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Dear Parents and Carers,

We began our week with our Easter Service at St Nicholas' Church and it was lovely to see so many family members join us. The children looked amazing in their Easter bonnets and Easter t-shirts and Rev. Sam Brazier-Gibbs brought along her special clergy wear, or vestments, that was 'willingly' modelled by one of our Year 6 children. Rev. Sam discussed the cassock, the long black cloak and the surplice, the white linen over-garment (that her son had often used if he was chosen as an angel in a school nativity). The beautifully embellished stoles were then shown – Green for Ordinary Special Times, Purple for Advent and Lent, Red for the Holy Spirit - Pentecost, White for major celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter – remembering God's Promise, and Black for funerals and loss. The children were delighted to hear how the vestments interlinked with the liturgical calendar.

We are excited to be part of the government's breakfast club early adopter scheme, which is funding universal breakfast clubs in up to 750 primary schools. From summer term 2025, free breakfast clubs will be available in early adopter schools, as part of a test and learn phase, so that the government can plan for a full national roll-out of universal breakfast clubs in primary schools.

As part of the offer, Dr Walker's will offer 30 minutes of childcare alongside a free breakfast. The club is open to all pupils from reception to Year 6. This will commence on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**. More information will follow separately.

Upcoming events

1st April 2025 - Parents' Consultation Evening **from 3:30pm**

1st April 2025 – One Plan Meetings

2nd April – LIFE Consultations **8:45am and 2:30pm** – all parents are welcome, and refreshments will be provided

4th April: Break up for Easter Holiday

21st April: BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

22nd April: First Day of Summer Term

Attendance is still falling significantly below national expectations. Please remember to check the link [Is my child too ill for school?](#) NHS guidance, and help us to enable your child to reach their academic potential, support their mental health and well-being and provide wider opportunities for them.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nasif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

Mothering Sunday is a day to celebrate the love and care of all who have a mothering role. These thoughtful ideas show how much you appreciate your mum, and how much her love can be shared with others too.

[A Mother's Day Prayer from the Church of England](#)

Things you could do together:

- Plant some seeds
- [Make a Paper Flower Blessing](#)
- Give some flowers
- [Give a gift to the world](#)



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Is my child too ill for school?

Please find attached [poster](#)
and [NHS website guidance](#).

Our School Target: 96%

	WC 24.02.25	WC 03.03.25	WC 10.03.25	WC 17.03.25	WC 24.03.25	WC 31.03.25
Willow	84%	88%	86%	95%	94%	
Sycamore	79%	98%	91%	90%	80%	
Maple	80%	94%	83%	87%	84%	
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	81%	94%	87%	90%	86%	

Dr Walker's attended St Nicholas' Church for our Easter Service, after which each child received a delicious chocolate Easter egg from the church.



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Mr. Roth attended the service and was overwhelmed with the generosity from children, parents and staff. As always, the children were impeccably behaved and to reiterate Mr Roth, are a credit to their parents – and to Dr Walker's!





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Children were invited to design an Easter bonnet or an Easter t-shirt.
 A winner was selected from year group.



Reception:	Elizabeth	Year 4	Dotty
Year 1	Lucas	Year 5	Amelia
Year 2	Jesse	Year 6	Teddy
Year 3	Evie-May		

