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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are experiencing a particularly wet spell, we are still encouraging outdoor play at playtimes to allow the children some fresh air. We kindly ask that they are provided with suitable coats and weather appropriate clothing.

Thank you to everyone who has booked for parents evening. We look forward to meeting with you after half term.

After half term, in the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be holding our World Book Week. Although World Book Day is usually a single-day event, every other year we extend the celebrations across a full week. This feels especially appropriate this year, as it is the National Year of Reading. We have planned a wide range of activities for the whole school, and further details will be shared before the holiday. Highlights include a visit from Bishop Saju, as well as a story telling session with Tom the Tale Teller. We are also delighted to confirm that Hunt's Bookshop will once again be providing a book fair.

**Reminders:** Only children in Class 4 may need to bring mobile phones to school, as they are permitted to travel to and from school independently. Any mobile phones brought into school must be handed in to the school office on arrival. Mobile phones must not be used anywhere on the school premises, including the playgrounds. This policy is in place to ensure consistency and to safeguard all pupils.

School uniform should be worn at all times. Black boots are permitted as part of the uniform. If your child would like to bring wellington boots to wear when walking to and from school, or to change into during break times, they are welcome to do so.

Scooters and bikes should not be used on school premises. (Except when supervised by staff e.g. for bikeability for year 6 and playtimes class 1 and 2).

We kindly ask that any school clothing borrowed by your child is returned to school as soon as possible, once it has been washed. Thank you for your support with this.

**The staff carpark is for use by members of staff.** There is a concession for those dropping children off at Gemshub. They may use the carpark **BEFORE 8am** and **AFTER 4pm**. At other times our risk assessment considers it to be likely to cause an accident and therefore it is not permitted.

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

### Provisional Dates for your Diary

Half Term – 14 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	Easter Holiday – 28 <sup>th</sup> March to 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	24-06-26 – KS2 Production
23-02-26 – Parents Eve	04-05-26 – Bank Holiday	26-06-26 – Sports Day
26-02-26 – Parents Eve	11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs	29-06-26 – KS1 Trips
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March – Book Week	Half Term – 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May	30-06-26 – Leavers Assembly and Tea
27-03-26 – Easter Service	17-06-26 – KS2 Trips	Summer Holiday – 8 <sup>th</sup> July to 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2026
	23-06-26 – KS2 Production	