

Headteacher Message

Welcome back to January 2026! A new year is always exciting, and we look forward to fresh opportunities, progress, and exciting events ahead. Hopefully, this will be a calmer term (without the snow and ice making things a bit tricky!) with a real focus on the excellent work taking place in our classrooms. Once again, thank you to everyone that was so generous and kind with their Christmas gifts and cards.



On Monday, each class will send home their learning journeys, explaining to parents what pupils will be focusing on this term. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or life in school, please do come and speak to their teacher.

This term in Collective Worship, our focus is: The Life of Jesus. We will be exploring passages across the four gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. I hope that by exploring these stories through worship, everyone will have a better understanding of the Gospel message that Jesus brought when he came to earth as God in human form (Incarnation) and how we can lead our lives positively in school and out with a focus on Love, Respect and Responsibility.

This term, we will continue our work on implementing our new behaviour policy across the school. Miss Johnson will have a meeting with you all in the coming weeks to share further details.

Another focus this term is on behaviour for learning and our school environment. Behaviour for learning includes developing emotional, social, and cognitive skills that enable children to learn effectively in the classroom setting and prepare them for life beyond school. When looking at the school environment, we will continue to work on developing key areas – during the next couple of term will be developing the Library and SEND area. We will also be focusing on the general tidiness and organisation of the school. When we have a clear and organised spaces to learn in – one that is cared for and respected – we create the conditions for everyone to excel even more. Please do explore these ideas further at home, and consider giving your children responsibilities around the house.

This helps them develop independence, respect for their environment, and a sense of ownership – all of which support their learning and personal development.

Parent and child surveys will be taking place this term, so please keep an eye out. We truly value your feedback and use it to continue improving our school.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Oaks Home Learning

Oaks class have provided some absolutely



fantastic home learning on the topic of Deserts. From games and models to diagrams and even a desert made entirely from food! Brilliant work!

Year 1 and 2 Tennis Event

Yesterday, we took 12 year one and two children to Sevenoaks School for a tennis event. They rotated round many stations learning and practicing key skills. The children all participated with enthusiasm and had a competitive spirit. They cheered each other on brilliantly and were eager for their go. After all their hardwork, they came 3rd out of the many schools there, which was superb!

Snack Reminder

A reminder that we are a nut free school and we would also like to emphasise the importance of healthy snacks at break times. Some great snack ideas can be found on the NHS website

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

Crisps should not be brought in for snack time.

Please note that full chocolate bars (for example, a Yorkie, Dairy Milk or similar-sized bar) should not be included in packed lunches however, chocolate-coated biscuits, such as a KitKat, Penguin, or similar items, are still permitted.

Clubs

Clubs begin next week

Parking

A reminder to please park sensibly in the village, not blocking driveways or access points. We are very grateful for your assistance with this.

Smart Devices/Watches

Please can we remind you that children are only permitted to wear watches that tell the time. No Smart Watches are allowed in school.

Jackson's Fundraiser

Jackson in Oaks Class took on the incredible challenge of not eating any sweet for the whole of 2025 all in aid of raising money for the Parkinsons Trust. If you would like to know more and donate please see the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/tammy-coles-1?utm_source=WA&utm_medium=DT

Well done Jackson!



Waitrose Community Matters



Thanks to our wonderful lunchtime supervisor, Jacqui Morrall, Ide Hill Primary has been selected as one of three Community Matters causes at the Sevenoaks Waitrose. The project with the most votes receives £1,500, while the second and third receive £1,000 and £500 respectively.

Please do spread the word, and if you're shopping there, pop your green token into our box. Every token helps!