



January	
Friday 23rd	Young Voices at the O2
February	
Monday 16th— Friday 20th	Half Term
Tuesday 24th	Junior Skipping Workshop
March	
Monday 2nd	Infant Skipping Workshop
Monday 2nd— Friday 6th	Year 6 Residential Trip

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2026**



**Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness**

Dear families

Welcome to the spring term!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoyed some quality time with your children and loved ones.

On behalf of the entire staff, we wanted to express our sincere gratitude for the generous gifts that you have given us. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is greatly appreciated, and we feel truly blessed to be a part of such a supportive community.

We hope that you have a happy and prosperous new year. We are looking forward to sharing with you all the wonderful events we have planned for the rest of the year.

#### **Arriving at School**

Just a reminder that all children should be in class by 8.40am. The gates open at 8.30am with learning in class starting promptly at 8.40am. If your child is late for school, please ensure you go to the school offices to sign them in with the reason for their lateness. Please help your child to have a calm and smooth start to their day by arriving on time.

#### **School Meals**

On Thursday we have special Minecraft Day menu. You can view the menu on our website. [Lunch Menus | Prettygate Schools](#)

#### **ACL Workshops**

Please check your e-mails for details of two ACL workshops we are running at school. One is a craft session for parents and children with a focus on managing emotions and the other is a session for parents about ADHD. If you would like to attend either session, please sign up at the junior school. Places are limited but if the courses are popular we will try and run another session in the future.

#### **Pine Cones**

If anyone has a pine tree in their garden or if you are out for a winter walk over the weekend, we would be grateful for any pine cones you may find. The RSPB bird watch week is coming soon and we would like to make some bird feeders using pine cones. You can take any that you find to the infant or junior office.





### **Is my child too ill for school?**

Please see the link below with guidance about when you should keep your child off school with illness.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

### **Attendance - Studybugs**

We would like to remind you about our Studybugs app. You can use the app to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

You can also download the app from your app store on your phone or tablet.

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Please be aware that we have Studybugs for each school so you will need to **sign up for either the infant school or the junior school depending which school your child is attending.**

### **Unwanted Visitors**

We have had a few cases of headlice reported to us this week. Please can we ask that you check your child's head over the weekend and treat if necessary.

### **Holiday Achievement**

During the Christmas holiday, two of our pupils, Bertie from Year 6 and Polly from Year 2 took on a challenge. They travelled to the Lake District and climbed two mountains: Catbells (451 metres high) and Helvellyn (950 metres high). Well done Bertie and Polly!



### **Clubs for the Spring Term**

Please take a look at the ['school events'](#) page on our website for details of some of the clubs, taking place in the new term.



### Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday, we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Class teachers choose one child from their class who has demonstrated all three values consistently. A certificate is presented in the assembly and their parents are invited to come along. See the photos of this week's winners below!

Class	Name of Child
RB	Judy P
RLI	Freddie D
1T	Aiden G
1S	Alfie F
2MB	Willow J
2N	Eva L
3FJ	No award this week
3G	No award this week
4K	Khaled A K
4M	Elsie H
5D	Alfie F (roll over) Elsie G
5RG	Mia R
6L	Nathan S
6MH	Sienna S



### House Points:

Jupiter – 120    1st  
Mars – 114       2nd  
Pluto – 111       3rd  
Venus – 97        4th