

This term our Big Question is
“Why lead when you can follow?”



Safer Internet Day

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The children enjoyed learning about how to keep safe on the internet this week. Mr Horne delivered an assembly to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 informing children of what to be aware of and how to keep safe.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Books and Biscuits

Thank you to our Year R, 1 and 2 parents for coming along to our Books and Biscuits events. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school supporting the children. The children were so happy and proud to show off their books!

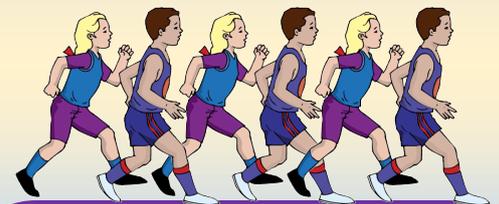
Other news

The children that have been horse-riding this term have been amazing! As this week was the last of their lessons, they went on a hack to Joss Bay using their road safety skills that they have been learning. Well done to Harry, Rupert, Elliott, Lily, Mia and Rhiannon!



Some of the children were treated to a trip to the cinema this week. They all had a great time.

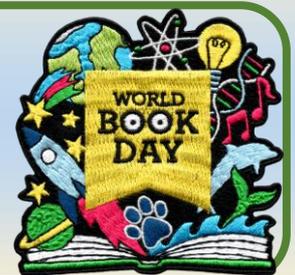
We are looking forward to more trips next term.



Cross Country

Letters were given out in assembly for a Cross Country event. If your child would like to take part, they can collect a letter from Miss Hulks or Mr Bedford. The deadline for entries is Thursday 22nd February. Please pay online following the instructions on the letter.

World Book Day 2024: For World Book Day on 7th March, we would like the children to come to school either dressed in their pyjamas, bringing along with them their favourite bedtime story, or dressed as their favourite book character. We would also like to invite families into school between 8.35 – 9am to come into school and read with the children. Also, on Monday 11th – Thursday 14th March, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in after school.



The logo for the TCS London Marathon. It features a stylized 'L' and 'M' symbol on the left, followed by 'tcs' in a colorful, lowercase font, and 'LONDON MARATHON' in a large, bold, black, uppercase font to the right.A large, circular graphic composed of many colorful silhouettes of runners in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, etc.), arranged in a circle to form a path. The runners are in various stages of a running stride, creating a sense of motion.

*Mr Chambers is running the
London Marathon!*

As members of our school community, we constantly strive to instil values of compassion, empathy, and support for those in need. We are therefore excited to share with you an opportunity to put these values into action by sponsoring our Mr Chambers who will be taking part in the upcoming London Marathon in aid of the **National Autistic Society**.

On 21st April 2024, Mr Chambers will lace up his running shoes and take on the challenge of the iconic London Marathon. His goal extends beyond the finish line - his aim to raise awareness and vital funds for the National Autistic Society, a charity close to our hearts.

Autism affects 1 in 100 individuals in the UK, and the National Autistic Society works tirelessly to support autistic individuals and their families, providing essential services, advocacy, and promoting understanding and acceptance in society. By supporting Mr Chambers, you'll directly contribute to their impactful work.

We will be holding a bake sale and a mini-marathon for our children in the run up to the Marathon.

If you wish to sponsor him the link can be found in the QR code below.

Additionally, we encourage you to spread the word among friends, family, and colleagues who may also wish to support this cause.

Together, we can create positive change and make a lasting impact.



**National
Autistic
Society**



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



You are invited to make your own Science poster to celebrate Science Week.

Posters need to link to this year's British Science Week theme of **'TIME'**. We encourage them to explore a range of ideas related to Time, such as: historical developments, evolution, geological changes, seasons, life cycles, the concept of time travel, or even fundamentals of timekeeping. The list is endless...

Posters can be either A4 or A3 size. It can be done by hand or computer. It's completely your choice.

Last time we were overwhelmed with the most incredible applications. We look forward to seeing the entries this year!

All entries need to be sent into school by **Monday 18th March** and must include:

- Full Name
- Year group
- Class name

There will be a certificate and treat for all entrants, as well as exciting prizes for the winners.

Any questions, please speak to Mrs MacFarlan.

Free

School

Meals

Do you receive any of the following?

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on

My child is in Year R/1/2 so already gets a free meal

If you can answer 'yes' to any of the above, you may qualify for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

The School Office will help with your application. If your application is successful, your child will receive free school meals and the school will receive an additional £1,455 per child – this is called 'Pupil Premium'.

Why should I apply?

APPLY TODAY!

Contact the School Office before Fri 23rd Feb 2024 and receive a £10 Tesco voucher for all successful applications.

The benefits to you and your child *may* include:

- Support with the cost of school trips and residentials
- Free breakfast and after school club, *when needed for emergency childcare*
- Help with buying school uniform, coats and shoes
- Free holiday club
- Smaller group interventions; these may be academic support and/or wellbeing, as *required*
- Anyone can apply. We can help & apply on your behalf, or you can apply here:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent>

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

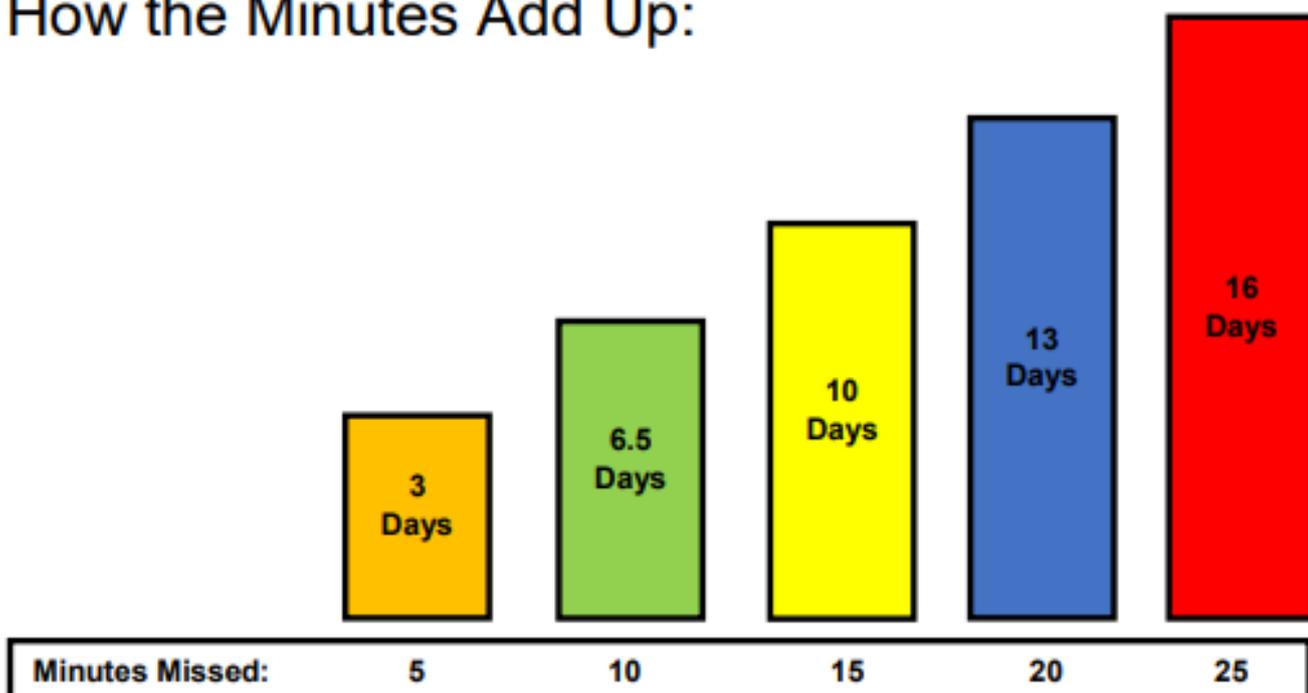
It doesn't matter if I'm late, does it?

It does matter, because...

- 🍌 I miss registration.
- 🍌 I miss the beginning of the lesson.
- 🍌 I feel anxious as everyone has already started.
- 🍌 I don't know what to do.
- 🍌 The teacher may be in the middle of giving instructions.
- 🍌 I have to stop others listening and learning to ask them what to do.
- 🍌 I may have to disturb everyone to get to my seat.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

How the Minutes Add Up:



What can I do?

- 🍌 Make sure your child comes to school every day on time. If you are having difficulties, please let us know and we will try to help.
- 🍌 Book medical appointments out of school hours where possible.
- 🍌 If your child is repeatedly late, talk to the teachers about catching up with their learning.
- 🍌 Read our attendance policy on the school website.
- 🍌 Establish a good bedtime and morning routine.



KEEP CLEAR!

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

ALWAYS PARK AWAY
FROM THE ZIG ZAG LINES;
THEY'RE HERE FOR
OUR SAFETY



Responsible Parenting

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Responsible Parking Report Card: **Do not park on our Zig Zags!**

- ★ As a driver, you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner. If you don't, you could be endangering a child's life.
- ★ Perhaps you can re-think your journey to school; try walking, cycling or scooting – even if it's just one day a week, it can make a big difference!
- ★ If you need to drive your child to school, for their health and wellbeing, consider park & stride or car sharing.

Please park with care and help make the area near and around the school a safer place for pupils. Find out more at: www.responsibleparking.co.uk

BE CONSIDERATE.

PLEASE LEAVE OUR
NEIGHBOURS' PATHWAYS
AND DRIVEWAYS CLEAR.



Responsible Parking Report Card: **Be thoughtful of our neighbours**

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