



Newsletter 27th March 2026

AIM HIGH, BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Sense of Pride
- Perseverance
- Enthusiasm
- Curiosity
- Teamwork

Attendance

Target
46%

Last Week
45.3%

This Week
45.6%

95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Change of menu

On Thursday 2nd April the kitchen will be serving fishfingers and chips with ice lolly for pudding instead of the usual chicken curry. Please make sure your child knows of this change before ordering food on the day.

Reminder

If you are planning on taking your child out for a holiday you will need to fill in a form at least 3 weeks before. This can be found on our website under the heading Parent / Attendance Procedures / Absence Request.

If your child has a medical appointment there is also a form on our website under the heading Parent / Attendance Procedures / Appointment Request Form.



Lost Property

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled before they come into school.

As you may remember, last year we provided every child with five free labels from a company called Stikins. Labels can easily be purchased online via their website.

If you do place an order, please quote the number 58, as this allows the school to receive commission on all sales.

Each year, we are forced to dispose of a significant amount of unclaimed uniform, which could easily be avoided if all items were properly labelled.



All the details are below.

STIKINS® Name Labels

One label for clothes, shoes, & all school items.

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578 Mumsnet users tried Stikins® name labels
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Be Ready For School With Stikins® Name Labels

Millions supplied to parents every year since 2004.

Stikins® Actual Size

Fundraising Number
58

No sewing or ironing needed, simply stick on.

Use this number when you order to earn 30% commission for school.

Visit www.stikins.co.uk to learn more & to order.

Perfect Name Labels Sent Out Same Day

AWARDS

Learner Of The Week

Hedgehogs - Reggie M
Squirrels - Toyyibat
Foxes - Jackson
Badgers - Hope
Rabbits - Edmund
Robins - Excel
Deer - Methula
Bats - Charlie
Woodpeckers - Oscar
Otters - Evie
Kingfishers - Taiyen
Falcons - Archie

Respect Award

Hedgehogs - Tyler
Squirrels - Alma
Foxes - Joey
Badgers - Cody
Rabbits - Charlie
Robins - Hugo
Deer - Toby
Bats - Daniel
Woodpeckers - Logan
Otters - Rose and Harrison
Kingfishers - Mia
Falcons - Alaiya

Dracy

Hedgehogs - Kolby
Squirrels - Lucy P
Foxes - Nathan
Badgers - Max
Rabbits - Riley
Robins - Oliver W
Deer - Corey
Bats - Hollie M
Woodpeckers - Amelia D
Otters - Mason
Kingfishers - Will
Falcons - Eloise



**As part of our OPAL project, launching after Easter:
All children will need to have wellies to use for outdoor play in wet weather if they want to go on the field.**

Loose Parts

We need your help to make playtime the best it can be every day in our school.

Our children spend at least 20% of their time in school per week playing outdoors and we're making some big changes after Easter to make every playtime amazing for every child, every day!

We're now collecting 'loose parts' to help us create memorable and engaging play experiences around school and we're asking for donations of any of the items in the picture and we'd be especially grateful for any of the following:

- Crates
- Trays
- Buckets
- Giant games eg: giant chess pieces
- Diggers
- Logs
- Double wooden pallets
- Tarpaulin
- Tyres
- Large cable reels
- Scaffolding boards
- Guttering

There will be a collection point at the front of our school in the staff carpark for you to drop donations off - wheelie bin labelled OPAL

Thank you in advance for helping us create an enriched play environment - we can't wait to see what you donate!

What are LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Natural Loose Parts



Upcycled Loose Parts



Data Collection

Don't forget to return your child's data collection sheet if any of the information on it has changed. We can only contact you in an emergency if your details are up to date.



KARATE FACT SHEET

Did you know? There are over **600 muscles** in the human body and you will use every one of them during an average karate class.

Did you know? An adult can burn **hundreds of calories** in a typical one hour karate class with many students reporting significant weight loss during the first 6 months.

Did you know? Karate kicking engages **all muscle groups** in the upper and lower abdominal areas and strengthens the lower back.

Did you know? **Enhanced flexibility** from karate training can greatly increase posture and vitality ... and can assist in the prevention of many age-onset injuries.

Did you know? Children who train in karate are much less likely to be bullied – or become bullies – as they develop greater **self-confidence** and **respect** for others.

Did you know? Children's school work and classroom behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's **disciplined** and **respectful** training environment.

Did you know? Accomplishments in karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of **strength, trust** and **good character** to those who study it.

gkrkarate.com

Dates for your Diary

**Added since last newsletter*

Monday 30th March 2026 – Rocksteady Concert for parents of band members only 10am

Monday 30th March 2026 – Abbotswood v Bailey's Court Boys Football Match

Wednesday 1st April 2026 – Choir Performance 2pm

Thursday 2nd April 2026 – Ukelele Concert for Year 4 Parents – 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd April 2026 – Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain

Wednesday 6th May 2025 – Class photos

Monday 11th May 2026 – Thursday 14th May 2026 – Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 20th May 2026 – Sports Day – KS1 at 9.30am and KS2 at 1pm

Wednesday 20th May 2026 Picnic on the school field 12pm – 1pm – Everyone welcome

Thursday 21st May 2026 – Year 4 trip to We The Curious – details to follow

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 5th June 2026 – Arts Week

Tuesday 4th June 2026 – Induction Evening for Parents of children starting school in September 2026 – 5.30pm –

Letters will be sent out at the beginning of Term 5

Tuesday 4th June 2026 – Reception trip to Court Farm – (details to follow)

Monday 15th June 2026 – Friday 14th June 2026 – Year 6 camp to Morfa Bay

Monday 22nd June 2026 – Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 5 swimming

Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 6 It's Your Move at St. Nicks

Monday 24th June 2026 – Friday 3rd July 2026 – Year 5 swimming

Wednesday 1st July 2026 – Year 6 Transition to Brimsham Green

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – Year 6 Transition to Brimsham Green

Thursday 4th July 2026 – Year 6 Party – Spm til 7.30pm

Friday 10th July 2025 – INSET

Tuesday 14th July 2026 – Year 6 Play (time to be confirmed)

Wednesday 15th July 2026 – Year 6 Play (time to be confirmed)

Friday 17th July 2026 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 11am – 12pm

Friday 17th July 2026 – Last day of term – school will finish at 12.15pm

Monday 20th July 2026 – INSET

Tuesday 21st July 2026 – INSET

