



### **IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:**

- Parent Consultations will be available to book on Arbor from 6pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please see dates for each class below.
  - Year 6 will be attending swimming each Thursday until the end of this half term. This is to complete assessments against the KS2 National Curriculum objectives and help prepare our swimming squad for their upcoming gala. Pupils should wear PE kit each Wednesday and Thursday but not on a Friday.
  - Year 4 pupils should continue to wear their PE kit but not bring their swimming kit. Swimming will resume each Thursday for Year 4 after February half term.
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### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS:**

Please sign up for a face-to-face Parent Consultation with your child/ren's class teacher. Appointments will be available to book on Arbor from 6pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please make a note of this on Arbor when booking. Please see below for a reminder of dates for each class:

DATE	CLASS
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1

### **EXPLORE THE CURRICULUM:**

Our Explore the Curriculum sessions will give parents/carers the opportunity to hear some important information from school staff and to share in the learning going on in the classroom with your child. Dates for Spring Explore the Curriculum sessions will be as follows:

DATE	CLASS
Tuesday 3.3.26 9.15am	Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 4.3.26 9.15am	Y3
Friday 6.3.26 9.15am	Y6
Tuesday 10.3.26 9.15am	Y5
Wednesday 11.3.26 9.15am	Reception
Friday 13.3.26 9.15am	Y4

### **LIFE TO THE FULL:**

Pupils across school will be completing the first Spring Term units from *Life to the Full* – our school's chosen curriculum to support the teaching of Relationships and Health Education – this week.

Please read the attached letter with more detailed information about the programme and how it is delivered in school. This is of particular importance to consider the decisions that we have taken as a school in relation to certain key issues (including talking about genitalia and puberty) and when this is introduced to children.

As a shortcut, the following important links will give a more detailed view of the programme for parents:

- *Life to the Full* parent portal <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>
- *Life to the Full* parents' consultation programme <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/courses/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>

#### **A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025:**

Thank you so much for being a part of Operation Christmas Child 2025. With your help, we sent **232,844** shoebox gifts to children around the world. More information about the regions and countries where children received your shoebox gifts can be found here: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/2025-shoebox-destinations>.

#### **SPORTS UPDATES:**

##### **Year 4 Mini-Basketball**

On Monday, seven of our Year 4 children went to a mini basketball competition at Whickham School. The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their basketball skills to the test and impressed school staff with their determination and fantastic teamwork. The children won three games and lost two but, most importantly, they had a fun afternoon representing St Mary's!