



WHAT'S ON? SPRING TERM

SPRING TERM DATES 2026

7th January 2026 at 6:00pm

Clubs live on MCAS App to book place(s)

19th January 2026

Spring Term CJS Clubs start

30th January 2026

2:30pm Celebration Assembly (invite only)

2nd February 2026

NFER Tests in Year Three to Year Five

wc 9th February 2026

Parent Consultation Week

10th February 2026

MHST Coffee Morning (open to all)

11th February 2026

Individual Photo Day (informal photos)

13th February 2026

PTA Break The Rules Day

wc 16th February

Half Term Holidays

23rd February 2026

Back to School - Spring Term 2 begins

27th February

Cardiff House Bonus Day (wear token yellow item)

12th & 13th March

PTA Mother's Day Shop

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this year is the **National Year of Reading**.

Across the UK, children and young people are reading less than they used to and stories aren't getting the same space they once did - and when reading drops, confidence, imagination and learning take a hit as well.

This year, a national spotlight is being put on **reading**.

To help kick start the **2026 National Year of Reading**, we're inviting everyone in our school community and across our trust, to take **10 mins** each day to read something you enjoy. This might be story books, picture books, comics, non-fiction or magazines.

Have a look at our **Ten Ways to Take 10** poster to get inspired!

By reading for **10 minutes**, especially if you can share the experience with your children, is you are showing your children how easy it is to build reading into your everyday lives. It is also great if you can explain why you have chosen what you are reading, so they can further see the benefit themselves.

From our teachers to our TAs, our Year Threes to our Year Sixes, and our families to our Finance teams, we want to make 2026 the year we #Take10ToRead and #GoAllIn with reading.

Let's get started...

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers

Library

Over the next few months, we are going to be updating our library to match our resources better to the needs of our pupils.

One key area where we anticipate having some additional gaps is in recent non-fiction books.

Should you have any spare, please consider donating them to the school.

Parent Consultations

Parents Consultation details have been shared today, with the booking system being accessible through the MCAS app. Meetings will be the week of 9th Feb. Please only book one meeting per child.

NEW

CJS Clubs

CJS Clubs are live on MCAS app. Sign your child up for a club and pay (where applicable) for your child's place in a club.

If no spaces are available, there will be an opportunity to join a waitlist for most clubs.

Clubs start wc 19th January 2026.

DEADLINES

Year Three Burwell Trip 2026 - see **LETTER**

Final instalment due by 27th February



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Visit Local Community News on our website [HERE](#)



BROMCOM Parent Portal MCAS App: All parents/ carers must register for MCAS App.
See original letter with details on how to setup, activate account and pay for school meals



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[YEAR THREE](#)

[YEAR FOUR](#)

[YEAR FIVE](#)

[YEAR SIX](#)

Pupil Achievements

We are always eager to hear about the **achievements** of the children outside of school, so please share them with us.

Last week **Cody** and **Sasha** won 4th place for their Duo performance at Udo Essex Dance Competition, passing 2 heats and getting into the final. This was in a category of 30 Duo Competitors. We are very proud of the fantastic effort and success!.



Year of Reading

Next week is the National Storytelling week. This is a great opportunity to share some stories with your family/community.



The theme is **Soundtrack your Story**. *Everyone has their own musical story - whether it's in the songs we love and the music we dance to, through British Sign Language and the rhythms we feel, the soundscapes of everyday life, or the soundtracks we hear in films and games. Music connects us to words. It helps us express who we are and how we see the world.*

Attached are some ideas about what families can do at home. However, one activity that our children love, is to hear about the stories you enjoyed as a child. Perhaps you could read them a favourite book or share a tale of your adventures whilst sharing some of the music you loved as a child and what it makes you feel and remember!

Testing

Next week, Years Three to Five will be taking part in some tests. We shall be assessing reading; grammar, punctuation and spelling; and maths.

Please support your children by reminding them that all we want them to do is **try their best**, providing them with plenty of opportunities for rest and encouraging them to eat a healthy, balanced diet.

LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS	Victor	IMPROVED	Victor
COINS	Harriet	IMPROVED	Adeline

USEFUL LINKS



[School Dinners Menus HERE](#)



[Term Dates 2025-2026](#)
[2026-2027](#)



[Sync your phone or desktop to our school website calendar HERE](#)



amazon

Coming Soon
Our Amazon Wishlist has had a refresh! All the items on the list are part of the Reading Spine. All gifts are very much appreciated and add to what we are able to provide in our classrooms.
[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

LEARNING & WELLBEING SUPPORT

Good quality **sleep** is a vital part of a healthy lifestyle and we know for some children this is something they find very challenging.



Among other initiatives, The Sleep Charity provide access to high quality information and advice to deal with most sleep issues.

More information for adults can be found [here](#).



ONLINE SAFETY SUPPORT



We have previously shared a range of [Internet Matters](#) resources. This organisation provides parents and carers with information to help their children safely navigate the online world.

This week, we are sharing a guide that they have put together on setting up parental controls across networks, devices and apps. Please find more information [here](#).

Also attached is an information leaflet on AI toys.

PTA ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Next term activities:

- PTA Break the Rules Day - 13th Feb 2026 - only the rules shared!
- PTA Mother's Day Shop - 12th & 13th Mar 2026
- PTA Easter Disco - 25th Mar 2026
- PTA Easter Raffle - end of March



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If you have some spare time or would like to join our committee team please do get in touch via the school office or our Facebook page to find out more details.