



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing first week back it has been. Our attendance has been fantastic all week, and it's been wonderful to see the children return so focused, settled, and ready to learn. Parents have now received their school place offers, and we are delighted to be welcoming our new Reception cohort. We are already putting together an exciting and supportive transition programme for our newest members of the SMA family.

This week has also been filled with memorable experiences. A group of children visited Anfield for the Fire Champions Celebration Day, where they learnt so much and represented our school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them. Year 2 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Martin Mere, and once again members of the public and staff commented on the excellent behaviour of our children. They really do shine wherever they go.

The next few weeks will be busy ones, with KS2 SATs, Year 1 Phonics Screening, and the Year 4 Multiplication Check. Judging by the enthusiasm and confidence shown during our Times Tables Rock Star Day, our children are more than ready. Their strong grasp of times tables is a wonderful foundation for their future learning.

Thank you for your continued support. Please help us to keep giving your children the very best education by ensuring they attend school every day.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Griffiths



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**23/04/26**  
St George's Day

**28/04/26**  
Year 5 Stay and Read Session

**29/04/26**  
Year 1 Trip to World Museum

**30/04/26**  
Year 4 Stay & Read Session

**01/05/26**  
Cash 4 Kids Day

**04/05/26**  
BANK HOLIDAY  
SCHOOL CLOSED

**05/05/26**  
Year 2 Stay and Read Session

**06/05/26**  
Year 1 Stay and Read Session

**07/05/26**  
Class Photo Day

**08/05/26**  
VE Day

**11-15/05/26**  
SATs Week

**22/05/26**  
Finish for Half Term Holiday

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU



Next week, our kitchen team will be cooking the Week 3 dinner menu for the children.

## After School Provision

To book please click the link [here](#).

Sessions run from the end of the school day up to 6pm Monday to Thursday and 5:30pm on Fridays. (Not available on the last day of term - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March)

Children can be collected anytime by calling the onsite XT Club staff number which is displayed on the external school gates.

Prices are £8 per session per child, but keep an eye out for any promotional offers available.





## End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers

SPOTLIGHT  
ON  
CURRICULUM

### Phonics - Read Write Inc.

Read Write Inc is a vital strand of reading provision in our school and plays a central role in every pupil's reading journey. In EYFS and KS1, children begin by learning initial single sounds before developing their ability to blend, gradually building speed, fluency and confidence until they are able to read with understanding and comprehension. It is not uncommon to see children proudly celebrating when they move up to the next phonics group, and both staff and pupils take great joy in recognising and sharing this progress. For children who require additional support, high-quality phonics teaching continues into KS2 through targeted, smaller group sessions. Phonics teaching across the school is of the highest quality, and all staff recognise that secure phonics knowledge is the key to success not only in reading, but across all subject areas.



### **This Week's Book Recommendation...**

If you're looking for a fun and fascinating read for curious young minds, *Children's Encyclopedia - "Why 100,000?"* is a perfect choice. Designed especially for primary school students, this book is packed with answers to thousands of "Why?" questions about the world — from the mysteries of space and the wonders of nature to the secrets of the human body and amazing inventions. Each topic is explained in a simple, engaging way, with colorful illustrations that make learning exciting and easy to understand. It's the kind of book that turns everyday curiosity into a joyful adventure, inspiring children to explore, discover, and keep asking "Why?"

