



Orchard Primary  
& PRE-SCHOOL

# Newsletter

## Spring 2026

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What a busy half term we've had! We've welcomed new children to our school and experienced an exciting visit from the History Man while also preparing for our Ofsted inspection under the new framework. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire and speak with the inspectors.

In their initial feedback, the inspectors were particularly complimentary about our wonderful children - something we're immensely proud of. We'll provide full details once we receive the complete report, which we expect just before Easter.



### HISTORY IN SCHOOL



Year 3 and 5 had a brilliant day working with the 'The History Man'. Year 5 experienced life in Viking times and looked amazing in their costumes. Year 3 took on the role of Roman Centurions, learning about life in Roman times.

Check out the class webpages to see lots of photographs.

### YEAR 6 CLUB

I'm especially excited about our Monday night maths club for Year 6 pupils. It's a fantastic opportunity for extra support, asking questions, and enjoying a cheeky biscuit while learning!



### CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations are in order for the great progress our pupils are making. Year 5 have been developing impressive keyboard skills with Severn Arts, and we continue to emphasise the importance of practising phonics, reading, and times tables - these are the gateway to learning. A special mention to Teddie in Year 2, who has been commended for his work with the air ambulance and featured in the local newspaper - what an achievement!



### LITTLE CHERRIES STAY AND PLAY

We are now running 'Stay and Play' session in Pre-school on Friday. See you all after half term.

### PTA

A big thank you to Mr Gilbert for being a fantastic DJ for our end of term disco - the children had a fabulous time!

The PTA is supporting parent class WhatsApp groups. If you'd like to join, please contact one of the friends. However, please remember this does not replace our official school communication via Arbour.

### THIS TERM

We've had some fantastic learning experiences this term. Our pupils have been enjoying lots of engaging after-school clubs, including those run by Delta Sport. In our classrooms, we've been exploring some wonderful projects - particularly our Victorian-themed cooking activities. The children have been creating delightful gingerbread men and lemon curd, all part of our Grace Darling project.



# HOUSE POINTS

AND THE WINNERS ARE



These are the results for the whole of the Spring half term. Plums have been winning most weeks but the overall score has gone with PEARS. Well done everyone!!





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## Dates for your diary

-  Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Forensic Day
-  Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- PTA meeting
-  Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Reception Music and Dance Trip
-  Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Y5 to PHS for School Production
-  Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World book day
-  Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Book Fayre
-  Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Tiddler Town Visit
-  Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March End of Spring Term



ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL FOR YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND PROGRESS. WE CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL REGULARLY AND ARRIVES ON TIME. DID YOU KNOW THAT BEING JUST 10 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY AMOUNTS TO OVER AN HOUR OF MISSED LEARNING PER WEEK? EVERY MINUTE COUNTS IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. PLEASE ONLY KEEP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME IF THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE, SICKNESS, OR DIARRHOEA.

**Please remember holiday in term time is not authorised.  
Your children will miss valuable learning and you could end  
up with a fine!**