

# Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year break.

This week's figures:

	Attendance	Punctuality
T	100%	96.2%
SH	99.5%	94.5%
SD	99.5%	94.3%

Congratulations to Tower Class for being consistently great at punctuality and to all classes for good attendance throughout the Autumn term. Please do refresh yourselves regarding the importance of Pupil Attendance, Punctuality and Safeguarding (see box at bottom).

Please be reminded that drop-off times are: 8:35am → 8:45am latest. Should you arrive after this time, please bring your child up School Lane and in through the main entrance signing them in as late. Thank you.

Now the weather has turned wintery, please ensure your child has a **named** warm coat, gloves, bobble-hat, and a scarf with them every day; a **named** jumper/cardigan is also required. If you need the use of a Sharpie pen, please ask at the School Office.

All Clubs have restarted and places allocated. Please keep the School Office informed of any changes.

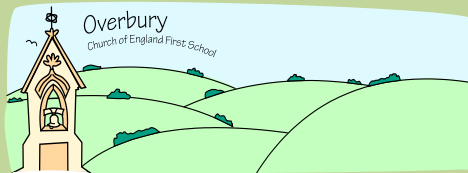
If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please come and see me.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, **Emma Ross**

### SCHOOL LANE PARKING

We have received complaints from residents of School Lane regarding parking and general use. Please **do not** use School Lane for anything other than **emergencies**. Drop-off/collection is to be via the School Car Park only. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## CHRISTIAN VALUE: SERVICE

### Overbury School Vision

**"Discover, nurture & share God's gifts"**

*At Overbury First School, we believe God has given each of us special gifts to enable us to learn and flourish as unique children of God. We seek to act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly, fostering an environment where everyone is treated equitably and pupils develop into compassionate, responsible individuals who take care of each other, our community and the world in which we live.*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mondays:** Art & Drawing Club: Yrs 2-5
- Tuesdays:** Private Music Lessons  
Move More Chosen Sport: Yrs R-5  
AT Soccer Club: External: Yrs R-5
- Wednesdays:** Recorders: Yrs 4-5  
Forest School: Tower  
Rugby Club: Yrs R-5
- Thursdays:** Move More Multi Skills: Yrs R-5  
Construction Club: Yrs R-5  
Table-Top Games: Yrs 2-5
- Fridays:** No Club

- 16 Jan Swimming: Sundial & Sheldon
- 20 Jan Move More Workshop: details tbc
- 22 Jan Sundial's Book Sale (see poster)
- 23 Jan Swimming: Sundial & Sheldon
- 24 Jan School Disco 5-6pm (see poster)
- 30 Jan Swimming: Sundial & Sheldon
- 31 Jan Open Parent Sharing 3.00-3.15: tbc
- 6 Feb Swimming: Sundial & Sheldon
- 13 Feb Swimming: Sundial & Sheldon
- 14 Feb Odd-Socks Day for Sue Ryder

Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> January

### PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please email the office with any "out of school" achievements your child may have and would like to share (with picture please!).



### COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

Well done to Tower Class for being great Courageous Advocates with their Reverse Advent - lots of donations for the Tewkesbury Foodbank very gratefully received just before Christmas.

Well done to Sundial Class for being great Courageous Advocates too - their Christmas Fair raised such important funds for our Malawi "Building Futures" support, the Children's choice of "Shelter" and extra School resources.

### MOVE MORE WORKSHOP

Marijana Filipovic-Carter, our Family Engagement & Support Lead from Move More, is coming into School on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January to host a workshop session for parents. The session starts at 2.15pm and finishes by pick-up time. Further details will be advised in due course.

### SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for Sundial & Sheldon start next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January.

The children are to come in to school wearing their swimming costume or swim shorts on under their PE kit. The girls should roll the top half of their costume down for "easy off toilet use". For safety reasons, long hair must be tied up and/or a swim-hat worn; this applies to boys and girls. Please ensure your child has a towel, goggles and clean underwear to change into after the lesson in their swim-bag. If you have any further questions, please contact the School Office.

### PUPIL ATTENDANCE AND SAFEGUARDING

I would like to remind everyone how essential it is that your children have good attendance at school and that they are punctual.

Our attendance and admissions policy can be found on our website but we can also provide a hard copy. Safeguarding is a major, statutory requirement for all schools, and it is obviously of paramount importance. Part of this is our legal/statutory obligation to know who is in school (under safeguarding including Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024) and, if they are not in school, where they are.

At Overbury, this means that we ask you to contact us every day to ensure that we know why your child is not in. The Government and NHS guidelines specify a strict 48 hour recovery period for any sickness and diarrhoea; children are not permitted to return to school until a clear 48 hours after their last episode. This really does make a significant difference in preventing the spreading of germs and infections.

*Please remember that unauthorised absence (ie: holidays) may be subject to a penalty notice fine; per parent, per child, of £80 (if paid within 21 days) increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days (for a first-time absence).*

Thank you for your support with all of this.

