



# Newsletter 07

15/12/2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Dates for your diary!

### SPRING TERM 2024

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Spring term starts Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

HALF TERM 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Beech Class Assembly - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan  
0900hrs

Fir Class Assembly - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb  
0900hrs

Ash Class Assembly - 8<sup>th</sup> Feb  
0900hrs

Oak Class Assembly - 29<sup>th</sup> Feb  
0900hrs

FS2 Chestnuts Assembly - 14<sup>th</sup> Mar  
0900hrs

Last day of term - Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

### SUMMER TERM 2024

Summer terms starts Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr  
HALF TERM 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May

It is perhaps the most wonderful, but certainly the most busy time of year in school. Thank you so much for your support of our numerous public events and for being flexible and cooperative with our many non-routine events over the past few weeks. Hopefully all the children will have enjoyed the holiday run-in.

### Attendance

96.0%	95.7%	95.7%	95.6%

Well done to **Falcon** who are leading the school attendance table after 13 weeks (1/3) of the school year. All houses have had a dip in attendance in what is the worst term for illness. Nevertheless, we are still hopeful that all houses can turn this around in the new year, aiming for at least 97% attendance overall for the whole school by the time we get to the end of the school year.

### House points for Values Awards

59 House points	50 House points	60 House points	44 House points

We now have a house point system to track and celebrate children that receive Value Awards:



Every time your child earns a Value Award, they will be given a House Point token to place into the container outside my office.

## House singing competition

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we held our first inter-house competition of the year.



**Jaguar House**  
singing **Try everything.**  
Jaguar's performance won the overall singing contest.



**Rhino House**  
singing **True Colours.**  
Rhino's performance showed most care to one another





**Falcon House**  
singing  
**Unstoppable.**  
Falcon's  
performance  
showed most  
discipline and  
organisation.



**Kiwi House**  
singing  
**Sunshine in my heart.**  
Kiwi's  
performance  
allowed all age  
groups to share  
in the  
performance.

We intend to stage an inter-house competition each term: Books and reading in the Spring Term; Sports Day in the Summer Term. All house competitions will count towards the new House Trophy which will be awarded at the end of the year.

In the New Year, we welcome Miss Fountain as the new Cedar Class Teacher. All being well, Mrs Robinson will be here for a couple of weeks in January, prior to starting her maternity leave.

Finally, I would wish you and your family a healthy and peaceful Christmas holiday. We look forward to welcoming your children back on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Kind regards

Mr J Rielly  
Headteacher





Our Christmas Tree competition entry on display in Blandford Church.



Children enjoying the Christmas Party



Parents and children representing the school and the Yuletide Festival



Christmas plays from EYFS and KS1



KS2 Christingle Service at the Church