

# Headteacher's Newsletter 2025-26 Issue 3 05/10/25



## Our New School Values - THRIVE

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and ideas as we refreshed our school values — we really appreciate the time and care that so many of you put into this. After taking on board feedback from parents, staff, and children, we are delighted to share our finalised set of values:

- ☀️ T - Teamwork
- ☀️ H - Hope
- ☀️ R - Respect
- ☀️ I - Integrity
- ☀️ V - Value
- ☀️ E - Excellence

Together, these spell THRIVE, representing our belief that every member of our school community can grow, succeed, and flourish.

Some wonderful suggestions that didn't appear as stand-alone values are still very much reflected in what we do — for example, optimism and resilience sit within Hope, and gratitude connects closely with Value.

We believe these refreshed and simplified values will be easier for children to remember, more meaningful in daily school life, and more impactful as we weave them through our teaching, assemblies, and celebrations.

We know that parents naturally talk to one another about school life — it's part of being an active and caring community. However, it's important to be mindful that when information is shared second-hand, details can easily become altered or incomplete along the way. This can sometimes cause unnecessary worry or confusion.

If you ever hear something about school that hasn't come directly from us, please do come and speak to your child's class teacher, the school office, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We will always be open and honest, and we're more than happy to clarify or reassure you where needed.

We kindly ask that everyone avoids speculation or gossip, as it can spread quickly and isn't helpful when we're all working hard to build a positive, supportive school community. Our feedback from parents continues to be overwhelmingly positive, and we are very grateful for the trust, support, and common-sense approach that the vast majority of families show. You have regular opportunities throughout the year to share feedback formally, but our doors are always open if you'd like to pop in for a chat.

We also really appreciate the support that so many of you show for our behaviour policy and our duty of care to keep everyone safe. By working together — home and school — we can help all children to understand boundaries, expectations, and the importance of kindness and respect.

Thank you for helping us to make our school such a happy and united community.

## ♥️ Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 17th October

On Friday 17th October, we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card by wearing red for the day (non-school uniform). Donations can be made through Arbor - the office will email once this is set up.

As a school, we believe it's important to be actively anti-racist, not just to avoid or "not tolerate" racism. There is a big difference — being anti-racist means standing up for fairness, equality and respect for everyone.

All children will take part in age-appropriate activities and discussions to help them understand what it means to be actively anti-racist and to celebrate the diversity within our school community.

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## Parents' Evening - Tue 21<sup>st</sup> October

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have booked their slot for Parents' Evening. Please do not be offended that teachers will stop the meetings after your ten minute slot to try their best to keep to time and avoid other parents having long waits. This is particularly relevant where we now have full classes of 30 in EYFS and Y1. Our aim is to see 100% of parents.

Also look out for information about our Curriculum Workshops happening the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November!

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