



**Parent Communication Letter – Friday 16 January 2026**

**Academy News**

**Morning Arrival**

We have a new electronic register system that closes at exactly 8.50am. Doors close promptly at 8.45am so that children have time to get to class. Any children arriving after 8.45am must come through the main office to be registered. Children arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late.

**Absence Reporting**

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school for any reason then you should call the office before 8.30am and leave a voicemail on the absence line. Please ensure you do this for each day of absence. Thank you for your support with this.

**Mrs Longman**

Mrs Longman will be starting her maternity leave next Friday so her last day in the academy will be Thursday 22 January – we are sure you will join us in wishing her and her family very best wishes for baby Longman's arrival!

**Ormiston's Got Talent**

This week we have enjoyed watching the children audition for Ormiston's Got Talent in their class groups! The children have worked really hard preparing their performances and we look forward to the next audition round.

**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: Madison
- Explorers: Hudson
- Searchers: Aoibhe
- Seekers: Kasey
- Pioneers: Santiago
- Investigators: Kayden
- Wayfarers: Betsi
- Navigators: Freddie
- Creators: Thomas
- Pathfinders: Gabriel
- Voyagers: Teddy-George
- Venturers: Nihar
- Crusaders: Xavier
- Discoverers: Harrison B.

This week's Principal Awards goes to Bella (Y2), Georgina (Y3), Victoria (Y5), Jezreel (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: Pioneers

Key Stage 2: Creators

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 94.34% this week.

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