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Thank you!

We were delighted to welcome so many parents/carers into school yesterday morning for the Inclusion and Mental Health meeting. We were able to share some of the approaches taken to support pupils, the Kent School Health team shared some advice about developing resilience in children and it was helpful to hear from you about your children.

Jon Barker, a governor, was particularly pleased to be present to engage with parents and hear your thoughts. Your feedback is useful in how we continue to take the school forward. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend – we hope you found it useful too.

Forest School

On Thursday 26th February, Pine Class (Year 3/4, Mrs Christian) will be taking part in Forest School.



A message from Miss Harris

With the two themes of Safer Internet and Children's Mental Health, this week has been another packed week. Chestnut Class visited a farm and had a wonderful day and lots of learning has happened in classes.

It was lovely to welcome the School Health Team into school yesterday who met with parents and also led two assemblies for our Year 3/4/5/6 children. The theme of developing resilience is a valuable one for our children as they get older and they considered healthy approaches to support their own health and wellbeing.



And finally, school closes today for a week and we hope everyone has a good break and a chance to recoup. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

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Safer Internet Day

While we teach our children about being safe on the internet all year, the annual Safer Internet Day is always used to highlight the importance of a feature of safety when using technology. This year, the national focus was on the safe use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and we led an assembly for children to think carefully about the benefits of AI, and also to consider the safety implications when engaging with it.

As part of the day, different activities also happened in classrooms – some children watched a BBC live lesson streamed where lots of schools around the country engaged. Our Year 6 children had a visit from the Police where they discussed their online profile and how to be safe when using online technology.

You may have seen on ClassDojo, that Mrs Pollard posted this link for parents/carers to support you in keeping your children safe online – we thought it would be worth repeating in case you missed it previously:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Attendance Ted

For the last couple of weeks, a number of children and families have been suffering from different illnesses, and this has impacted the attendance data.

We do hope that with the break next week, everyone will be able to rest and have a break and come back to school fighting fit!

Here's this week's attendance data.

Year R Willow 89%	Year 1/2 Ash 89%	Year 1/2 Birch 94%	Year 1/2 Elm 95%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 93%	Year 3/4 Hazel 96%	Year 3/4 Pine 89%	
Year 5 Maple 94%	Year 5 Sycamore 95%	Year 6 Oak 91%	Year 6 Yew 86%



As some of you will be aware, we have been analysing children's punctuality recently and have communicated with families where children have either been slightly or very late to school on multiple occasions.

We would like to thank everyone for the immediate improvement to punctuality – the number of children late to school last week more than halved when compared with the previous week. This really will make a difference to children's learning as they will be present for the beginning of lessons and engage in the aspects of transitioning into school in the morning.

Dates for your Diary

Below are key dates for your diary (new events are coloured green):

Term 3:

- Friday 13th February – End of Term 3

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February: Spring Break – School closed for children

Term 4:

- Monday 23rd February – Term 4 begins and school reopens to children
- Monday 2nd March – Choir attending Singing Festival
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Friday 6th March pm – Art Exhibition for Year 5/6; parents and guests invited to attend
- Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March – EYFS consultations for children in Willow Class
- Monday 30th March – Easter Service in St Matt's Church
- Tuesday 31st March – Reports sent out to parents / carers
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 4

Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April: Easter break – School closed for children

