

Headteacher Message

Thank you to all parents and family members who attended the 'Learn with Your Child' event on Thursday. It was wonderful to welcome families into school to see what your children are learning and how engaged they are. We really appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to join us. All surveys have now been completed, and I'll begin collating the responses to share with you soon. There have been many strengths highlighted – thank you for all your positivity. I'll also share where we're going next.

This week in Collective Worship, we've been exploring stories where Jesus helped others. The children have been sharing wonderful examples of times they've gone above and beyond to help people, both in school and beyond. Well done for being such brilliant citizens!

On Sunday, we have the PTA wellness event. We hope you all have a relaxing and thoughtful day. This will be followed by next week when the whole school will be engaging in Children's Mental Health Week. We'll be exploring our school values of Love, Respect and Responsibility, alongside our vision of 'Do Everything in Love'. Throughout the week, we'll take moments to pause, reflect and appreciate those calm times together. We'll also be participating in many other activities set by Place2Be. Don't forget: on Thursday, we're having 'Come

As Yourself' Day.

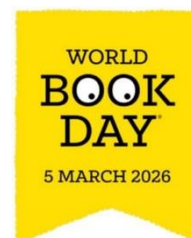
Children and staff can wear an outfit that makes them feel most comfortable, confident, and like they truly belong – whether that's cosy clothes, cultural dress, favourite colours, or something totally unique. Celebrate what makes you, you! Next week is also Safer Internet Day, when we'll be holding an assembly about staying safe online. Safer Internet Day is celebrated every February around the world – last year, over 170 countries took part! It's a chance to think about any worries we might have about using technology and the internet, whilst also celebrating all the fantastic things technology can help us with. This year, we'll be exploring the use of AI a little more.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week for the last week before half term!

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Before we know it, World Book Day will be upon us again in March. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joyful and immersive world that reading brings us - hopefully it will inspire children to fall in love with reading or rekindle the excitement of choosing an inspiring text. The possibilities are endless!



This year we are organising the following activities for the children:

- Time to dress up again as your favourite character, if you wish to. Alternatively, you can wear home clothes - wear what you feel comfortable in.
- Bring some reading material that you enjoy to school to share in class - books, comics, newspapers, magazines, leaflet from somewhere you've been, etc
- "Reading Time = My Time" activities in class. You will be given time throughout the day to read what you have brought in from home quietly by yourself or share with a friend. This will be an opportunity to consider how you feel when you are reading.
- Illustrate your own book cover - this can be for a favourite book or for your own book idea. We would like to display your creative talents in school!

We look forward to celebrating all the children's creative ideas and hope they will have an inspiring day.

Attendance:

Attendance is incredibly important, and we will be monitoring this even more closely next term. We've noticed an increase in families taking time off for slight colds, tiredness, or day trips. We understand how busy life can be, but



missing even a few days can have a significant impact on your child's learning and progress in the classroom. When children miss school, they not only miss out on teaching and learning but also the social interactions and routines that are so important for their development and wellbeing.

Please note that absences for holidays or day trips during term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine from the local authority. We have to follow county guidance on this matter. If you're planning any upcoming trips or have concerns about your child's attendance, please come in and talk to us honestly. We're here to support you and work together to ensure your child attends school regularly. We've found that when children return after unauthorised absences, they often either share their exciting experiences straight away or feel they have to hide the truth, which can be really difficult for them. Open communication with school helps us support your child in the best way possible.

Football Success

What a brilliant day for our football team on Tuesday at Knole Academy — winning both matches in the winter rain!

They beat St Katherine's & Dunton Green scoring 6 and conceding just 1. The boys played beautifully — superb passing, great movement and shape, dominating possession. Spectators and opposition all commented on how well they played!

This is down to their hard work and discipline at weekly training — it's really paying off.

A massive well done to every player — we're so proud of you! Huge thanks to the parents who came to cheer them on too.

More to come from this talented bunch!

PTA Race Night – Friday 6th March

Following on from last year's fantastic evening, we're excited to welcome you back for another fun-filled Race Night to raise money for Ide Hill Primary School.

Your ticket includes a two-course supper and we'll have a cash/card bar available. You can also pre-order drinks for your table (tables of 8 or 10).

Across the evening, 8 races will be run. Bets are £1 per ticket, and each race will start once the betting desk closes. Winners take the payout for each race.

There will also be opportunities to sponsor races in advance, as well as buy owners, trainers, and jockeys ahead of the night — with prizes to be won.

Tickets can be booked on School Gateway. When booking please let us know in the comments whose table you are on or leave blank and we will allocate you to a table.

You will need cash on the night to place bets. We can't wait to see you there!

