

20 February 2026

Dear families,

Everything is starting to feel a little brighter and lighter as we move into the last half of the Spring Term! It feels like a very special time for many of our staff and families, with Ramadan and Lent coinciding and offering us all the opportunity to come together and reflect on how our everyday choices affect others and the world around us. We wish everyone observing both these holy months love, peace and joy.



Please read on for an overview of the upcoming term.

Important Dates:

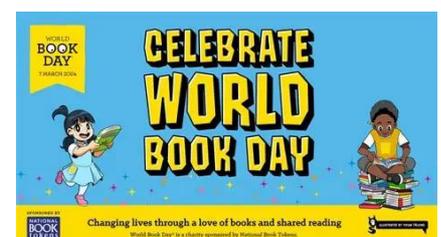
Date	Event
Monday 23 February	School reopens for all children
Monday 23 February	Year 4 Swimming lessons start
Tuesday 24 February	Year 1 Victorian Toy Workshop
Tuesday 3 March	Year 6 Secondary School Allocation Day
Wednesday 4 March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 March	School closed for staff data & planning day
Friday 6 March	School closed for staff data & planning day
Wednesday 11 March	Year 3 Science Museum visit
Thursday 12 March	Reception classes Vision Testing
Monday 16 March	Year 5&6 Indoor Athletics Tournament Carlton Bolling
Friday 20 March	School closed for Eid
Tuesday 24 March	Reception classes Nell Bank visit
Friday 27 March	School closes for Easter holidays (earlier finish time of 2.00pm in line with other Dixons Academies)

Fasting for Children

Children in Years 5 and 6 that wish to fast must have consent from parents to do so. Forms should have been returned to the office now so that we have a record of which children will be fasting on which days. We will make a quiet space available over lunch time for children in these year groups. We do not encourage children younger than this to fast- their developing bodies need energy to sustain them throughout the day!

World Book Day

We will celebrate in school on Wednesday 4 March. Children may come to school dressed in pyjamas or dressed as their favourite book character on this day. They can also bring their favourite book from home, there will be a themed school lunch and teachers will be sharing their favourite stories. Book tokens will be given to all children on the day to spend in local book shops.



Data & Planning Days

A reminder that as per our calendar, school will be closed to children on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 March. Teachers will be reviewing learning so far and planning forward to ensure that all children reach their potential by the end of

the academic year. Children will complete in school assessments over the next few weeks and we will share an overview of their attainment before the Easter holidays.

Community Support and Socialising for Parents

Sehrish Khan (our Family Support Worker) is working hard to create a program of events and opportunities that are of interest to our families. Please come along to her Chit Chat and Chai Shai afternoons every Wednesday at 2.00pm to meet informally and share ideas about what events would be most helpful for us to run. Everyone is welcome and there is no requirement to book a place!

Stay and Play sessions continue to run every Monday from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. These sessions are also free to attend, require no booking and provide an informal play group anyone with a child or baby aged 3 or under. Come and say hello and introduce us to your little one!

Attendance

We remain committed to improving our whole school attendance and achieving our target of 97%. Despite the cold winter, we saw an increase in our overall attendance in the last half term and reached 95.3%! Thank you for your support with this, we know that every school day counts and that those children who are in school most have the best possible chance of making great progress with learning. A reminder that the office should be made aware of any absence on the first day before 8.30am and that as part of our safeguarding measures, we will always visit homes on a third day of absence to check that children are ok.

PE Kit

Children should wear kit to school on their PE day. Please make sure that kit meets our expectations and white t-shirts are plain. Football shirts are not allowed, nor are t-shirts with logos. Trainers should be worn on this day only and on every other day, black school shoes should be worn. We will ring parents to bring in alternative items should kit not match our school expectations.

Thank you all for your continued support- we are looking forward to sharing this special month with the children in school and are excited for the term ahead.

With best wishes,



Mrs Rebecca Greenwood
Principal

