



### A Message from Mrs Moore

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome back all the children for Spring Term. They have all settled back into school routine well and I look forward to seeing all their fantastic learning over the coming weeks. As always if you have any questions or concerns you can always find a member of SLT on the playground before school each day.

### Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 94.1%, our Academy target is at least 95%. Miss Franks will be monitoring the attendance of all children in school very closely, this includes children who are arriving at school late. The school day begins at 8:40am and all classes have core learning delivered from this time, if your child arrives late or misses this time they will miss significant parts of their learning and find it difficult when they do arrive/attend. Meetings will be set up over the coming weeks for children whose attendance is a concern and I appreciate parents support and engagement. Please be reminded that there is updated legislation on fines for unauthorised absences, including unauthorised leave, unauthorised late marks and unauthorised absence. Please be reminded that wherever possible, all appointments should be made outside of the academy day. If this is not possible, parents should ensure that children are out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary, e.g. if an appointment can only be arranged for 11am, a child should be in the academy both before and after the appointment, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**8:40am** – Classroom doors open

**8.55am** – Classroom doors lock and registers close, children arriving after this time will be recorded as late and this will be logged on your child’s attendance record.

**9:05am** – Any children arriving after this time will be given an unauthorised late and this will be logged on your child’s attendance record.

### Uniform

I will continue to monitor school uniform closely each week. If your child does not have the correct uniform on, parents will be sent a reminder letter home. It is important for the children to feel part of the school community and wearing the correct school uniform supports this. If you do receive a letter I will expect any changes needed to be actioned as soon as possible.

<b>Boys Uniform expectations</b>	<b>Girls uniform expectations</b>
<p><b>EYFS – Year 4</b>            Black shoes (no trainers)            Grey/black socks            Dark grey/black trousers or shorts            White cotton shirt or polo shirt,            Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.</p> <p><b>Year 5 &amp;6</b>            Academy black blazer            dark grey or black trousers or shorts,            white shirt and Academy royal blue tie.            Black shoes (no trainers).</p>	<p><b>EYFS – Year 4</b>            Black shoes (no trainers)            White/grey/black socks or grey/black tights dark grey/black skirt or trousers            white cotton shirt or polo shirt            Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan.            Small royal blue hair ribbons or clips.</p> <p><b>Year 5 &amp;6</b>            Academy black blazer            dark grey or black trousers or skirt,            white shirt and Academy royal blue tie.            Black shoes (no trainers).</p>

### Visits & school events

I recently sent a letter out regarding bookings for visits and events (including those organised by the PTFA). Please ensure you monitor your emails for letters and links to give your child consent to attend. If deadlines are missed your child **will not** be included. This is due to health and safety risk assessments needing to be in place before the event. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Please see key dates below of upcoming events across school in the coming weeks.

### School priorities updates

This academic year we are focusing on improving routines to secure attention for learning and driving more 'thinking time'. We are also focusing on routines outside the classroom, such as how children move around the school, the routines in the dining hall at lunchtime and outside on the playground. The Senior Leadership Team are currently developing a one-page information sheet for parents to ensure they have an understanding why we are doing this and what it looks like in each classroom.

We hope to have this out to you in the next few weeks.



### Key Dates- Spring Term 2025

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Year 1 Ferry Meadows visit
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Zoolab
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – PTFA AGM @9am
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Number Day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Parents in writing lessons
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer internet day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Johnsons Farm visit
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book day
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Sikhism morning – Year 2
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 London trip
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Hamerton Zoo visit
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Sacrewell Farm visit
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 OBA theatre visit
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Greek Day
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Roman Day