



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week in school, and the children continue to show fantastic enthusiasm towards their new learning. Their curiosity, determination, and positive attitudes have been a joy to see.

A particular highlight has been our very first **Forest School session**. The children were absolutely thrilled to explore the outdoor environment, take part in hands-on activities, and begin developing new skills. Their excitement has been infectious, and we look forward to seeing this grow in the weeks ahead.

Looking ahead to next week, we are delighted to **welcome you into our Celebration Worship on Monday afternoon at 2:50pm**. We hope you can join us as we come together to share and celebrate the children's achievements.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

### **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January- Forest School and West Alvington visiting  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February- NSPCC Number dress up day  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Forest School  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Non-Pupil Day**  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February- Parent consultations  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March- Forest School  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March- World book day  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March -Year 5/6 Residential  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March- Forest School  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Easter service  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April- Forest School

### **NSPCC Number Day- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

We will be celebrating all things number this day, including having a number dress up day to raise money for NSPCC. You could wear a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. You could get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!



### **Start Point (Reception – Year 2)**

This week we had our first Forest School session, and it was a fantastic experience! The children enjoyed making delicious porridge over the fire, learning important outdoor skills while working together in nature.

As scientists, we went on another exciting material hunt around the school. After careful observation and recording, we discovered which material is the most popular in our environment—what a great way to apply our investigative skills!

In geography, we explored the United Kingdom and learned about the four countries that make it up: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The children loved identifying these on the map and discussing what makes each country unique.

It's been a week full of curiosity, teamwork, and discovery—well done, everyone!



### Croft (Year 3 -Year 6)

In English we have had lots of fun writing sections of a newspaper report, detailing Goldilocks as a villainous character, prowling through the woods. The children have thought carefully how they can use a range of skills, including the power of three, to shock the reader and make them wary of Goldilocks the felon.

In computing we are using Scratch to give 'commands' to a Sprite. This is a way of writing code to move the Sprite, change colour, rotate, change the background and many more things. The children love these lessons.

As musicians this week we learnt how to play the steel drums. It was great fun working and playing together collaboratively, the hall certainly came alive with music.



Our first Forest School session was a huge success, the children loved making porridge with jam over the fire. It also ties in nicely with our English unit of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears.







## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	<b>Star of the Week</b> 	<b>Value of the Week</b> 
<b>Start Point (Year R- Year 2)</b>	Wynne for his ongoing hard work and dedication to everything he does.	Forest for showing the value of responsibility and always showing quality sitting and listening.
<b>Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)</b>	Noah for a particularly great attitude towards his learning this week.	Rocco for showing the value of responsibility towards his learning, he has been incredible in Maths this week!

### Attendance

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

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

<b>Whole school attendance (Target 98%)</b>	95%
<b>Start Point (Year R- Year 2)</b>	93.7%
<b>Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)</b>	95.8%

### Home learning

<b>Start Point (Year R- Year 2)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collect natural resources ready for our art sculpture, this can include sticks, dried leaves, pebbles and shells</li> </ul>
<b>Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reading at least 4 times each week.</li> <li>- Times Tables Rockstars.</li> <li>- Spellings.</li> </ul> 