



# SPRING TERM (1)

Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> January 2026

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we focused on the values of Trust and Respect throughout the week. We had some positive nominations from pupils within their classes. Remember we love to hear about how the children are showing and sharing our school values at home!

Swimming sessions resume from this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January and this half term, it is the turn of Maple class. Pupils will receive permission letters for swimming this week and these must be returned to school as soon as possible.

From this week, our school prefects will nominate one pupil per prefect for their new prefect award certificate. These certificates will be presented every Wednesday in our good work assembly. The certificates will be to recognize something fantastic that the prefects have seen from one of their peers that they would like to celebrate.

Finally, below is a reminder of some of the key dates coming up for this half term.

Have a great week!

Kind regards

Mr M Hooper  
Headteacher



## Values at Stepping Stones The value of the week is Hope

We believe that children who understand the value of hope will be less likely to lose faith or give up. When the going gets tough, they won't allow themselves to be overcome by discouragement. We will be asking the children about what they hope to achieve and how they plan to go about achieving their goals and dreams. When children are stuck, it is important not to jump in and solve their problems for them. Rather, ask them what steps they need to take. We will be talking and discussing with the children about times they were able to overcome previous problems; reminding them of their past successes. These builds hope and helps them to be successful in the present and future as well. Throughout the week, the children will be discussing in their classes what Hope can both look and feel like to each of us, daily.



	<p>This week's Headteacher awards are as follows:</p> <p>Isabelle</p> <p>Rosco</p>
	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Children's Mental Health Week</p>
	<p>We are a NUT FREE school – please do not send in any products that have nuts in or may contain nuts. Thank you for your help in this matter</p>
	<p>It was brought to the school's attention that some taxis/minibuses are waiting over 5/10 minutes for the children to come out in the morning. Please can we remind you that the Transport policy is to wait no longer than 3 minutes.</p> <p>Please be aware that some taxis routes have been changed to accommodate some extra pupils in school. Mrs Davies works with the transport team, passenger assistants and drivers and families to ensure that all children are safe and accommodated on the correct vehicles. This does impact on the timings of both pick up in the morning and drop off in the afternoon. Please bear with us on this matter and if you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Also, we have had reports of physical aggression towards the drivers and passenger assistants. Any reports of this will be reported to the Transport Team and can and does result in a risk assessment being implemented. Your child will also be suspended from transport whilst this risk assessment take place. Please can we ask that you support us in making your child aware of travelling safely in our vehicles.</p>
	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b> - Safer Internet Day</p>
	<p><b>The class with the most safety bonus points this week is:</b></p> <p>Oak class</p>
	<p>Our current school attendance is 93%</p> <p>Well done everyone!</p> <p><b>93%</b></p>

Thank you for your continued support and for mirroring our ethos and values at home.

Please remember that we are here to support you and you can contact Mrs Armstrong (Family Support – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

Mr Hooper and the whole staff team at Stepping Stones School