



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education journey. It has been a whirlwind of a term, packed with exciting activities and memorable events.

We have continued to promote a love of reading and have had the pleasure of sharing a wide range of books with the children this half term from Pancake Day, books focused on Inspirational Women and books inspired by Easter.

Next half term we are looking forward to finally having access to our new classrooms. We will not have any children moving in until the beginning of next academic year but will be able to invite you in to have a look at them as soon as we can.

I hope this break is filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments shared with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the next half-term adventure!

Mrs Holmes

No More Marking

Each year children in Year 1 and Year 2 participate in a writing task from No More marking. This task is completed by children in over 2000 schools nationally and is assessed by teachers in those schools.

Following the writing task, a report is published to show how we compare to other schools. We are delighted with our results this year. We are above the average for all schools in both year groups and for children with Pupil Premium. One of our pieces was also chosen as an exemplar for Year 1 writing! We are really pleased with the progress our children have made in writing.

	Overall Writing Age	Pupil Premium	Not Pupil Premium
Year 1 No More Marking Scores			
All schools	5y 10m	5y 6m	5y 11m
OIS	6y 4m	6y 1m	6y 4m
Year 2 No More Marking Scores			
All schools	7y 0m	6y 7m	7y 2m
OIS	7y 5m	6y 11m	7y 7m



Reading

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: 8 REASONS WHY READING IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Reading cultivates empathy and can even improve their social skills.
- Books allow them to escape into other realities and worlds.
- Reading for pleasure can lower their stress and promote relaxation.
- Books invite them to think and problem solve, thus improving creativity.
- Reading can improve their memory and reduce the risk of falling behind.
- Reading can help development at school and reduce exam anxiety.
- The stories of others can help them put their own life into perspective.
- Reading before bed can help them establish a regular bedtime routine.

CAMHS

Community Spotlight

We would like to thank members of our community for their support this term.



Mr Mears our coach goes above and beyond to support staff and children during sessions and especially at lunchtime.

Mr Thorpe and the Stepnells team have been working hard on our new build and have helped us in many other areas as well.



Dates for your diary

Monday 8 th April	School opens after the Easter break
Monday 15 th April – Wednesday 17 th April	Challenge Partners – Peer review for the school
Tuesday 23 rd April	Reading Sessions start – 8:50am
Friday 26 th April	PA Bingo – more information to follow
Friday 3 rd May	Colour Dash – More information to follow
Monday 6 th May	School Closed due to Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Year 2 Sleepover – more information to follow School closes for half term

After School Clubs

Please click the link for more details.

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Half term Highlights from our KS1 children

Design Technology – making a house for a mouse

Maths – adding two numbers together

English – writing about plants

Maths – multiplication

English – writing about Rosa Parks

Art – trying out different smudging techniques

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility