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Dear Families,

What a wonderful 3 weeks we have had so far this term! The children have started 2025 with a positive attitude and I have been extremely impressed by their good manners, readiness to learn and some great ideas on how we can improve our school together.

Our new phonics programme, Little Wandle is having a really positive impact and both children and staff are enjoying the materials. Early assessment results show significant improvement in our phonic knowledge and a visit from the English Hub this week has also highlighted the impressive progress being made.

The School Council have already supported me with making some positive changes to our Friday Celebration Assembly. We have introduced some new awards, including: Star of the Week, Maths Star, reading Star, writing star and the tidy classroom award.

Thank you for your feedback and honesty on the families' surveys, it has been really helpful, and we have been able to make some changes in response to these already. It was lovely to read all the positive feedback around the small, friendly, safe family feel in school and how dedicated the staff are.



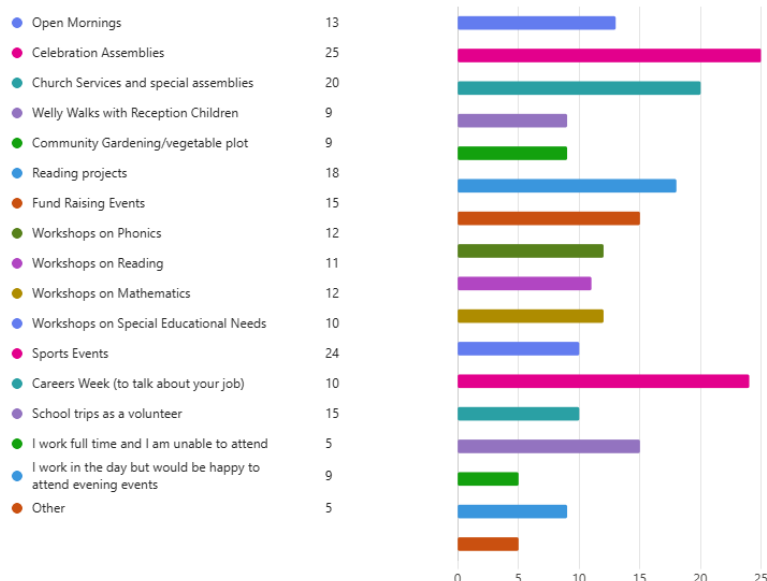
We completely understand that it has been unsettling with so many staff changes recently, but we are very much hoping that things are now stable and we can continue to build with the strong team we have now.

I have read through all the great suggestions for improvements. Many of you would like more options for children’s after school and sports clubs, which we have taken on board. We are looking into more options, if you would like to be part of the working party to discuss this issue, please get in touch with us **by next Friday 31st January.**

More feedback and communication with staff was another suggestion and we are also looking at ways to achieve this, including opening up the See Saw App to share work that pupils have been doing in school with you. Our EYFS pupils already do this, but we are looking at opening up the App for Years 1 to 6. We have also opened up the morning drop off for EYFS (Reception) parents again, so that they have an opportunity to give messages directly to their Class Teacher. We will be finding more ways to improve.

Many of you wanted to be more involved in school, thank you for your feedback. The responses were as follows:

3. We would like to involve families in the life of the school and their children's education. Which events would you be happy to attend? Select all that apply.





Celebration Assemblies came out on top and as a result, we would like to invite you all to join us for an end of the month celebration assembly, starting in February. The Assembly will take place first thing in the morning, at Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Fleet. We have chosen this venue to enable us to accommodate as many families as possible and the Church will be offering tea and coffee whilst you wait for the children to arrive. It will not be a Christian Service, just our usual assembly. We ask that you drop children off at school as normal and we will complete registers before walking across to join you. We hope to start at approximately 09:15 but we will know a more accurate time after the first trial.

Dates for the monthly Celebration Assemblies will be as follows:

- Friday 28th February
- Friday 28th March
- Friday 25th April
- Friday 23rd May
- Friday 27th June
- Friday 18th July

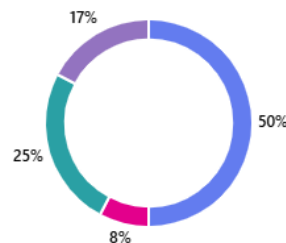
(Please be aware that on these dates, if you are late arriving in the morning, you will need to drop off at the Church).

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Communication also came out as an area for improvement. The communication question results were as follows:

4. My preferred method of communication from school would be:

● Email	32
● Facebook	5
● Parent Text	16
● Paper letters	11
● Other	0



In response to these results, we will be using email for most communications and looking into Parent Text for urgent, short messages. If you would prefer a paper letter, please do let us know.



Just a reminder that we are a nut free school, so please do not put products containing nuts into packed lunches or provided as snacks. We now have several pupils and staff who are allergic to nuts.

The planned new classroom project to replace the mobile classroom is progressing, and the plans are currently at the planning application stage. Thank you to all who attended our open meeting last week. The plans are now available for you to view in the Church. Please do get in touch with any questions or concerns, we will share further information as we know it.

Finally, 9 Families on our survey said they would be happy to support Welly Walks with our Reception children. If you were one of those families, or would be willing to support these walks, please let myself or Mrs Sherwood know, so that we can contact you when a Welly Walk is planned.



If there are any concerns, worries, questions or ideas, please do come and have a chat. I am usually on the gate every morning and evening. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tacey

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Headteacher