

9 January 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to have the children back at school again!

Our focus this week has been on introducing a simplified set of behaviour rules: 'be ready, be respectful and be safe.' These have always been part of our school culture, but by defining them more clearly we hope we can get everybody on board in understanding rules and boundaries. It also gives us all a common language in which to correct or celebrate behaviour choices. We have held a whole school assembly every day this week to focus on this new phrase and the children have all engaged so brilliantly. They have produced some superbly artistic posters with these three rules to put up around the school. They have also enjoyed seeing 'Mr. Bee' (a puppet) appearing around the school - he reminds children of the three 'b's in the lunch hall and during assembly. Please help us to reinforce these rules with your child at home.

Today, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum and had a brilliant time. It's such a fascinating place and we hope it will inspire some great writing in English lessons as well as some strong outcomes in their History learning. My thanks go to the excellent staff team and parent helpers for making the trip possible.

Next week we will have another school trip, with Year 4 investigating the local area through a 'Wandle Walk'. Next week on Monday we will also be handing out some new Tweeddale water bottles - one for each child - to support good drinking habits for learning. I read some research recently that says that drinking water improves exam grades by as much as 5%! Also next week the **Wellness Warriors of St. Helier** will be hosting an informal and wonderfully supportive coffee morning in the school hall next Tuesday 13 January at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to join! Entrance is via the school office and the event is completely free.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for the 'over and above' generosity shown to me and my colleagues at Christmas. The gifts, cards and warm wishes meant so much to us! Thank you!!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,



Mr. Walters, Headteacher

