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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the final term of this academic year. The Summer Term is always a busy and exciting time, filled with activities, trips, assessments, and celebrations. Please make sure to keep an eye on the weekly newsletter so you don't miss any important dates or upcoming events.

Kindness.

As you will know, last half term we focused on developing an *attitude of gratitude*, and the children began keeping gratitude journals to complete at the end of each day. Both staff and children have really enjoyed this practice, as it encourages them to reflect on positives and end the school day on a hopeful and uplifting note.

This half term, our Collective Worship focus is *Kindness*. In the current political and global climate, this is something that can sometimes feel overlooked, yet it remains as important as ever. Today, we explored what it means to be an Ambassador of Kindness, discussing how the children in our school are the leaders of tomorrow. We talked about the kind of leaders they would like to become, and their responses were truly inspiring—leading through kindness, ensuring everyone has a voice, and encouraging others to take responsibility for their actions and behaviour. We were incredibly proud of their thoughtful contributions.

Already, two children have been recognised with kindness bricks for our values tree at the front of the school. Well done, Gooderstone!

SATS



SATs week this year will take place from 11th May to 15th May. We understand that this can feel like an anxious time for some children, and we of course want them to feel confident in showcasing all of the wonderful learning they have achieved. However, it is equally important to us that children know these tests do not define them as individuals. We always remind them that doing their best is what truly matters, and we are incredibly proud of each and every child for their effort, resilience, and progress throughout the year.

Polling Station

The school building will once again be used as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday 7th May 2026. As in previous years, we will be fencing off the side of the school and the hall to ensure that the children can attend school safely and remain completely separate from members of the public visiting to cast their votes.

Please note that there will be a limited lunch menu on this day, as we will be unable to serve hot meals due to the hall facilities being in use.

A huge thank you in advance to Mr Slade for kindly providing the fencing, which enables us to manage this arrangement safely and effectively.

Hot Weather

As the weather begins to warm up, please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day to stay hydrated. We also ask that children come to school with a named sun hat and have sun cream applied before the school day, so they can stay safe and comfortable when spending time outdoors.

Tesco

We are delighted to share that we have been selected to take part in the Tesco *Stronger Starts* blue token scheme! Our token box is located at Swaffham Tesco, so if you are shopping there, please do pop your tokens into our slot.

We are currently raising funds to develop a school pond and revamp our wildlife area, creating an exciting and enriching outdoor space for the children to enjoy and learn from. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

As we move into the Summer Term, we look forward to all that it will bring and to continuing to work together in partnership with you. There will undoubtedly be busy times ahead, but by supporting one another and keeping our shared values at the heart of everything we do, we can ensure it is a positive and successful term for all. We wish you all a wonderful Summer Term

Best wishes,



Mrs Godbold