



**25th January**

**26th January—2nd February**  
National Storytelling Week

**Friday 1st February**  
NSPCC Number Day

**Wednesday 13th February**  
KS1 Inter Team Sports Activity—1.30pm  
(Parents welcome)

**Monday 18th February—  
Friday 22nd February**  
Half term holiday

**Tuesday 26th February**—Parents Information Evening for SATS—5pm (Year 6 only) DVD in hall

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book Day

**Tuesday 12th March**  
EYFS Maths Parent Workshop 3.30pm—  
DVD in hall

**Wednesday 27th March**  
Parents Evening 5.30-  
7.30pm

**Thursday 28th March**  
Parents evening 4.00-  
6.00pm

**Friday 12th April**  
School closes for Easter Holiday



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We have had a wonderful start to 2019 and as we approach the end of January we are already seeing signs of spring in Forest School through the winter weather!

### Ice!



Maple class have been using the winter weather to help them with their learning! They have been looking at changing states with ice and water!

### Growing spaces!

Firstly a huge thank you to Helen Spencer who has worked tirelessly to improve our gardening patch. It now looks pristine and is ready to plant lots of lovely fruit and vegetables. Miss Richardson has liaised with a local farmer who has very kindly offered our school an acre of land to grown even more on! We are so grateful for this offer and we now need volunteers to begin to prepare the ground so we can develop our Food For Life project even further. We are also looking for volunteers to help us with some jobs that need doing around the grounds including painting our EYFS outdoor classroom fence. If you could let the school office know when you have an hour or two to spare we would appreciate it.

### Reading volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to hear children read in KS2. Could you contact the school office if you are able to help with this.

### Homework

We felt it would be helpful to remind everyone of our current approach to homework which is designed to help children practise the skills they need to support them with their learning . We will be sending out a homework questionnaire later on this term in order to hear your views and to make a final decision on how we will approach homework in the future.

### Reading

We would like you all to commit to a shared reading experience with your child for 20 minutes every evening. You could read fiction or non-fiction, magazines or e-books and visit local libraries. You could approach this important time by reading one page each, listening to your child read aloud, asking your child comprehension questions on a chapter or even encouraging siblings to read to each other. **This activity needs to be recorded daily in planners.**

### Maths

We would like you to practise times tables and number bonds with your children during everyday activities and support them with their Total Recall badges. Visit our website for more information and guidance with the badges. <http://www.coughtonschool.org/Total-Recall>  
From Ash Class onwards you can also encourage your children to practise their times tables at <https://trockstars.com/login>  
Maple Class can visit <https://www.tentown.co.uk/> to practise a range of number activities. You could also visit Topmarks for more fun games! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

### Spellings

We will be setting spellings every week and we would like you to practise these with your children using some of the 'no nonsense spelling' strategies your children will be able to show you e.g. pyramid spelling, hiding words in a wordsearch, have a go 3 times and rainbow spelling.

We will also set online SPAG tests using <https://www.spag.com>

Above all we would like you to talk to your children about their school day. Ask them how they have used a Growth Mindset today? Which BLP muscles have they used or how have they shown our Christian value?

### Total Recall

Mr Bidwell has re-launched Total Recall this week. Children in Reception and KS1 will be able to go for all badges up to the pink badge. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be able to go up to the black badge and Years 5 and 6 will be able to go for all badges up to the leopard badge.

### Drop Off Volunteers

Could you please let the office know if you are able to help us with our 'Drop Off' system in the morning. We would really appreciate your support with this.

### Timings

Just a reminder that our gates open at 8:35am. The school day starts at 8:50 and ends at 3:20pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Katie Langley**  
Head of School