



Welcome back!

Spring 1 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break and a *happy new year* to you all! I do hope that Father Christmas was a benevolent soul and that you all enjoyed some quality family time together! I cannot wait to welcome the children back and hear all about their festivities (and maybe make the odd snowman in between!).

Mrs Bennett

Student Teacher

This term, we welcome another student teacher into the Conker's fold. Mrs Gibson will commence her practice shortly and remain with us until the end of the Spring term.

Phonics

Please look out for some phonics information coming home with your child. These guides will explain what your child will learn in the coming term. Please take time to read and digest this information, as any support that you can provide at home will be hugely beneficial to your child. Whilst it is the school's role to teach reading, parents/carers do also play a vital role. It is important that your child receives plenty of practice reading at home to become a fluent, confident reader. At least 3 times per week, try to read with your child. During these reads, your child should be able to read the practice book with developing confidence and fluency, without any significant help. The parent/carer's role is to listen with interest and, most importantly, to encourage and praise, enthusiastically acknowledging the child's achievement. After your child has read the book, it may be helpful to talk about the text, but only so far as your child is interested. The parent/carer should keep the experience positive and avoid turning it into a test. We really want our children to become lifelong readers, so please also enjoy together the library book your child brings home. This is a book for you to read to or with your child - the goal is enjoyment and reading for pleasure! Many thanks for all your continued support on our reading journey!

Dates for your Diary

9th January- Launch of our 'Tomorrow's World' topic with an AI/STEM exploration day
13th - 24th January - careers fortnight
13th February - Valentine's Disco
13th February - school breaks up
24th February - back to school

PE will be held on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** this term (no Forest school this half term) - children may continue to attend school in P.E kits and trainers. Thank you!

Please could the children all bring into school a couple of baby / toddler pictures for our Science 'time tunnel'? The children will all take it in turns travelling through the tunnel to try and guess which baby photo belongs to which child / adult. We will look for similarities, differences and key identifiers! Thank you!