently 40 children who still have 100% attendance since September – amazing!
- Falcon and Swan class have worked very hard with me this half term to improve their attendance. We have had some really interesting discussions about how important good attendance is and how we need to get into great habits for secondary school. They came up with ideas for their own little reward scheme and amazingly, both classes have improved their attendance by 4%!!

*Please be reminded that cars are strictly prohibited from parking on School Road. We must work together to ensure the safety of the children who attend our school.