



# 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



## AA Weekly

### Key Dates & Messages

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

- Children's Mental Health Week

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- Meet the New Leadership Team

4<sup>th</sup> Feb

- DofE Parent Meeting, 6-7pm

11<sup>th</sup> Feb

- Year 10 Parents Evening

13<sup>th</sup> Feb

- Jump Works/ Bongo Bingo Attendance Rewards Day

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

- Half Term - Return

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

### Principal's Message

It has been an absolute delight to step into the role of Executive Principal, and I am incredibly proud to serve this wonderful school community. Since January, I've been genuinely impressed by the attitude, effort, and determination shown by our students. Having the chance to visit lessons across the school has been a highlight of my first few weeks. The ambition and focus I've seen in classrooms has been inspiring, and it speaks volumes about the culture we are building together.

While there is so much to celebrate, I would love to see even greater engagement with Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader. These platforms are powerful tools that support learning beyond the classroom, and increased participation will make a real difference to students' progress. Your encouragement at home is invaluable, and I'm confident we can raise engagement even further in the weeks ahead.

A huge well done to all students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this term. Your commitment sets a fantastic example for others and reflects the high standards we strive for as a school.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to invite families to our Meet the New Leadership Team event on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. More details will follow shortly, but I hope to see as many parents and carers there as possible. This evening isn't just an introduction — it's an opportunity for us to hear your thoughts, your hopes, and your ideas for the future of our school. Your voice matters, and we want to work in genuine partnership with you.

I'm truly looking forward to what the next few months will bring. With the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our families, I know we can achieve great things together.

**Melanie Haselden**  
Executive Principal

**The Breakfast Club**   
Starting your day the TeamAA way!

   

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
7:30-8:10  
**FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE**





### Attendance Matters - Every Day, Every Lesson

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Achieve better academic results
- Develop strong friendships and social skills
- Build confidence and resilience
- Form positive habits for life and work



### What Can You Do?

- Set a routine – consistent bedtimes and morning habits
- Plan appointments outside school hours
- Talk to us – we're here to help with concerns or challenges
- Celebrate attendance milestones with your child

### What Do We Do at School?

- Celebrate improvement in attendance.
- Celebrate 100% attendance every week.
- Prizes and rewards throughout the academic year.

### We're Here to Support You

If your child is struggling with attendance due to illness, anxiety, or other issues, please reach out. We can work together to find solutions and support their wellbeing.

Your support makes a difference. Thank you for helping us give your child the best start.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Missing just 1 day a week adds up to 40 days a year – that's 8 weeks of learning lost!



Good attendance is linked to better GCSE results and future opportunities



Children with poor attendance often struggle to catch up and feel less connected to school life.

### What to do if your child needs to attend a medical or dental appointment?

We hope that you will support us in maintaining good attendance by booking appointments either in the school holidays, after 3:30pm or at weekends.

The current school year has 186 days. This means that there are 67 other days that are available for appointments. Most medical and dental surgeries offer appointments outside of school hours

