

# Headteacher's Newsletter 2025-26 Issue 14 09/02/26



## Staffing Update

We are pleased to introduce two new Teaching Assistants to our team! Mrs Jeffs and Mrs Singh started with us last week. They are looking forward to supporting our children with the same commitment and dedication as the rest of the team.

Unfortunately, Miss Kidby is not in school at present and we are not sure how long this will be for. If you have any SEND related queries, please direct these to the class teachers or email the admin email address and we will do our best to support you in her absence. Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Sharpe are our Designated Safeguarding Leads if you need anything safeguarding related. We will write to Year 2 parents separately to explain what the plan for the classroom teaching is. Please rest assured that continuing to deliver high quality teaching and learning in her absence is our priority.



A random sample of our children had dental checks this half-term and our EYFS children were given a talk by the Dentist and Dental Nurse. Please find information about dental hygiene here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

Our current whole school attendance figure is 95%. We need to ensure that this figure improves - the more your children are in the school, the better their progress will be. Please do not organise family events or holidays during school time and please only keep your children off school if they really are too unwell to attend. These dark, gloomy mornings aren't helping but children often perk up once in school if they are 'feeling a bit off' first thing.



Our new and improved gymnastics club has got off to a flying start!

The children have enjoyed learning new skills, having lots of fun and keeping fit and healthy! Our aim is for every child to attend after school clubs this year! Joining in with extra-curricular helps with enjoyment and engagement at school!

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