

# 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



As always, it's been a busy week here at school, and we have certainly been enjoying the sunshine.

During milk and fruit time, our Year 2 children have been watching the latest episode of Newsround. This is a fantastic programme that helps us talk sensitively with children about world events. However, this week I was rather ambitiously persuaded by the Swifts class to consider their next school trip... to China! This was following on from a news feature about the largest snack shop in the world. After some very quick costings, we all agreed it might be just a little too expensive!

In Reception, our magical bean has grown remarkably quickly, from a sprinkle of glitter into a stunning rainbow. The children's faces this morning reminded us all just how special it is to work with young learners and share in their sense of wonder.

Mrs Irwin

## Events

### **Wednesday 13th May – Good to Be Me Day**

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we will be celebrating a "Good to Be Me" Day. On this day, children are invited to come dressed in a way that makes them feel good about themselves. This could include wearing a uniform from a club they attend, a kit from a team they support, or an outfit that reflects something they enjoy doing. It might also simply be something that makes them feel happy and confident. We look forward to celebrating what makes each child unique.

### **Wednesday 20th May – Sports Day (1:45pm–3:30pm)**

As always, this event relies on the support of our wonderful volunteers. If you are able to help, please let the school office know, we would greatly appreciate it.

## PE Kits

Now that the weather is warmer, we are making full use of the school grounds for PE. This weekend, please could you check that your child's plimsolls still fit. We have had a surprising number of children without PE kits recently, meaning they have missed out on lessons. Unfortunately, we only have a limited number of spare kits in school. Please ensure your child has a PE kit available at all times: a plain white crew-neck T-shirt and plain black shorts.

## Sun Cream, Sun Hats and Sunglasses

As the weather continues to improve, please ensure your child brings a sunhat to school, as our field and playground offer very little shade. As with all clothing, please clearly label items so they can be easily returned if misplaced.

We kindly ask that long-lasting sun cream is applied before school. Staff are not able to apply sun cream to children. If your child brings sun cream into school, it must be clearly labelled and they should be able to apply it themselves.

Sunglasses can easily become lost or damaged, so we do not generally allow them in school. However, if your child requires them on high pollen days due to allergies, please inform their teacher. If your child suffers from hay fever, do let us know so we can support them appropriately.

## **The Best Start in Life**

There is an excellent article this week on CBeebies Parenting about bedtime stories and how to make the most of this special time. Research consistently highlights the importance of sharing stories with children. It supports language development, expands vocabulary (a key indicator of future attainment), and helps children make sense of the world around them.

Most importantly, it provides valuable one-to-one time with your child.

[How to read a bedtime story - 5 top tips to master bedtime reading - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)