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Week 2 – 16th January 2026 newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

It has been a very busy and positive week in school, with lots to celebrate.

We are delighted to have redeveloped our **sensory room**, now located in the former staffroom. This space will be an important resource for supporting pupils' wellbeing and learning, and we are very pleased with the result.

Owls have started their swimming sessions this week, showing great enthusiasm and resilience as they took on a new challenge. **Kestrels** have also launched their class assemblies, beginning with an impressive first assembly that was entirely written, planned, and produced by the children themselves.

Kingfishers welcomed City Mission into class and spent time learning about the story of the Good Samaritan, reflecting thoughtfully on kindness and helping others.

Meanwhile, some of our **Year 5/6** pupils have been representing the school at a football tournament today, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Weeks like this really highlight the range of opportunities our children experience at school.

Have a lovely weekend, Amy Hughes (Headteacher)

Library Returns

We are very proud of our school library, which is such a well-used and much-loved space for our children. Mrs Meddings works incredibly hard to keep the library organised, welcoming, and well stocked with books that inspire a love of reading across the school.

At present, however, over 70 library books are listed as missing. Please could you take a few moments this week to check at home for any school library books and ensure they are returned to school as soon as possible. Even books that have been out for some time can still be returned – we would much rather see them back on the shelves than lost for good.



Netball Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to coach and lead our Year 5/6 netball team for an upcoming competition. As the children have no prior netball experience, we need someone who is confident with the rules of the game and able to coach basic skills and gameplay. You do not need formal coaching qualifications, but experience of playing or coaching netball is essential. If you are able to help, please contact the office.



Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Albie and River
Kingfishers – Amira and Finley
Robins – Lily and Kairo
Swifts – Haya and Rudie
Skylarks – Roha and Leon
Jays – Hope and Olad
Owls – Alina and Karol
Kestrels – Mishkah and Kiran



The winning house this week is...

SUPERSTARS!

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners this week. Our winners are...

Robins – Mason and Despoina
Swifts – Lilly and Willow
Skylarks – Ellie and Leon
Jays – Max and Malang
Owls – Evie and Brody
Kestrels – Zeenat and Max C





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Uniform Reminders

It's that time of year when many of our children are shooting up! If you are replacing any uniform over Christmas, please remember, children need:

- a white shirt or blouse or polo shirt
- grey or black trousers
- grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- bottle green jumper or cardigan
- brown or black shoes (These can be trainers, but must be plain black or plain brown.
- No jewellery except stud earrings or a watch.
- No make up or nail varnish

Wearing our uniform helps build a sense of pride, unity, and belonging in our school community.

Please ensure that all uniform is named.



PE Days

Mondays – Kestrels
Tuesday – Kingfishers
Wednesday – Jays / Robins
Thursdays – Owls / Swifts
Fridays – Skylarks



Upcoming Dates

- ~~5th January~~ – All children return for **Spring Term**
- ~~5th January~~ – Bikeability for Year 6
- ~~12th January~~ – Owls swimming starts
- ~~13th January~~ – Kestrels Class Assembly
- ~~14th January~~ – City Mission in Kingfishers
- ~~16th January~~ – Group of Y5/6 Children to Football Tournament
- 19th January – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 20th January – Owls Class Assembly
- 22nd January – Parents invited in for a **See and Celebrate** to have a look at children's books
- 23rd January – Group of Y5/6 Children to Football Tournament
- 26th January – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 27th January – Jays Class Assembly
- February – Random Acts of Kindness Month
- 2nd February – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 3rd February – Skylarks Class Assembly
- 9th February – Owls Swimming Lesson
- 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- 10th February – Swifts Class Assembly
- **16th February – Half Term**
- 23rd February – Start of Spring 2 Term
- 24th February – Parents Evening
- 24th February – Robins City Mission RE Day
- 25th February – Parents Evening
- 3rd February – Robins Class Assembly

PTA Socials

Our wonderful PTA have a Facebook group and social media accounts. Please follow along as they update it regularly and you can get in touch directly with them if needed. They're always looking for volunteers so get in touch: pta@bitternemanor.net

Office Hours

The school office is open 8:30-4:30.

