



# Parent Newsletter

Spring Term 3 – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

As we move into the third week of this term, it's lovely to notice the evenings slowly becoming lighter. The flower beds are making their annual re-emergence and we are all looking forward to seeing how the new planters around the school progress.

Teachers have completed a half termly assessment of writing across the school, and from the folders it is clear to see that lots of progress is being made. I am forever impressed by the creativity the children demonstrate in their writing.

We have been thoroughly enjoying the new pieces that the orchestra are playing - they brighten up every Thursday morning for us all - thank you to the players and helpers.

**Sarah Stepney**

<p><b>Smartphone Free Childhood</b></p>	<p>Video resources not from SFC directly but suggested from various sources are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The Social Dilemma" (Netflix, USA) PG-13. It shows how social media is designed not for connection, but for addiction.</li> <li>• "Screened Out." Documentary about how screens affect the brain.</li> <li>• "Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones" Emma and Matt Willis challenge a group of year 8 students to give up their smartphones for 21 days for a university backed study</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note that every parent/carer should check they are happy with the resources before sharing with a child.</i></p> <p>In other news, you might consider looking at this campaign organised by Smartphone Free Childhood:</p> <p><a href="#">Email your MP about raising the social media age to 16</a></p>
<p><b>Y3 Gardening with Agnes</b></p>	<p>We learnt about seeds with Y3 and would like to encourage children and families to go on a Seed Hunt themselves in their free time. If you have difficulty identifying the plants, Agnes is the garden on Wednesdays and happy for the kids to ask her about any plants and seeds they find.</p>



**KS2 Morning Sports Clubs**

Morning sports clubs continue to go ahead before school for KS2. A communication was sent out on Arbor earlier today, welcoming new children and asking those continuing into this term to also complete the online form. [Morning Sports Clubs Spring 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Spaces are now available at all the clubs should your child (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) wish to participate.

**Attendance Certificates**

Some pupils require School Attendance Certificates for their visa applications.

Current students will not be charged for these certificates. Please do not contact teachers directly with these requests, the Office will deal with the administration involved.

We will be asking for a small donation from past/former students due to the work involved and the time and resources required to process each request.

**Bag 2 School**

Bags 2 School is a company that specialises in the re-use and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and textiles to help schools and other organisations raise funds.

Please drop off bags early on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, before collection at 9am. We do not have the space to store them in the office before this date.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

**Update from the PTA**

**Year 4 Bake Sale & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale**

*Friday 23 January, from 3.15pm on the KS1 playground*

Join us on Friday for our first Bake Sale of 2026 - and it's Year 4's turn to supply the bakes! (Thank you Year 4!)

Most bakes cost £1 and suggested donation for uniform is £1 an item too. Cash preferred, but we will have a couple of card readers around too. If you have second hand uniform to donate, please bring it to the school office by Friday morning.

### **Still time to donate your stuff!**

*Bring to the school office by Friday please*

Don't forget to bring in your donations of **clothing, uniform, fancy dress outfits, Christmas jumpers**, plus **bikes, scooters** and anything you think we could use for a **hamper**.

Thank you so much for all the donations so far!

### **Bag2School**

*Drop off near the school office by 9am on Tuesday 27 Jan*

Your child will have come home with a Bag2School bag to fill with unwanted clothing. If you've had a sort and not donated it to the above, please bring along to the bike sheds near the school office on Tuesday next week and the Bag2School team will collect it.

Spare Bag2School bags are available in the school office, or you can use any bags you have at home.

### **School Disco**

*Friday 6 February in the Small and Large Halls*

Join us for a fun afternoon of dancing! Disco Dave will be in the house with his foam machine and some epic tunes! There are 3 sessions depending on your child's year group:

**Reception & Year 1: 3.30pm - 4.15pm**

**Years 2 & 3: 4.30pm - 5.15pm**

**Years 4, 5 & 6: 5.30pm - 6.30pm**

Tickets cost £3 per child and are available on our [fundmayfield.com](http://fundmayfield.com) (please note that there is a voluntary donation to the payment platform Zeffy when you go through the buying process. You can easily change this to a £0 amount. Tickets only available through our website and no longer available on ParentPay).

All children must be supervised.

And if you're the designated grown-up who is staying anyway, why not sign up to help too? These events can't happen without your amazing help! Please volunteer at: <https://volunteersignup.org/EH49T>

**Find out more and read our handy FAQ about the event [on our website](#) too.**

### **Dates for the Diary**

Y4 Bake Sale & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Bag2School Collection	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January
School Disco	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February