



A message from Mrs Bates...

What a busy first half term this has been! It has been great to see all the learning that is happening across the school. Children have settled well into their new classes.

Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed the first school trip of the year to Rockingham Castle, where they had the rare opportunity to be the only visitors on site! The children were treated to a fascinating tour of the castle's historic rooms and grounds, sparking their imaginations and curiosity. Their behaviour throughout the day was excellent and staff were incredibly proud of how well they represented the school. On returning to school, the excitement was clear as they eagerly told me they had been to 'an actual castle!'. A truly memorable experience for all!



Over the half-term break, our playground is getting an upgrade! Children can look forward to climbing on a brand-new scramble net, testing their balance on fun balance beams and digging, building, and exploring in a huge new sand pit. These additions are designed to encourage active play and make lunchtimes even more enjoyable. We can't wait to see the children's faces when they return!

Exciting news, that parents of children in Kingfisher class may have noticed, is that Miss Parker is expecting her first child. Miss Parker will be going on maternity leave in January. We will be updating Kingfisher class parents with information about staffing after half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bates 😊

Pre-School

We are absolutely delighted with how well our new pre-school children have settled into school life. From their very first days, they have shown remarkable confidence and enthusiasm. It's been especially impressive to see how independently they manage their lunchtime routines. I had a wonderful time eating lunch with them last week. Their cheerful smiles and eagerness to learn have already made a lovely impact on our school community. A big well done to them—and to their families—for such a smooth and happy start!



Please can we ask that you encourage your children to walk on the path and not on the borders that are filled with bark. As you may have noticed, at the front of the building and outside pre-school, we are in the process of redoing some of these. Lots of the bark is ending up on the path where children are walking in the borders.

We appreciate your help and support with this.



Dates

Monday 3rd November

INSET day – school closed

Wednesday 3rd December

Y6 trip to the ballet in London

Monday 8th December

Reception Christmas Performance
1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December

Reception Christmas Performance 10.am

KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30pm

Wednesday 10th December

KS1 Christmas Performance 10am

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch Day

Mobile Phones

Whilst we understand that mobile phones are an important part of many people's jobs, please can we respectfully request that mobile phones are not used at all when on the school site.

Should phone calls or messages need to be taken/made, please do this before you enter or after you leave the school site.

Thank you for your support with this.