

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 9 January 2026

Academy News

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Spring Term 1. The children have made a really positive start to the term, and we are looking forward to the coming weeks.

Smart Watches

A reminder that children are not allowed to wear smart watches whilst in the academy. Please support us with this and ensure any smart watches are left at home.

Age-Appropriate Viewing

It has come to our attention that some children may be watching age-inappropriate shows and films, such as Stranger Things. Please ensure you are checking the age ratings on shows that your children are watching.

Dressing for the Weather

As the weather is getting colder, children must bring a warm coat to school. Children should be wearing jumpers and may also bring gloves and a scarf for outdoor play too. Finally, children may wish to bring a change of footwear to walk home in if it snows again.

Academy Staff INSET Days

The Academy will be closed on the following dates for Staff INSET Days:

- Monday 23 February 2026
- Monday 13 April 2026
- Monday 20 July 2026

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 28 January: YR Vision and Hearing Screening.
- Monday 2 February: National Story Telling week.
- Thursday 5 February: Y4 Horstead parent meeting, 3.15pm.
- Monday 9 February: Children's Mental Health week.

- Tuesday 10 February: Safer Internet Day.
- Friday 13 February: Academy closes for Half Term.
- Monday 23 February: Academy closed to pupils for INSET day.
- Tuesday 24 February: Academy re-opens for Spring Term 2.

Weekly Winners

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Arlo
- Explorers: Carter
- Searchers: Isaac
- Seekers: Ivy-Mae
- Pioneers: Cyntia
- Investigators: Irin
- Wayfarers: Anvika
- Navigators: Jeffrey
- Creators: Priya
- Pathfinders: Nial
- Voyagers: Connor
- Venturers: Nathania
- Crusaders: Riley
- Discoverers: Anna

This week's Principal Awards goes to Hailey (Y1), Ruben (Y3), Betsi (Y3), Darla (Y4), Leo Cl. (Y4), Willow (Y6).

This week's best dressed class is Seekers.

This week's winning marble colour is Yellow.

Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Autumn Term will be entered into a draw to win a special prize.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Investigators

Key Stage 2: Crusaders

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 94.55% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.