

27 February 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026

It has been good to be back after the half-term break! Teachers started the week with some excellent training on how to support pupils with their writing. The training was inspirational and I look forward to seeing some brilliant writing being produced by our pupils in the coming weeks and months.

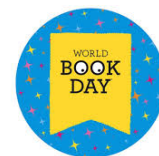
On Tuesday, Year 4 went to St. Peter's Church for a fantastic reenactment of the Easter story by a team of actors. The children were attentive and gripped by the different scenes of the story. At the end they were able to ask questions of the actors, who all stayed perfectly in their role. We were really proud of all the children for their engagement and exemplary behaviour.



In my assembly on Tuesday to pupils in Year 1-6 I took the time to talk about our favourite word at Tweeddale: ASPIRE. I love this word because it speaks about having a dream and pursuing it - which is at the core of our school's ethos. We strive to be a school that inspires dreams and hopes for the future. I played a short animation called 'Coin Operated,' which is all about a child who aspired to be an astronaut. It is worth a watch on YouTube if you get a moment. We will continue to promote aspiration and achievement in everything we do!

Next week is an important week in the life of our school, with **Parents Evening on Thursday 5 March**. We have sent a separate message to all parents and carers about this and I cannot stress enough the importance of meeting your child's teacher and discussing their progress. **School will finish at 1.45pm** on Thursday, so please make arrangements for the early pick up time. Please let us know if that is not possible, as we can offer supervision for some of the afternoon (there is a sign up link in the separate email).

I have written to you before about the importance of reading and this week is **World Book Day**. We will celebrate this on **Friday 6 March** at Tweeddale and I invite every child to dress up in one of their favourite book characters. It is going to be a wonderfully fun time. As a parent, I have always been careful not to stress too much about my child's costume for World Book Day - please see it as a celebration rather than a competition!



Finally, may I please make a quick plea? Recently we have had a number of requests from parents to take their child out of school for a holiday or trip abroad. In nearly every case I cannot authorise this and sometimes I have sadly had to impose penalty fines. Please keep your child in school during term time - attendance matters and every day missed is lost learning. Thank you for your understanding!

Best wishes,



Mr. Walters, Headteacher