



Date: **Friday 13th February 2026**

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“Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:v.16)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to receive our Christian Value award this week.

Reception (Mrs Aspinall) – **Sophia M**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall) – **Louis M**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe)– **Aaliyah Q**

Year 3 (Miss Reeve)– **Finn A**

Year 4 (Mrs Parsons)– **Brooklyn A-R**

Year 5 (Mrs Todd)– **Teddy G**

Year 6 (Mrs Knight)– **Joshua P**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

(Week beginning 2nd February 2026)
SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.7%

Reception: 95%

Year 1: 92.3%

Year 2: 96.6%

Year 3: 96.4%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 97.7%

Year 6: 98.2%

MATHLETICS

Scores for: 2.1.26—8.2.26

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1st place: year 6 15 children

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2nd place: year 1 13 children

3rd place: year 2 11 children

4th place: year 3 10 children

5th place: year 4 8 children

6th place: reception 6 children

Diary Dates

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

3pm Whole School Worship

TUESDAY 24TH

3pm Hymn Practice

9:30am Year 3&4 Sir Tom Finney

Trophy Football Tournament

WEDNESDAY 25TH

3pm Key Stage Worship

9am Year 6 Educational Visit-

Catalyst Science Museum

THURSDAY 26TH

3pm Key Stage Worship

FIRST AID TRAINING- all classes

3:30pm Tag Rugby League Fixtures-

4pm/ 4:20pm/ 5pm

FRIDAY 27TH

1:20pm Teddy sale followed by a

doughnut sale from 3pm



WORSHIP this week...

PTFA

SHROVE TUESDAY

What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day) is the last day before the period that Christians call Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes.

Ash Wednesday

Are you planning to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?

Why?

Shrove Tuesday is the day before the start of Lent. The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday.

Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Cartoon version

40 Days

Create a clean heart in me, O God; give me a new and steadfast spirit...

How Can We Grow Closer to God in Lent?

- We can try to be closer to God by giving something up, like a favourite food or treat.
- We might choose to give up things that take up our time, such as TV or computer games, so we have more time to think, pray, or be still.
- We can give God our time by being quiet, listening, or helping others.
- Some people choose to start something new, like being kinder, helping at home, or spending more time praying or reading a Bible story.

So what?

Design a poster to raise awareness of our Lent challenge, include as many people as possible in our parish/ school community... let's make a difference to our planet during Lent 2025

Dear God, Thank you for the pancakes we enjoy on Shrove Tuesday. Help us to remember that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Please guide us to think about you and to make good choices during Lent. We pray for everyone in the world who is struggling, especially those who have little power, little money, no food, or who feel lost. Amen

GSM PTFA PRESENTS

TEDDY TOMBOLA & DOUGHNUT SALE

FRI 27TH FEB

£1 A GO

DOUGHNUTS £1 OR PRE-ORDER BOXES VIA PARENTPAY £10

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and Raise Money for School

Did you know that you can help the PTFA raise funds simply by recycling?

If you have any spent ink cartridges you can recycle them with **Recycle4Charity**, and for every cartridge recycled, the PTFA will receive up to a £2 donation.

To send your cartridges or start collecting, visit:
<https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/341413>

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Maha Shivratri is a notable festival in Hinduism, marking a remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance" in life and the world. This year it was celebrated on 15th February. It is observed by remembering Shiva and chanting prayers, fasting, and meditating on ethics and virtues such as honesty, non-injury to others, charity, forgiveness, and the discovery of Shiva.

HAPPY MAHA SHIVRATRI

RAMADAN

During the month of Ramadan, many Muslims won't eat or drink during the hours of daylight. This is called fasting. Children are not expected to fast until they reach puberty, usually around the age of 14. Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailat ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The exact dates of Ramadan change every year. This is because Islam uses a calendar based on the cycles of the Moon.

In 2026 in the UK, Ramadan is expected to begin on February 18th.

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NATIONAL MATHS QUIZ

On Monday, our year 6 mathematics team took part in the 'Quiz Club Maths Championship'. They were faced with 3 rounds of extremely tricky questions. It was amazing to see them drawing on their knowledge and working as a team.

I was extremely proud of Fraser, Elijah, Lily and Olivia. At the end of the competition, they came very respectable 28 out of 60. Well done team. Mrs Todd

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day.

Our amazing Digital Leaders- Bella W, Sam H, Theo B, Charley T-C, Oliver C, Teddy G, Ben W and Lily H- kick started our day with an assembly about AI.

The theme this year was 'Smart tech, safe choices- Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI' which led us to discussion and activities based on technology we use at school and at home every day such as Alexa voice assistants. Our KS2 classes joined a live lesson and KS1 thought about voice assistants and how to stay safe when using AI technology.



Year 1/2 Mini-Skills

On Tuesday, our year 1/2 team competed in the inter-school Mini-Skills competition at West View. Our team competed in 6 different events, testing their running, throwing for speed and accuracy and kicking for accuracy skills.

Well done to Sienna B, Livie S, Eli G, Charlie S, Archie M and Martha C for representing school superbly, with confidence and for showing great sportsmanship. After all points were calculated, we finished in joint 4th place.



Girls' Football

Last Thursday, 5th February, our girls' football team played their final league matches in difficult weather conditions.

Our first match was against a physical Deepdale side. Our girls battled well but ultimately lost 2-0. Our next game was against a strong Longsands side and we were again on the end of a 2-0 defeat. Our third match saw us much improved against a good footballing side in St Anthony's and we only conceded once to lose 1-0. Our final game of the evening, against a determined Greenlands side, was another fantastic game of football in which our girls battled well. We finished the game with our first clean sheet and a point from a 0-0 draw.

Throughout the games, the girls made progress in their football. Listening well to instructions and battling well in each match, the girls were a credit to our school. We have finished our league season in 5th place and will be relegated but the girls have shown much development throughout their games, and I have thoroughly enjoyed taking the team.

Well done to: Savannah A-R, Charlotte B, Matilda B, Rua E-A, Emilia E, Elyse T, Sophie J, Amelia A, Sarah H-K

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SAFEGUARDING

Talk PANTS and help keep children safe

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped over six million parents to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Tips and advice to start a Talk PANTS conversation

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. To help you get the conversation started, we'll send you helpful tips, advice and materials by email.

When's the right time to talk PANTS?

Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are – it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them.

Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

- After school – if they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.
- Bathtime – you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.
- Car journeys – this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.
- Reading our new PANTS storybook together.
- Singing – sing along to our PANTS song with Pantosaurus!
- Swimming – a great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.
- Walking – walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops can help you both feel more at ease as you stroll and chat.
- Watching TV – if a TV show features a sensitive storyline, you can encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.



Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe
Learn about PANTS rule and get expert advice on how to talk to children about their body and help keep them safe.
NSPCC

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week 2026 was celebrated across our school with a focus on creativity, connection, and wellbeing.

Every class embraced daily doodling sessions, giving pupils a fun and relaxing way to express their thoughts and feelings. As part of this year's theme of 'Belonging', children also took part in the Belonging Map activity, exploring the people, places, and moments that help them feel safe and included. It has been a wonderful week of reflection, creativity, and strengthening the sense of community within our school.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the day.

We kindly encourage families to create costumes using items they already have at home rather than buying anything new. This helps keep things fun, simple, and sustainable for everyone. Further information about our World Book Day activities will follow after half-term.

