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**Spring Term 2**

**Newsletter 23**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

This Newsletter is being sent out today, instead of tomorrow.

As a reminder, tomorrow is **Red Nose Day**, so it is 'appropriate' non-school uniform, with a bit of red, and a £1 donation to the worthy cause!

### **Open Morning – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

On Wednesday we are hosting an open morning from 9.15-11am for all our current parents. This is a chance to see your children in their classes and view some of their work. Please support your child and come in if you can, as they love to show you what they have been working on in class.

### **Manners and Pride in their Work!**

Taking any visitor around our great school, or when I visit classes, it still fills me with **pride about our provision** we are providing. **In classes**, they are all a calm, but **hard-working atmosphere**, with children eager to do well and **make progress**. **During playtimes and lunchtimes**, children play together and, apart from occasional fallings out, children treat each other with **respect and look after each other**.

**Lyngford Park is a lovely place to be** - children and my staff continue to work hard to ensure we are happy, safe and develop in many ways. Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to be so supportive and see what we are trying to achieve.

### **Phonics Presentation – SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all those who were able to attend Miss Noone's Phonics Presentation on Tuesday. Informative and helpful, allowing parents to understand what we are trying to do in Phonics. Attendance was pleasing too – please look at how this has increased over the last 4 years:

2023 – 38% Year 1 Parents Attended

2024 – 41% Year 1 Parents Attended

2025 – 48% Year 1 Parents Attended

**2026 – 53% Year 1 Parents Attended (77% with those who gave their apologies!)**

It is difficult with working parents trying to attend this event, but if you couldn't attend, thank you for sending your apologies – you have been sent the information, so you are in the know too.

### **Year 1 – Sports Festival – SUCCESS**

On Thursday, our Year 1 children took part in a Sports Festival, held at Pyrland School. The sun shone as did all the smiles of the children taking part. Thank you staff who took them and encouraged them all the way!

### **Attendance Matters - We continue to rise – thank you!**

**Up to 18<sup>th</sup> March, we are at 94.5% (only 0.2% below National Average).**

However, we still have too many children with attendance of less than 90% - classed as Persistent Absence (34 children!). Please continue to ensure your child attends every day, and only illness prevents them attending.



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### **Site Improvement Works**

Roofing all done thanks to the good weather – thank you Brendon Roofing! Further plans in place for work over the Easter holidays, including several trees being felled – they are no longer safe and in a very unhealthy condition.

### **Changes to holiday food voucher provision in Somerset**

A reminder - you were sent a document last week notifying you about these changes. The holiday meal vouchers are no longer being given, with alternative provision being introduced. This is a Somerset Council directive.

### **From the Sports Desk...**

Our **Netball team** played in 2 more competitions this week! On Wednesday, they P5, D2, L1! Tonight, they play in another competition, so best of luck to them!

**Congratulations to Ashton** – Ashton won Silver (2<sup>nd</sup> place) at the Trampoline National Championships in Derby! Incredible achievement – we are all so proud of his ongoing successes.

Have a lovely weekend, when it arrives, and well done for another great week!

*Nick Arnold*