



Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Families,

It's been a fantastic week in school. This week, several of our children began the KCC Physics Masterclasses at the college. From what we have heard, they had a brilliant time and really enjoyed the experience. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and love of learning.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming visitors from the Trust, who will be coming in to see how well our children learn. This is a great opportunity to showcase all the wonderful things happening across our school and to celebrate the hard work of both pupils and staff. As always, I know our children will make us incredibly proud.

On Tuesday, we will also be holding our Online Safety Day. This is an important part of supporting our pupils to understand how to stay safe in an ever-changing digital world. A reminder that Evie Semmens, from our Trust, is running online safety workshops for parents and carers. If you haven't signed up yet, please do consider it. These sessions will be extremely informative and offer practical guidance on how we can help keep our children safe online.

Finally, please join us for our Praise Worship on Monday afternoon at 2:50pm.

Have a lovely weekend

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th February- Online Safety Day
Wednesday 11th February- Forest School
Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February – Half Term
Monday 23rd February- Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February- Parent consultations
Wednesday 4th March- Forest School
Thursday 5th March- World book day
Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March -Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 16th March- Startpoint Tamar bridge trip (drop off and pick up Ivybridge train station)
Wednesday 18th March- Forest School
Thursday 26th March- Easter service at St Marys
Wednesday 1st April- Forest School
Thursday 2nd April- Last day of Term
Friday 3rd April- Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April- Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 21st April- First day of term

Start Point (Reception – Year 2)

Mathematicians at Work

We've absolutely loved diving into our place value game this week. It's fast-paced, fun, and really puts our quick-thinking maths skills to the test. The children have shown brilliant focus and teamwork as they built confidence in recognising, ordering, and manipulating numbers.

Young Historians


In History, we've been learning about why **Queen Elizabeth II** is considered such a significant monarch. The children explored key moments from her life and carefully placed them on a timeline, helping them understand how her leadership and legacy shaped modern Britain.


Religious Citizens


As part of our RE learning, we explored the story of **David and Goliath**. We discussed what this story teaches Jewish people about courage, faith, and standing up for what is right. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how these messages can inspire people today.




Croft (Year 3 -Year 6)

 As writers we are writing a Pitch (persuasive speech) about the shocking amount of plastic pollution clogging up our local beaches. The children are shocked by some of the facts and statistics we have learnt and are passionate about their writing. We have used rhetorical questions and metaphors for dramatic impact.

 As Geographers, we are learning about Natural Disasters. We learnt all about the different types of earthquakes and how they occur. The children were very surprised to learn that we do experience earthquakes all the time in the UK but they are often so subtle that we do not feel them.

 As artists, we are creating art armatures (skeletons) for Henry Moore inspired sculptures. We are bulking them up with strips of newspaper and then will add a final layer of paper mache with tissue paper. Holes (negative spaces) and abstract human figures are two of the focus features.



 In Religion and Worldviews we have been looking at what life is like for Muslims living in Britain today. We have learnt about the 5 Pillars of Islam and why each of them are important to living life as a Muslim. We learnt all about Hajj, which is where Muslims go on a Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during their lifetime.

! Important Notice: If your child attends cooking club please ensure they attend each week with the correct ingredients and that they are measured out accurately. This will ensure that all children are able to make all the required elements, during the time limitations.

Thank you **!**



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	Star of the Week 	Value of the Week 
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	Ivy for such great reading in class, she is always wanting to read with every adult and has such a great storyteller voice	Foxy for showing the value of love and always being so happy to play with everyone
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	Ryan for showing increasing enthusiasm in many subjects.	Luella for showing the value of responsibility towards her independent writing.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	95%
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	93.8%
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	95.7%

Home learning

Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spellings to practice at home - Reading
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollama – Spelling & Grammar website - Reading at least 4 times each week. - Times Tables Rockstars. - Spellings. 