

Friday 9th February 2024



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End of the Half term

We are not quite sure where this past half term has gone—the 6 weeks seems to have flown past, however, January did seem like a long month. As always we have packed in many activities and expectational learning and looking at the overviews of each class, it has been wonderful to see so many children progressing with their targets and achieving so much. Today in assembly we were able to award Year 6 and Year 3 with extra playtime due to the exceptional percentages for their independent reading at home. We need to keep this motivation up as it opens up so much more of their curriculum for them. The newsletter is once again highlighting the wonderful activities such as Young Voices and residentials -the children will hopefully keep these very much in their memories for life. We hope you all have a lovely family focused week and we will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February for more wonderful learning at our school.

Miss Mullen to become Mrs Stephenson

Today was that last day for Miss Mullen to be Miss Mullen as she is getting married in the half term break. The children and staff signalled the dates with some nice gifts and balloons and dressed Miss Mullen up in her very own wedding dress—we were sure this one should be the one she wore!! The children have made her a beautiful card to remember her class on her special day and she would like to express her thanks and appreciation for the lovely gifts and cards from parents and carers—she was speechless. We wish her all the very best and hope her special day is as special as she is. Good luck Miss Mullen.



Welcome to Bransty

A huge welcome to Nyla who has joined us in Year 4. She has settled really well and has made lots of new friends already. The Year 4 have been very kind and made her very welcome.



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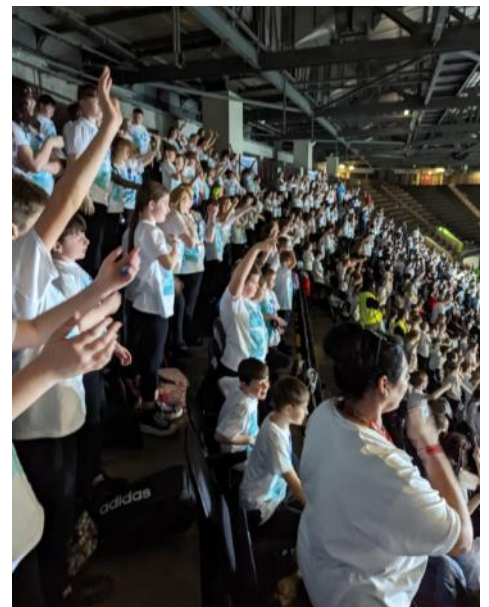


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Young Voices 05.02.24

On Monday 5th February Years 5 and 6 went to Manchester Arena for Young Voices; the largest children's choir concerts in the World! There was a total of 9000+ children so you can imagine the wonderful singing!!

This was an amazing experience for the children; they all showed fantastic attitudes and Bransty School are very proud of them!



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Road Safety

PSCO Mark Fishpool came into school on Tuesday to show the Mini Police Officers in Year 5, some of the detection equipment the Police use to tackle speeding vehicles on our roads. The pupils and Teachers were very interested and jumped at the chance to have a go!



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Year 5 York Residential

On Wednesday 7th February Year 5 went on their 3 day school residential to York. They are due back later today but have shared SO many amazing photos of the places they have visited and activities they have taken part in and it is clear to see they have had the BEST time!!

Their excitement has been amazing and the staff are delighted with the exceptional behaviour shown throughout the 3 days. Excellent Year 5!



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Safer Internet Day 06.02.24



Safer Internet Day has been a focus across school this week with celebrations, assemblies and learning based around the theme;

'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year the issue or theme highlights a theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day is focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

What can I do as a parent or guardian for my child?

There are a host of resources to be found at UK Safer Internet Centre Resources for parents and guardians, which include top tips, help and advice and a short film to help you start a conversation with your child. To find out more click: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?

The UKSIC answer this question and provide links to useful websites to help you decide what is suitable for your child: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-keeps-asking-to-play-a-game>

Who influences your child?

An influencer is somebody prominent on social media such as YouTube, TikTok or Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>

What is the future of technology?

As Safer internet Day is all about change, Internet Matters have published advice on new and emerging technologies: <https://www.internetmatters.org/tech-and-kids-digital-futures/>

How can we be kind online?

The BBC have curated a host of videos and articles incorporating ideas and advice to help make the online world a kinder place: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

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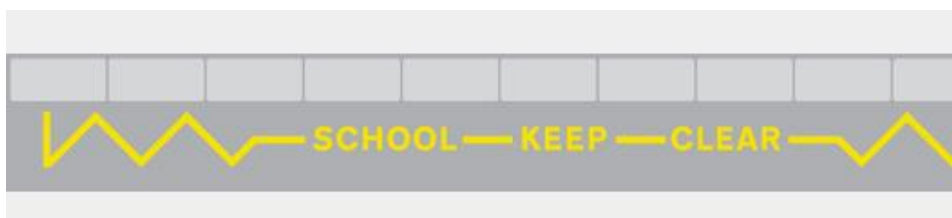
Parking

Recently we have had several complaints from local residents regarding parking around school. This has included blocking pavements/driveways and obstructing the way for other vehicles/coaches to pass safely and has even resulted in a damaged resident's wall.

Police have been patrolling the area and will continue to do so over the next few weeks and will take positive action when needed.

We kindly request that parents/carers take extra care when parking near school. There are the yellow zig zag lines outside of school which are not allowed to be parked on. We would also request that you do not park opposite these lines as this also causes an obstruction. Please do not park on corners.

It is also important to ensure you park courteously daily AND we ask that NO CARS park on Mona Road when collecting children following a school trip or residential. Coaches have to carefully come along South View and need room to manoeuvre without hitting cars or mounting the pavement. PLEASE DO NOT PARK THERE AT ANY TIME. We will soon experience coach firms refusing to collect or drop off here and pupils will need to walk further and that affects their safety which has to be our priority. We thank you for your co-operation with this.



What can I expect to receive if i sign up?

- Regular useful advice and tips tailored to what is happening in your local area
- Safety updates on how to - keep you, your family and your home safe

Scan the QR code below, sign up and stay up to date



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Dates 23-24

<u>Friday 9th February 2024</u>	<u>Break up for February half term</u>
<u>Monday 19th February 2024</u>	<u>Children back to school 8.45a.m</u>
	Year 2 swimming sessions week 2
Tuesday 20th February 2024 11.30a.m	Nursery Parent/carer Lunch
Wednesday 28th February 2024 3.30p.m	Year 4 Residential Meeting
Friday 1st March 2024 9-10a.m	Parent/carer coffee morning
Monday 4th March 2024	Reception and Year 6 Vision Screening and National Child Measurement Programme
Thursday 7th March 2024	WORLD BOOK DAY Wear PJ's and snuggle with a book Themed Lunch
Friday 15th March 2024	Red Nose Day 'Wear Red' Voluntary Donation and red noses for sale
Tuesday 19th March 2024 5.30p.m	UDance, Carnegie Theatre
Wednesday 20th March 2024- Friday 22nd March 2024	Year 4 Coniston Residential
Thursday 21st March 2024 11.45a.m	Reception Parent/carer lunch
Thursday 21st—Friday 22nd March 2024	Year 3 Residential
Tuesday 26th March 2024 3.30p.m	Easter Bingo
Wednesday 27th March 2024 3p.m	Easter themed snack shack-CPTA
<u>Thursday 28th March 2024</u>	<u>Break up for Easter Holidays</u>
<u>Tuesday 16th April 2024</u>	<u>Return to school 8.45a.m</u>

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Thursday 18th April 2024- Friday 19th April 2024	Years 1 and 2 Residential
Tuesday 23rd April 2024 11.45a.m	Year 2 parent/carer lunch
Thursday 25th April 2024	Colour Run
<u>Monday 6th May 2024</u>	<u>Bank Holiday—School Closed</u>
Tuesday 7th May 2024 11.45a.m	Year 3 parent/carer lunch
Tuesday 21st May 2024 11.45a.m	Year 4 parent/carer lunch
<u>Friday 24th May 2024</u>	<u>Break up for Half Term</u> <u>SPORTS DAY, COPELAND</u> <u>STADIUM</u>
<u>Monday 3rd June 2024</u>	<u>Children return to school 8.45a.m</u>
Tuesday 11th June 2024	Year 5 parent/carer lunch
Tuesday 18th June 2024- Friday 21st June 2024	Year 6 London Residential
Tuesday 25th June 2024 11.45a.m	Year 6 parent/carer lunch
Thursday 27th June 2024	Whole School Walk
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Move up Day
Thursday 11th July 2024	Rosehill Event pm/night– KS2
Tuesday 16th July 2024	Open afternoon N-Year 5 Reports sent home
Thursday 18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Bash 5-7p.m
<u>Friday 19th July 2024</u>	<u>Break up for Summer Holidays</u>
<u>Wednesday 4th September 2024</u>	<u>First day of Academic Year 2024- 2025</u>