



FEBRUARY 2026 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Lent

After half term we will begin our journey through Lent with the children. They will take part in Lenten assemblies and liturgies. Our chapel will be open for families to come and pray together before school every Thursday morning at **8.30am**. Everyone is very welcome.

Ofsted

We have not yet received the draft Ofsted report following our recent inspection. We understand that parents are keen to hear the outcome, and we appreciate your patience. We will keep you updated and will share the report with you as soon as we are permitted to do so.

South West Herts Partnership and DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally)

For more guidance, support and signposting please follow their Instagram page **swhp_familysupportservice** or visit their website <https://www.southwesthertspartnership.org.uk/>

A reminder that the DSPL9 parents' newsletters are available on their website, which include signposting to various events and courses which may be of interest.

[DSPL9 - DSPL9 Parents Newsletters](#)

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Please refer to our Reading Newsletter for more details about this fun day. Megan and Amy, our Reading Leads have organised a Book token competition and they would also like children to dress up as their favourite **word** – there are examples of some 'word costumes' in the Reading Newsletter. I would like to thank Megan and Amy for organising this day and for organising the Reading Newsletters that have been sent out to parents.

STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) Day

We are looking forward to whole school STEM days during March. Eleay, our Design Technology Lead has booked KAPLA workshops. These are designed to engage children in an opportunity to be part of a creative, hands-on building session led by an expert from KAPLA clubs. Using identical wooden KAPLA planks - with no glue, clips or fasteners - the whole school will work together to build a large-scale collaborative structure. KAPLA workshops help children to develop their creativity and imagination, logical thinking and concentration, and dexterity and perseverance.

Packed Lunches

We kindly ask families to ensure that children's packed lunches do not include energy drinks or fizzy drinks. These drinks are not suitable for school. Thank you for supporting us in promoting healthy choices.

Spare Uniform

If your child has come home in any spare uniform, please can this be washed and returned to school. Donations of boys' underwear would also be gratefully received.

Spring Term Parents' Consultation evenings

We look forward to seeing parents at our next parents' consultation evenings. These are planned for **Tuesday 10th March from 4.30pm -7.30pm or Wednesday 11th March from 3.50pm – 6.30pm**. A link will be sent to parents on **Tuesday 24th February at 12pm** to sign up for a slot on one of these dates. Teachers will be unable to meet with parents outside of these dates so please ensure you put one of these dates in your diary.

February Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **95%** from **1st September 2025** until **12th February 2026**. If your child is absent from school, please telephone/email each day to keep the school office informed. Please remember we are unable to authorise any absence for holidays/trips/visits/celebrations.

The attendance of all classes is as follows:

Nursery	88%	
	Lily class	Poppy class
Reception	94%	94%
	Lisbon	Padua
Year 1	94%	96%
Year 2	92%	96%
Year 3	96%	96%
Year 4	95%	97%
Year 5	96%	97%
Year 6	96%	95%

Well done to **Year 4 Padua**, and **Year 5 Padua** who achieved the highest attendance during this time.

Electric scooters

Electric scooters are **not** allowed on school grounds. For everyone's safety, all scooters and bikes must **not** be ridden once you enter the school site. Please walk them once you enter the school gates to avoid accidents and keep our community safe.

PFA Disco

I would like to thank those parents and staff members who gave up their time to organise the disco last night. They volunteered their time from 3.30pm to set up the event and they stayed until after 7.30pm to clear up. Events like these can't happen without people giving up their time and on behalf of many parents whose children enjoyed the disco I would like to say a big **THANK YOU**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 13 th Feb	School finishes for half term - 3.30pm finish.
Mon 16 th Feb to Fri 20 th Feb	Half term – (Ash Wednesday – 18 th February)
Mon 23 rd Feb	INSET Day
Tues 24 th Feb	Children return to school Year 1 Forest School begins 5L Retreat Day – St Michael & All Angels Church Magistrates Workshop for Year 6
Weds 25 th Feb	Reception phonics meeting - 5.30pm
Thurs 26 th Feb	Watford Foodbank donation day
Fri 27 th Feb	Deadline for Nursery applications
Mon 2 nd –Weds 4 th March	STEM workshops
Tues 3 rd March	5P Retreat Day – St Michael & All Angels Church
Weds 4 th March	Maths Information Session for parents with children in Key Stage Two – 5.30pm
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day – see details above and in the Reading Newsletter
Tues 10 th March	Parents' consultation 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Weds 11 th March	Parents' consultation 3.50pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 12 th March	Harry Potter day – Year 5 classes –details in Year 5 class updates
Fri 13 th March	Year 1 Mother's Day assembly – 9.15am

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely half term.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold

Headteacher

Congratulations

Please encourage your child to bring in any achievement certificates or medals as I love to see them.

Our congratulations go to the following talented children:

Year 1 Lisbon

Isabella H completed the Winter Reading Challenge and received a certificate.

Year 2 Lisbon

Serah J achieved the Learn to Swim level 2 certificate and badge.

Millie P received a medal for graduating from a previous setting.

Anna M achieved level 5 Floor certificate from Watford Gym Club

Year 2 Padua

Ayan C was awarded a medal from 'We make Footballer' for his football skill.

Lena M achieved level 4 Rebound badge and certificate from Watford Gym Club

Sebastian O was awarded Swimmer of the Month from Everyone Active

Year 3 Lisbon

Bianca C achieved level 6 medal and certificate for Rebound from Watford Gym Club

Alvino J was awarded a certificate for 'Best Kicks' from Shogun Karate.

Amelia F was awarded with three medals for an Irish dancing feis.

Belle R achieved the Learn to Swim level 5 certificate and badge.

Year 3 Padua

Evanna L achieved the Learn to Swim level 3 certificate and two certificates from Shogun Karate for Star of the Week.

Year 4 Padua

Harrison K was awarded Player of the Match for football

Eliana S achieved level 6 Rebound badge and certificate from Watford Gym Club

Sophie D achieved the Learn to Swim level 3 certificate and badge.

Year 5 Lisbon

Andria F achieved the Learn to Swim level 4 certificate.

Abel C was awarded a medal from 'We make Footballer' for winning a tournament.

Morgan R achieved the Learn to Swim level 3 certificate.

Year 6 Lisbon

Melissa M achieved level 8 Beam certificate from Watford Gym Club