



Year 1 Spring 2026 Newsletter

Welcome back! We are all looking forward to the Spring term, and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and enjoyable 2026. This term, our main themes are 'Our Amazing World', which is geography led, and 'Queen of the Castle', which is history led. Both of these units support our children's understanding of the school's curriculum pillars of Sustainability and Change *and* Diversity and Equality.

School Enrichment: trips, visitors and experiences

With each of our units of learning we try to arrange something a little bit different to engage the children and give a sense of awe and wonder.

We are very excited to be taking the children on their first Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle in the spring term.

More details to follow.

Queen of the Castle

Diversity & Equality:

Respect – Royalty as part of the British culture.

Our Amazing World

Sustainability and Change:

Climate Change – Our world has warm parts and cold parts but it is changing.

Key Dates:

- Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th February 2026
- World Book day: Thursday 5th March 2026

Homework Reminders

- We have our spellings 'quiz' each week on a Monday morning.
- Reading: Please continue to listen to your child read daily and support them practising their Phase 5 phonics. If you would like help or guidance with this, please let us know.

PE

Children need to have a FULL PE kit in school every day, and this must be **fully labelled** please. We want all children to join in and benefit from physical education and for this they need the appropriate kit.

PE days:

R&R Thursday afternoon—outdoor PE kit is essential.

Friday morning—inside PE



This term we will be working on the positive learning powers of Active Listening, Collaboration and Making Links.

For more information please see the Building Learning Powers part of

Overview of learning this half term

Maths	English
Maths Overview Please follow this link to our website for more details	English Overview Please follow this link to our website for more details
Science	Music
Materials and Properties (Spring 1) Pushes and Pulls (Spring 2)	Timbre and rhythmic patterns Use voice expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.
Computing	Geography
Mouse Control Keyboard skills	Our Amazing World Discovering which parts of our world are hot and cold and comparing weather where we live with the weather in different parts of the world.
Art and Design/ Design Technology	RE
Portraits - Giuseppe Archimboldo DT Textiles— Creating Bunting	Special Places Hinduism Salvation Why does Easter matter to Christians?
PSHE	
Staying Safe	

Library Books Change Day:

Change day is Friday for Year 1.

Please continue to ensure that children have coats and water bottles, which are labelled, in school each day. Reading diaries and reading book should also be kept in their book bag every day.