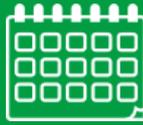




Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**9th—13th February**  
Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 10th February**  
Cheerleading competition

**Tuesday 10th February**  
Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 10th February**  
Year 5, Design and Technology Day

**Tuesday 10th February**  
Community Dental Bus Service on site

**Wednesday 11th February**  
Pupils and Staff from Lakenheath  
Elementary School visiting Year 3

**Half Term holiday —School Closed**  
Monday 16th February to  
Friday 20th February

**Wednesday 4th March**  
Gymnastics Tournament

**Thursday 5th March**  
World Book Day—Pupils dress up as favourite character and parents invited in for first hour of the day

**Friday 6th March**  
Year 4 trip to the Food Museum

**Friday 20th March**  
Red Nose Day—Come to school with a 'funny' hair style/hat & something red.

Click [here](#) for 2026/2027 term dates.

# NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe we're already well into the spring term, and the first signs of the season are starting to appear with the snowdrops beginning to show.

In this edition, we are pleased to share some important staffing updates with you.

After 18 months serving as a Trust Executive Principal, Mrs Naomi Brown will be returning to Great Heath Academy. As a Trust Executive Principal, Mrs Brown supported many schools across the Trust and gained valuable experience that will further benefit our own school community.

Looking ahead, the academy will now move to a joint Principal leadership model. This means that Mrs Brown will be working alongside Mrs Mitchinson to lead and support the school. Together, they will share responsibility for the day-to-day leadership of the academy, working closely with staff, pupils, and families to continue driving school improvement and ensuring the very best outcomes for our children.

We are confident that this collaborative approach will strengthen leadership capacity and provide continued stability and support for our whole school community.

Please also join us in giving a very warm welcome to Mrs. Human, our new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Mrs. Human also serves as a DSL at Beck Row Academy and brings with her a wealth of experience. Mrs. Human will often be present on the school gates at drop-off and pick-up times — please do say hello when you see her.

We have also welcomed Ms. Milner to our teaching team, who is teaching in Nimrod Class alongside Miss Ramsell.

Mrs. Starie (formerly Miss Daniels) has returned from her maternity leave, and we are delighted to also congratulate her on her recent marriage! She is enjoying being back in the classroom and is currently teaching in Blueberry Class.

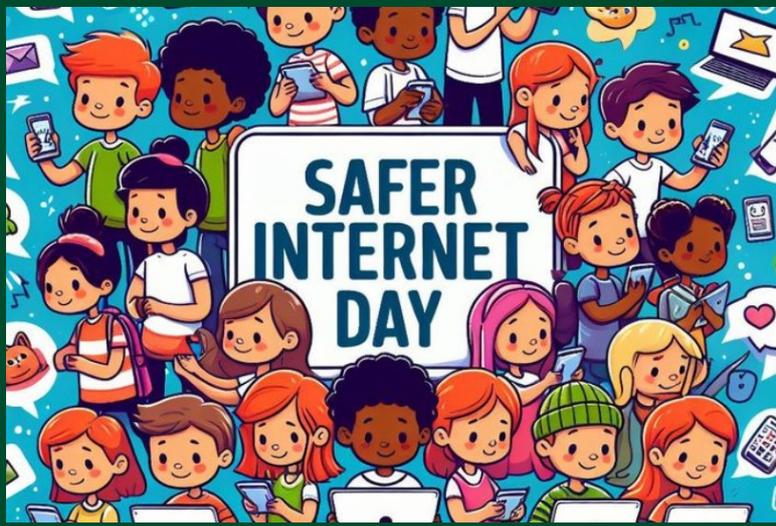
We said goodbye to Mrs Harwood at Christmas and thanked her for all her hard work and commitment and wished her all the very best for her future.

We are excited for the second half of the academic year as we continue to build on our successes, ensuring that every child is supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential.

*Mrs Emily Mitchinson*

*Mrs Naomi Brown*





Booking links will be shared after half term for your child's parents evening at the end of March.

Monday 23rd March 2026 and  
Tuesday 24th March 2026

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 10th February.

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 had an assembly on Tuesday about 'keeping safe when online'.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their 'being safe online' assembly on Thursday.

The NSPCC website has everything from understanding apps to setting parent controls and helping parents have conversations with their children about being online safely. We encourage all parents to have these conversations at home too.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



Year 6 parents: We would like to invite you to a **Year 6 SATs Information Session on Friday 20th March, from 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm** in the school hall.

This session will give you an overview of the SATs tests, what your child will be doing, and how you can support them at home. It's a great opportunity to ask any questions and find out more about this important stage of their education.

## Earrings and PE



For health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for all PE lessons. If a child is unable to remove their earrings, tape will be provided by school staff to cover them.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe during physical activity.



The Young Voices concert was an unforgettable experience, for our school choir, travelling to the O2 Arena to perform alongside thousands of other pupils from schools across the country.

The atmosphere was electric from the moment they arrived, and their excitement only grew as they put on their choir T-shirts and took their places in the huge arena.

Singing together as part of such a massive choir was inspiring, and every performance sounded incredible. One of the highlights was proudly waving the Great Heath banner, showing their school spirit while being part of something so much bigger. It was a night full of music, confidence, and memories the children will treasure for a long time.



As you know, Great Heath Academy is proud to be part of the Academy Transformation Trust (ATT) family of schools.

We're delighted to share that the Trust has celebrated the individual achievements of several academies in the latest edition of *Transforming Lives* magazine.

This publication brings together some of the most exciting, inspiring and impactful stories from across our Trust, helping our communities see how ATT supports its academies to deliver incredible work every single day.

You can read the latest edition now on the ATT website: [Transforming Lives ATT Magazine - Academy Transformation](#)

# Attendance

Our **whole school attendance** continues to be shared by [Mrs Martin](#) on [Class Dojo](#).

As we move through the winter months, we know it is important for children to attend school regularly to maintain their learning and wellbeing. Being in school every day helps pupils stay on track with their learning, take part in activities, and continue developing as confident, competent, and capable learners.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

The NHS have also produced guidance on what to do when children are showing they're unwell—

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

## Arriving late and wanting school dinners



If you know your child will be arriving late to school, it is very important that you inform the office team if your child will require a school dinner. This ensures the kitchen team have enough time to prepare their meal.

# Community Dental Bus



We are committed to promoting good oral health. Children in our Nursery and Reception classes brush their teeth after lunch each day, helping them develop healthy habits from an early age.

We were also delighted to welcome the Community Dental Bus to the school over the past two weeks. This mobile service gave children the opportunity to have a routine dental check-up in a safe and friendly environment, right here on school grounds.



# Next term's clubs

*Please use MCAS to sign your child up for next half term's clubs. Please note: Clubs will only run for 4 weeks due to the short half term.*



## Electronic Devices

All mobile phones must be brought to the school office upon arrival each morning and switched off before being handed in. Pupils can collect their device at the end of the school day.

Please also note that pupils are not permitted to wear smart watches in school. If children are seen to be wearing one of these, they will be kept safe until they are collected at the end of the school day.

We appreciate your support with this.



# ClassDojo

## Using ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a fantastic tool that helps us stay connected with parents. Teachers use it to keep you well informed, celebrate achievements, and communicate directly about your child's learning.

We encourage all parents to engage with ClassDojo regularly. However, we have noticed that many messages are being sent to staff during the evening.

We would like to reassure you that it is always our priority to support your child, but it is also important that staff have time to rest and spend time with their families. For this reason, staff have been asked not to log in to school accounts after they leave for the day. Messages will therefore be responded to during normal working hours. If there is anything urgent, it is important you contact the school office. Teachers will not check dojo whilst they are teaching.

Please also note that ClassDojo messaging is not used by the leadership team. If you need to contact a member of the leadership team or have a more detailed enquiry, please email the school office and include the name of the staff member you wish to contact in the subject line.

Thank you for your continued support.



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