

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed those first few warm, sunny days sent to tease us! It was lovely to see the children return on Monday full of beans and ready for the start of the Summer term. It is hard to believe that we are already in the final stretch of the year and will be thinking about transition very soon. We were also delighted to receive the list of our new Reception cohort yesterday; it was wonderful to see so many familiar names!

The children all looked incredibly smart for their class photographs this morning. We were very lucky that the weather stayed bright enough to take the photos outside, using the beautiful spring blossom as a backdrop.

Earlier in the week, we had a "secret mission" visit from members of the PTA ball committee. The children were all very excited by the mystery, and all will finally be revealed on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

We have plenty of other excitement to look forward to next week as our school visits begin; Year 2 will be visiting Nower Wood to support their science learning, while Reception will be heading off on their annual visit to Bocketts Farm. I am sure they will all have a fantastic time exploring.

Finally, thank you for embracing our new mobile phone rule. The children were delighted when I announced in assembly that we had a new rule that wasn't actually for them! As a reminder, this policy—which aims to keep our environment focused and safe—also applies to the use of AirPods while on site.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a great weekend.

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates in the Next 2 Weeks**

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April    | Year 2 Nower Wood visit               |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April | Reception Classes Bocketts Farm visit |

### **Year 2 Forest School**

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| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April  | Leopard Class |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | Tiger Class   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April   | Lion Class    |

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May Whole School dress up for Mini Marathon**

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| 9.15 | Reception |
| 9.30 | Year 1    |
| 9.45 | Year 2    |

You can also see a full list of key dates for the year so far, on the Term Dates & Calendar pages of the school website [HERE](#)

**Mini Marathon- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May- Parents Welcome**

We are pleased to announce that on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May our school is taking part in the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools. Children are invited to dress up for this nationwide event which promotes fitness, teamwork and fun. Parents are invited to support children on the school field.

### **PTA Family Camping 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

For more information & to sign up for this year's family camping trip, please click the link below. Sign up for will go live on the **24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.** <https://sites.google.com/view/oatlandscampingtrip/home>

### **Safeguarding Notice**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Nurture Lead.

### **Updates to the Website**

Twelve Fifteen Spring/Summer menus have been published [HERE](#)