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Newsletter: Spring 4 Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents,

What a great day we have had! I think this has been the best Bake Off so far! With 100 children taking part - AMAZING!

Thank you so very much for supporting your children to enter our Bake Off Competition 2025 - the quality of the children's baking was outstanding and it made it incredibly hard for our judges from The Newt. They were both blown away by the excellent work done by the children and it was so lovely to see so many proud faces.

This year's winners were:

1st Illy Wood

Runners up: Lily Clarke, Lexi Smith, Reuben Wenglorz

Huge congratulations to our winners and everyone who baked. I do hope the sale goes well at the end of today too 😊

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is working to improve their child's attendance at school and meeting with me to discuss attendance.

May I remind you that:

1. The Under the Weather Notification is NOT for reporting absences, it is for telling us if your child is coming to school not 100% so we can monitor them during the day
2. Absences MUST be reported by phone or email. Please do not message staff personally about absences on social media or their private phone numbers.
3. Absences MUST be reported by 9:30am on each day of your child's absence

Children's Mental health Week



The theme for children's mental health week this year is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself** and we will be putting a spotlight on how children can build resilience, grow and develop by understanding who they are and what makes them tick.

The more they understand about themselves, the better

they're prepared to tackle life's ups and downs.

During Children's Mental Health Week we want to celebrate children and young people building resilience, embracing self-awareness and forming strong connections with others. We will be having a mufti day on **Friday 7th February** and we are asking the children to wear an outfit that expresses themselves, whether it's their favourite outfit, a splash of colour, a traditional attire that celebrates their culture, or an ensemble that showcases their beloved hobby, we want everyone's creativity to shine. We are asking for a £1 donation from each child.

PTFA News

All forms and payments are now only taken through Parent Mail for the disco. Payments will no longer be taken on the night and need to be completed by 10th February 2025. The next PTFA meeting will be on 4th March at 7:30pm at The George.

OPAL working party

We would like a parent working party to join Zoe on Thursday 13th February (Please note change of date from last week) to "Spring Clean" our OPAL resources. They have become victim to the winter, and we desperately need a clean-up and sort out. We are proposing the afternoon from 1:30pm - it will not be a clean job so please bring wellies and old clothes (and gloves). The children really benefit hugely from OPAL and we would be really grateful for any help that can be offered (and jet washers!!!!) 😊

Behaviour policy parent voice

It was so useful to meet with parents regarding home learning last term that we would like to meet with some of you to discuss our approach to relationships and behaviour and gather your views on our policy. The local advocates met with the school council to discuss this on Wednesday and it was great to get feedback from the children. I am proposing a meeting on Wednesday 26th February at 2:30pm in Terrapin Class for those interested.

Head Lice

A reminder that we ask you to check your child's hair on a regular basis. We are having issues with recurring headlice across the school and we will only break the cycle if EVERYONE checks and treats hair regularly. There are some great tips to be found at

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

Things happening in our community

**St Valentine's
COFFEE MORNING**
*In aid of the Toybox Pre-School
(Charity No: 1038181)*

Sat 8 February

at the
Market House
9.30am-12 noon

+ enjoy a bacon butty
for your breakfast

★ *Delicious cakes
for sale*

★ *Raffle*

★ *Auction of
Valentine's cake*

Prizes for
all ages
Decorate a
VALENTINE'S BISCUIT

*Then take it home
for your favourite
person*

And don't forget to visit the
Volunteers Exhibition
upstairs in the Assembly
Room - a chance to explore
the amazing variety
of volunteer groups in our
community.



Key dates for your diary

3.2.25 TINK

7.2.25 Children's mental health week mufti

10.2.25 Starfish class to Carymoor

10.2.25 TINK

13.2.25 OPAL working party 1:30pm

13.2.25 PTFA Valentine's Disco
14.2.25 School closes
24.2.25 School opens
24.2.25 TINK
26.2.25 Relationships and behaviour parent voice
3.3.25 TINK
4.3.25 PTFA meeting 7:30pm
5.3.25 5/6 Hockey at Ansford
5.2.25 Memory Cafe
21.3.25 South Cary House
25.3.25 Highfield House
26.3.25 5/6 Netball at Ansford
31.3.25 Bikeability
1.4.25 Bikeability
2.4.25 Memory Cafe
3.4.25 Easter Bingo
4.4.25 Year 1/2 Easter performance
4.4.25 Easter Bonnet Parade
4.4.25 KS2 Easter Buggy Race
4.4.25 School closes



Starfish - Wilf Matthews
Sea Otter - Olivia David
Turtle - Darcy May Gundry
Dolphin - Skylah Bowtell - Salt
Octopus - Taylor James Treleven - Johnson
Swordfish - Bobby Pocock
Jellyfish - Bethany Miller
Head teacher's award - Emma Smith

Sarah Martin

Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

