



'We lift our eyes to the hills'

January Newsletter 2025

As we step into the spring term, we are beginning to see the first signs of the season, with lighter days and snowdrops blooming—a welcome reminder that brighter days are ahead! The children have been enjoying their time outdoors, especially in *The Nest*, where learning and adventure continue to thrive.



The *Adventurers* have been busy practising their sawing skills, and both the *Adventurers* and *Explorers* have put their talents to great use by creating wooden owls. It's been wonderful to see their confidence and skills grow through these hands-on activities.



School Uniform Update - Smart Black Trainers Now Allowed!

A hot topic in school recently has been *school shoes*. During Parliament Week, the children discussed the inequality between girls' and boys' school shoes, noting that some are not as warm, dry, or practical for playing. This issue was taken to the governors, and two governors met with the children to discuss

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their concerns. As a result, the **school uniform policy has now been updated to allow plain black trainers (no logos or additional colors)**. The policy can be found on the school website. **We are proud of the children for** engaging in meaningful discussions and making a real impact on school policies!

School uniform and Outdoor Kit Reminder

Children need to wear a royal blue sweatshirt/jumper, grey/black trousers or skirt, white/grey shirt/blouse, with flat black school shoes/boots (not training shoes).

P.E. clothes are needed and should include gym shoes or trainers, (black or white), white T-shirt, black shorts, P.E hoodie with logo and a P.E. bag in which to keep them. All articles should be clearly marked with child's name.

Please ensure that your child's **outdoor kit** includes warm outdoor clothing, hat, gloves and thick socks for their wellies.

School uniform with the logo can also be bought from the one identity website - is <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/> This requires a login and password. Please contact the school office.

Children's Mental Health Week



This week, we are focusing on *Children's Mental Health Week*. The theme this year is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself," supported by Disney and the *Inside Out* characters. Using characters from Pixar's *Inside Out* and the upcoming *Inside Out 2*, we are encouraging children to explore their emotions, build resilience, and understand how self-awareness can help them grow and develop.

As parents you play an important role in your child's mental health. There are lots of lovely free resources for families on this website. [Families - Children's Mental Health Week](#)

Exciting Science Learning - Planetarium Visit

A huge highlight for everyone was the **Planetarium visit**, which brought science to life in the most immersive way. The inflatable dome created a dark space where stunning images of the night sky were projected, sparking curiosity and

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wonder. Keep an eye out this February for the **Planetary Parade**, where six planets will align—a rare event that happens only once every 400 years!



Clubs & Activities

We are delighted to offer a wide range of clubs at both lunchtime and after school:

Arts & Crafts Club - Denise Clarke has been teaching children how to knit, which has been a fantastic skill-building experience.

Origami Club & Film Club - A great way for children to be creative and relax during lunchtime.

Sports Club (After School) - Led by Robbie, providing fun and fitness for all.

Cooking Club - Mrs. Leeming has been leading our young chefs in delicious creations.

Ski Club - Returning next half-term—get ready for more winter sports fun!

These are all fantastic opportunities for the children to experience. We still have **spaces available for next half-term**, so if your child would like to join, please let us know. Also, if any parents or carers have a special talent they would love to share by running a club, we would love to hear from you!

Tepee Tots

We are excited that Tepee Tots will restart on Friday 28th February from 9.30-11.30am for a price of £2.00 per child, including refreshments. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word or let Helen in the office know their contact details.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic spring term ahead!

Best wishes

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DIARY DATES

Please find below dates we are adding to our school diary. Dates are subject to change and further details will follow.

24.1.25	SSA Family Film Night at Selside Memorial Hall at 5.30 pm
29.1.25	Yr 5 & 6 QKS Queen Katherine School Matinee AM
4.2.25 added	Parents Evening
4.2.25	Last Cooking Club
12.2.25	Last Sports Club
13.2.25 changed from 6.2.25	SSA Meeting in school 7.30 pm – all welcome
14.2.25	Last day of half term, finish usual time 3.20 pm
24.2.25	FIRST DAY BACK AFTER HALF TERM: Explorers & Discoverers Young Voices - Manchester
28.2.25	Tepee Tots re-starts Fridays 9.30 – 11.30 am
4.3.25 added	Parents Evening in school for Reception to Year 6 Time 3.30 – 5.30 pm
7.3.25	SSA Bingo Night, 6.30 pm Selside Memorial Hall.