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Dear Parents and Carers

It feels as though the rain began on a Monday and hasn't let up since! Despite the weather, it has been a productive couple of weeks in school. We have been busy interviewing and are pleased to have appointed two additional invigilators who will support our students during their upcoming exams. We are also delighted to welcome back Zoe Parker, who will be returning to us as our Forest School Lead. Our advert for a Teacher of Art is currently live.

Well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have now completed their mock SATs. It has been wonderful to see how much this class has grown and developed as they approach these important final weeks of primary school and prepare for their move to secondary education. Thank you as well to all the Year 10 parents who attended Thursday's parents' evening. We tried a slightly different format this year, and we would really appreciate your feedback on what worked well and what could be refined. Please use the form at the bottom of this letter to share your thoughts.

Next week, a group of our Year 10 and 11 students will be representing the school at the Regional Physics Challenge. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to hearing all about their experience.

Upcoming dates to note:

- Week beginning 02.02.2026: Assessments for Years 1, 3, 4, and 5. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.
- 3rd February: National Child Measurement Programme visit for Years R and 6.
- 13th and 23rd February: School INSET days.
- Week beginning 23rd February: Year 11 mock exams begin.
- 26th February: Year 7 Parents' Evening.

Parent Feedback

Year 11 Prom – We are pleased to confirm that the venue for the Year 11 Prom is now secured. We have been offered two possible dates, one in June and one in July. Miss Lewis is currently working with Year 11 students and taking into account other school events to decide which date will be most suitable. The confirmed date, along with full Prom launch information, will be shared with families before half term.

Enrichment Week – Final confirmation of trips, parents' evenings, and other key Enrichment Week details will be communicated to parents before the February half term. Thank you for your patience while we finalise arrangements.

Primary Access to Toilets – We have discussed this matter with our daytime cleaner and will continue to work closely with the cleaning team to ensure these areas remain clean throughout the day. We would also appreciate parents reinforcing with their children the importance of using toilet facilities appropriately. This partnership helps us maintain a safe and hygienic environment for all pupils, particularly our youngest learners.

Soap in Dispensers – I have reviewed the soap dispensers with the cleaning team, and all those inspected contained soap. I have requested more frequent checks to ensure they remain topped up consistently throughout the day.

Feedback form

<https://forms.office.com/e/mhQRPsh3NW>

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', is positioned above the typed name.

Phil Arnold
Headteacher