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Week 1 – 9th January 2026

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Message from Miss Hughes

It has certainly been a busy first week back – a bit of a rollercoaster to start the term! I would like to offer my sincere apologies for the school closure on Monday. I do appreciate how disruptive this was for all of you and thank you all for your understanding. We have been in negotiations with SCC for a while now regarding the replacement of our boilers. This has now been agreed and, as it is a major installation requiring the boilers to be turned off for around two weeks, we are hopeful this work can take place during the Easter or Summer holidays. In the meantime, the temporary boilers that have been installed are working very effectively – in fact, they are making parts of the school feel a little too warm at the moment!

This term, our class assemblies start, with Kestrels next week and Owls the following week. Families are also invited in on the afternoon of the 22nd January to 'See and Celebrate' the children's books in class.

We are celebrating being **BRAVE** this half term, with our Golden Book winners and assemblies all linked to this school value. If you spot anyone being brave, please let us know so we can celebrate them too!



Dojo Champions

Ducklings –
Kingfishers – Julia and Kian
Robins – Wilfred and Avayah
Swifts – Henry and Gia
Skylarks – Ella and Oskar
Jays – Didi and Zian
Owls – Darya and Olek
Kestrels – Jade and Alisha

The winning house this week is...

CHAMPIONS!



Attendance

Being in school every day really helps children feel settled and confident in their learning. We know winter brings lots of coughs, colds and bugs, and the NHS "Is my child too ill for school?" guidance can be helpful when you're unsure. Thank you for working with us to keep children healthy while **supporting good attendance.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Staffing Update

Just before the holidays, Mrs Martin had a beautiful baby girl – Margot! Mum and Margot are doing really well and even popped in at the end of term to see us. Huge congratulations!



Miss Page departed on her maternity leave yesterday as she's expecting an imminent arrival! We wish her lots of love and luck!

Golden Book

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

Robins – Alfie and Remi
Swifts – John Paul and Maria
Skylarks – Oskar and Olivia T
Jays – Hope and Janice
Owls – Rogan and Darya
Kestrels – Kiran and Max O





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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.

