

April 24th 2026



I started my week with an invasion of excited Robins and Puffins into my office! Giant footprints had been spotted in the Reception outdoor area, and I was called upon to investigate. This wonderful event has certainly hooked the children into their new topic.

On Tuesday, I attended a conference in Birmingham where I heard representatives from the DfE speak about their *Best Start in Life* campaign. As an Infant School Head, I am deeply passionate about getting the early years of a child's life right, so it was heartening to hear that this is also a key focus for the Government. I will use our weekly newsletters to share resources and advice linked to this initiative, and we will also make these available on our website under the *Parents* tab in *Help and Advice*.

Mrs Irwin

Congratulations

Mrs Flavin, who has worked in our school supporting children in both Year 1 and Reception for over a year, began her maternity leave in March. I am delighted to share the wonderful news of the safe arrival of her baby. We send our warmest congratulations to the Flavin family.

Threadworm

We have had at least two reported cases of threadworm this week. Threadworms are very small parasitic worms that are common in young children. They live in the intestine and emerge at night, often causing intense itching around the anus. Eggs can easily be transferred to fingers, making them highly contagious.

Threadworm infections do require treatment, and your pharmacist will be able to advise on the most appropriate option for your child. It is recommended that all members of the household are treated at the same time. Once treatment has been administered, children can return to school.

If your child does have threadworm, please inform the school office so that we can arrange for additional cleaning of classroom surfaces. We will continue to reinforce good handwashing practices in school.

Summer Event – Teddy Bear's Picnic

This year, our summer fundraising event will be a *Teddy Bear's Picnic*. It will take place from 3:45pm to 4:45pm on Wednesday 8th July, on the grassed areas in front of the school near the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

There will be a cake stall, refreshments, face painting and a range of games. We would love to see you and your family there, so please do come along with a picnic blanket and your own picnic. Children attending The Nest will also have the opportunity to take part. Further details will be shared closer to the time.

The Best Start in Life

With the ever-growing number of parenting influencers on social media, finding simple, judgement-free advice can be challenging. I often say that it takes a village to raise a child, and as parents we can sometimes worry that we are not getting everything quite right.

This week, I was introduced to the CBeebies Parenting website, which offers a wealth of helpful videos and articles on topics such as bedtime routines, screen time and toilet training. It is a supportive and practical resource that you may find useful.

[CBeebies Parenting](#)