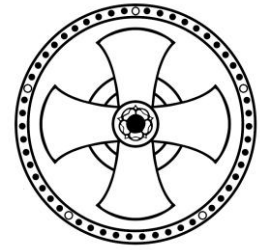




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Wednesday 18th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, I find myself looking back at the last few weeks with an immense sense of pride. It has been an incredibly busy, vibrant, and rewarding term for everyone at our school.

A Stage Full of Stars

The energy across the corridors has been palpable, fuelled by a brilliant mix of creative arts. Our Key Stage 1 children thoroughly enjoyed their immersive Drama Workshops, building confidence and storytelling skills.

The highlight for many, however, was our involvement in "Let's Dance." Working with the renowned JP Omari was an inspiring experience; the rehearsals were intense, but the hard work truly paid off. Watching our students take to the stage at the Brighton Dome on Monday night was a moment I won't soon forget. The performance was bursting with energy, enthusiasm, and - as I'm sure you noticed - some very impressive bottom wiggling!

Sporting Success & Safety

It has been a golden term for our athletes. We have seen fantastic participation and success across a range of sports, including Handball, Dodgeball, Indoor Athletics, and Netball.

Beyond the competitive arena, our Year 5 and Year 6 students have been working hard on their Bikeability courses. The Level 2 training specifically focused on navigating our local roads safely, ensuring our pupils have the skills and confidence to stay safe on two wheels.

Music and Community Heart

The school was "rocking along" recently during our Rocksteady performance. From the iconic riffs of *Seven Nation Army* to the timeless anthems of *Queen*, our young musicians proved they have true star power. Adding to our musical landscape, we have also launched a brand-new Lunchtime Choir. They have been practicing hard, and we are already looking forward to hearing them perform in the near future.

Finally, thank you for your incredible generosity during our fundraising events for GamMed. Together, we are helping children with broken bones receive the vital medical treatment they need. It is a powerful lesson for our pupils to see how their efforts can have such a global impact.

PTFA Spring Fair & A Plea for Help

We are all looking forward to the PTFA Spring Fair this Friday, 20th March. I would like to extend a huge thank you for the fantastic bottle donations brought in as part of our Mufti Day; your contributions make events like this possible.

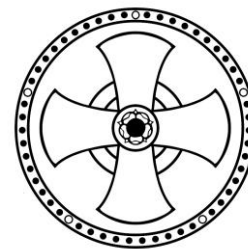
However, for these wonderful events to continue, we need your help. Our PTFA is currently a small, dedicated team, and we are looking for more parents to get involved. Whether you can offer an hour

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to run a stall or help with planning, your support is invaluable. Please get in touch with the school office if you can help.

Attendance: Why Every Day Counts

Currently, our whole-school attendance stands at 95%, which is just shy of our target of 97%. Missing school means missing the "building blocks" of a topic; in subjects like Maths or Phonics, missing the introductory lesson makes it much harder to catch up.

Attendance %	Days Missed	Weeks Missed	Lessons Missed (approx.)
100%	0	0	0
97% (Target)	5 Days	1 Week	25 Lessons
95% (Current)	9 Days	~2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	~4 Weeks	100 Lessons

An Easter Reflection

As Easter falls during our holidays this year, we will be spending time reflecting on the Resurrection and the promise of new life. We share this prayer with you as we head into the break:

Lord God,
We thank you for the gift of your Son and the joy of the Resurrection.
As we celebrate Easter, may the light of Christ shine in our hearts and homes.
We pray for a restful time with our families,
And for safety and peace for all children throughout the world.
Amen.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer Term!

Best regards,

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