



The Wednesday Word

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and memorable week we have had at school since the last Wednesday Word! One of the highlights was welcoming Rock Steady into school to showcase the exciting rock band lessons that will be available from September. The children absolutely loved the experience and many of them were soon imagining themselves as future rock stars! Judging by the enthusiasm in the hall, there may even have been a few members of staff secretly reliving their youth as they rocked out to some classic 80s tunes! If you haven't already, do take a look at the videos on our Facebook page to see the excitement for yourselves. Please do sign your children up for the lessons if they wish to take part.

Another very special visitor arrived this week in the form of a horse! As part of Class 4's animal writing project, the children have been learning from real-life animal encounters. So far, they have met a cat, two dogs and now a horse. We are very grateful to Miss Smith for bringing her horse into school, giving every year group the opportunity to meet and pet him. It was a fantastic experience for the children and a wonderful way to bring learning to life. See Pictures below.

During our assemblies, Miss Smith also shared how caring for her horse has taught her responsibility, commitment and resilience. The children were fascinated to learn about the strong relationship she has built with her horse and how competing together challenges her to set goals, work hard and continually improve. It was a powerful reminder that looking after others can help us grow in confidence and character too.

As you read through the rest of this week's Wednesday Word, I am sure you will see just how busy, exciting and enjoyable school life continues to be as we approach the final three weeks of term. Please do read on carefully, particularly the information regarding cake donations and non-uniform day this Friday. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Mrs McMillan
Senior Teacher

Coming Up in school:

- **Supporting Our Friends in Uganda - Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale - Friday 19th June**
- **Class 4 visit to London - Monday 22nd June**

- **Year 6 Trip to Laser Quest - Wednesday 24th June**
- **Watermead House Cake sale - Thursday 25th June**
- **Class 3 trip to Jewry Wall Museum - Wednesday 1st July**

- **Year 6 Transition Days - Wednesday 1st July**



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Supporting Our Friends in Uganda – Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale This Friday :

We are asking each of our school houses to contribute cake donations for a special cake sale at the end of the school day. Parents and carers are warmly encouraged to come along at collection time with a little cash and help us sell out! We know our school community never disappoints when it comes to supporting a good cause, and we are hoping for a fantastic response.

Friday will also be a non-uniform day, with children invited to make a voluntary cash donation (we suggest £2, although any amount is greatly appreciated) to support our fundraising efforts.

Our fundraising will continue with a special **Uganda Day on Tuesday 7th July**.

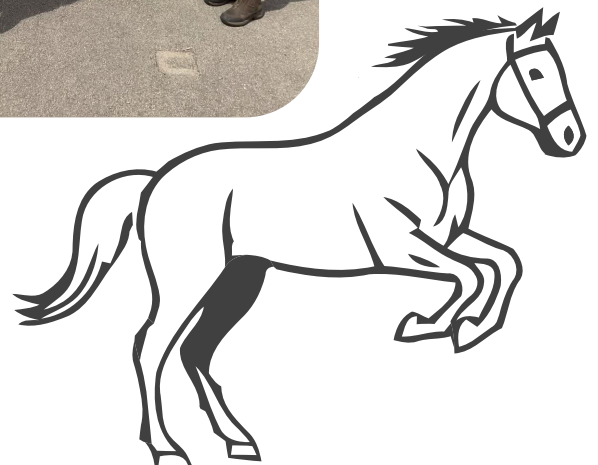
Parents will be invited into school in the afternoon to watch the children take part in a fun run, and pupils will be able to wear football kits as we explore themes of global togetherness inspired by the World Cup and our partnership with our Ugandan friends.

There will be stalls, activities and plenty to enjoy, while our Year 5 and Year 6 entrepreneurs are already hard at work planning ways to raise as much money as possible. We are also delighted that members of the wider village community will be getting involved.



Finally, don't forget to take a look at the fantastic raffle organised by Mary Crewe, with some wonderful prizes on offer. Tickets will be available from Friday, and all proceeds will go directly to supporting our link school in Uganda.

Special Visitors in School:



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REMINDER - Class 4 London Trip :

Further details will come via email to those on the trip!

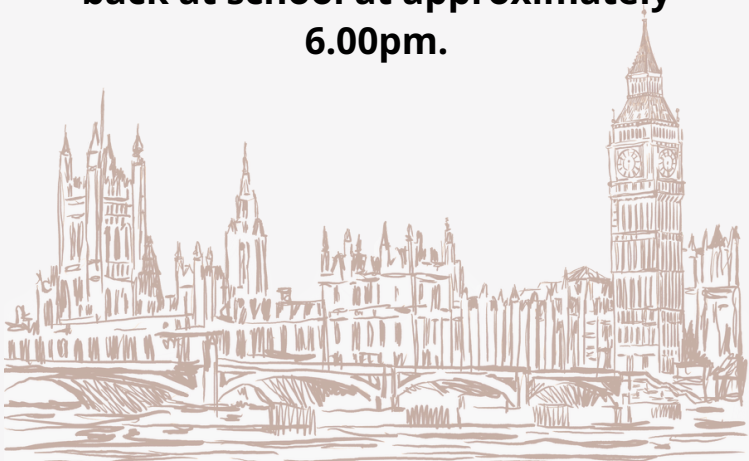


Just a reminder that Class 4 will be attending their educational visit to the Houses of Parliament next Monday (22nd June).

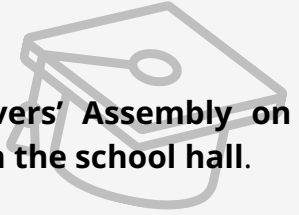
The class will be given a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and will attend a workshop. They will also be visiting and having a tour of Westminster Abbey, to learn why the Abbey is important for Christians and to look for signs and symbols of the Christian faith. We will also be also be discovering which Kings and Queens are buried at the Abbey

We will be leaving school by coach at 7:30am. Please ensure your child is at school at 7.20am on this day.

We will be departing from London at 3.00pm and are expected to arrive back at school at approximately 6.00pm.



Year 6 Leavers Service:



We will be holding a **Leavers' Assembly on Friday 3rd July at 9.30am in the school hall.**

This will be a special opportunity to reflect on the children's achievements, memories, and growth during their years with us.

In the afternoon, we will gather at the church for our Leavers' Service at 2.15pm.

Following the service, the children will take part in our much-loved tradition of throwing their stones into the brook, symbolising their readiness to move forward while carrying their memories with them.

We would be delighted to have you join us for both events as we celebrate this important milestone.

RockSteady Music School:

ROCK STEADY

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



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98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

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Lateness in School

Punctuality is essential for maintaining consistent attendance and supporting effective learning.

Impact of Lateness

Late arrivals disrupt both the child's learning and the classroom environment. Missing initial activities can lead to gaps in understanding and progress. Example: Being 10 minutes late every day equates to nearly 7 full days of lost learning annually.

Attendance Monitoring and Penalties

From 19 August 2024, penalty notice fines may be issued for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period, which constitutes irregular attendance. Lateness will be closely monitored to prevent this.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Contact us:

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Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher using the email addresses above if you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to share information. We are always happy to hear from you and work together to support your child.

No Nuts Please

Polite reminder that as we have children in school that have nut allergies we are a nut free school. Please do not send any products containing nuts in your child's lunch box.

Thank you



Illness in School

To help keep everyone well, we ask that children stay at home for 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea.

We know it can be tricky when children are keen to get back to school but this short time really helps protect others from catching the same bug.



Lost Property:

We have a lot of lost property in school. If your child has lost an item that is not named it is placed in our lost property boxes based in class 3 and Class 4. Please ask your child to check these or alternatively parents are welcome to check the boxes themselves at the end of the school day.

