

# Weekly Update



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Happy Spring Term!

Welcome to our new nursery children, thank you for joining our little school. We look forward to seeing them thrive as they settle into their new routines.

Thank you for bringing back your children it has been wonderful as they share tales of Christmas and the new year before settling back into the school routine.

We took the opportunity to review our Valley Values and made a slight change. Previously 'listening' was an essential part of our learning journey, as the pupils' learning behaviours have evolved this is no longer a focus within school but part of our new value 'respect'. The children seem keen to ensure that they demonstrate respect through their actions, the way they present themselves (including their tone of voice) and valuing others' opinions.

So, from January 2024 the Arrow Valley Values are as follows...



we are kind

we are safe

we are hardworking

we are honest

we are resilient

we show respect

## CLUBS

There will be a club letter going out next week with the Spring Term Clubs starting week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## ATTENDANCE

And we are back! This week's attendance is 96% bring our total for this year to 93%

Mice	Squirrels	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Mallards	Hérons
94%	96%%	93%	95%	100%	97%

You will have received a text message this week informing you of your child's attendance you can help prevent your child missing school further by:

- making sure they understand the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- taking an interest in their education — ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities
- discussing any problems they may have at school and letting their teacher or principal know about anything serious
- not letting them take time off school for minor ailments — particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work

To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange appointments and outings:

- after school hours
- at weekends
- during school holidays
- You should not expect Arrow Valley First School to agree to your child going on holiday during term time.

## DATES

Half term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Parents Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March — World Book Day- (dress as your favourite book character or your favourite PJ's so you can snuggle up with a good book)

Term ends Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

## AWARDS

	Star of the week	Valued Valley Values
Mice	Marcel	Kornel
Squirrels	Charlie	Jayden
Hedgehogs	Archie	Riley
Badgers	Rose	Elodie
Mallards	Oliver R	Reagan
Herons	Kacey	Jake

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!



**Support group  
ran by parents, for  
parents & carers**

**For parents/carers of children with special  
educational needs and disabilities.**

**Tuesdays, 9.30 - 11am  
at Holly Trees Family Hub**

**St Stephen's First School, Mabey Avenue,  
Riverside, Redditch, B98 8HW**

**What we offer:**

Hope  
Not feeling alone  
Advice  
Safe place  
Help  
Friendship  
Understanding  
Parent peer support  
Courage

**To book a place or find out more  
call/whatsapp or text: 07702852307**

Every Thursday  
1pm - 3pm at The  
Old Needleworks,  
Britten St, B97 6HD  
(Term-time only)

Does your child  
struggle with  
socialising? Do  
they have poor  
mental health?

No need to book. pop in for a coffee and a chat.



## Calling all parents



Weekly groups offering:

- Parent peer Support
- Friendly informal chats
- Combat Isolation
- Connect with other parents

Call Kelly 07958 100433  
or Andrea 07340 876204  
or email [info@bensgroups.co.uk](mailto:info@bensgroups.co.uk)

Do you struggle  
with their  
behaviour?



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