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Strawberry Fayre

This year our annual Friends of Flagg 'Strawberry Fayre' fundraising and family fun event will be held on **Saturday 16th May** from **12-2pm** in school. There will be games, stalls, crafts, and refreshments. Raffle tickets are on sale now at £1 each. You will all be given 5 books of tickets to sell to friends and family: there is no obligation to do this, but all money raised is used to pay for resources and extra activities such as sports coaches, forest schools, living eggs and school trips. If you know of anyone who may be willing to donate a raffle prize or if you are able to do so yourself that would be great.



As always, we will need additional volunteers. Please click on this link to volunteer your help if you can:

[Strawberry Fayre Saturday 16th May 2026 - Volunteers needed – Fill in form](#)

We would be very grateful for the following donations:

From Week beginning 13th April: **sports toys** (frisbees, footballs, skipping ropes etc) for a sporty tombola,

From Week beginning 20th April: **smellies** (for a pamper hamper)

From Week beginning 27th April: **chocolate** (for a chocolate hamper) and bottles **of wine** (for wine and water stall)

Friday 15th or Saturday 16th May: **baked goods** (scones, cakes, buns, biscuits etc)

Please do get involved with the Strawberry Fayre. In the past we have used the money raised at the fayre to pay for a school trip and leaver's gifts for the children as well supporting the funding for our forest school sessions. This benefits all the children in our care but will only continue to be successful if we get enough volunteers and donations to support us. A big thank you to all of you who have already supported us with the Halloween party and Chocolate bingo!

Forest Schools

Forest School sessions have been offered to those children who start primary school in September on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons week beginning Monday 20th April for 8 weeks. Please note that the forest school group does not get back to nursery until 3pm, we cannot make this any earlier. Marc Whitlock is our forest school trained leader, and he will be leading these sessions. You will have received an e-mail about this if your child is going to school this September.



Sports Coaching

Sports coaching provided by Max from Galactica coaching will continue to take place every Tuesday morning for the children going to school in September. It is particularly important that your children arrive promptly at nursery by 9.15 am on these days dressed in tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers.



Getting ready for school meeting

Please let us know when your child's primary school place has been confirmed. We will then liaise with the feeder primary schools. The reception teachers will all be invited to Flagg to meet your children in a familiar environment before they begin their visits to primary school.

In order to make the transition to Primary School as easy as possible for our children we have bought them all a "Buddy Bear." The Bear will go with them to primary school but before then we will be planning activities around the bears in the Summer term to introduce the children to the idea of "Big School."

All parents of children going to primary school this September 2026 are invited to a meeting either on Monday 11th May at 6.30pm or Tuesday 12th May at 9am.

We will talk about the Buddy Bear project and about how to help your child with the move to primary school. Practitioners from the Changing Lives project based at Lady Manners School (positive mental health support) will be at the Tuesday morning meeting to answer any questions and address any anxieties you or your child may have about starting school.



Parent: teacher meetings

There will be parent teacher meetings on 15th and 16th June where you can discuss your child individually if you have any specific concerns. These meetings are for the parents of ALL children, not just the children going to school this September.

Thank you to our visitors

I would like to say a big thank you to the parents who came to talk to the children about their jobs: Jo Woolley, archaeologist; Eric's mum (coming in after Easter), midwife and Freddie's mum for offering to bring her new baby in to see the midwife!. A big thank you also to Hannah Flint, dental nurse from Diamond Court dental practice and Anthony Boswell, police community liaison officer.

INSET Days

There are two remaining INSET (in service training) days this academic year, which will be on:

Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 23rd July

School will be closed to children on these days for staff training. This year staff training has included safeguarding, cyber security, GDPR (general data protection regulations), maths, Smart board resources, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) teaching, Makaton (sign language) and improving children's language skills.

Summer Dates

- **Big Toddle**, Tuesday 9th June 12.30pm. Every year we do a sponsored walk over the fields to Monyash where we have a play in the park and an ice-cream. This is to raise money for Barnados, teaching children to help those who are less fortunate than themselves. You are all very welcome to join us and accompany your child, even if they don't normally attend on Tuesdays.
- **School trip to Peak Wildlife Park**: Thursday 18^h June all day. This trip is for all children. Children going to school this September 2026 will be supervised by staff. All other children will need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Nursery will still be open on this day for any non-school starters who are unable to go on the trip because there is no adult available to join them.
- **Leaver's assembly** for children going to school this September and their parents: Monday 20th July 2pm.

Sessions

- We are full every morning after Easter and for the academic year 2026-27. Please don't assume that we will be able to change your sessions. If it is an emergency or an important date eg a family funeral or a hospital appointment we will try and accommodate you but, if possible, please ask in advance. Thank you.

Governors section

- At the Governing Body Committee meetings meeting in March we discussed the school budget, safeguarding, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities), children's progress, policies, the curriculum, community involvement and considered a new climate action plan
- The Governors would like to recruit two new governors. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our friendly and outstanding Governing Body.
- We would like to welcome a new member of staff who will be joining us after Easter, Ms Jade Shimwell. She will be working primarily with the Cubs class.
- Staff and Governors would like to say a BIG thank you to Tilly Clarke who will be leaving us at Easter. We have all thoroughly enjoyed working with her and we wish her all the best for the future.

Reminders

- Please remember that if you have not applied for or reconfirmed an HMRC working family entitlement code before the 31st March 2026, you will not be able to access the entitlement funding during the summer term 2026. This does not affect 3- and 4-year-old children accessing the 15 hours of universal funding but it does affect the 30 hour offer and two-year-old working families funding.
- The final charges for the Spring term will be on Parent Pay by 10am on Friday 4th April. Please ensure that all payments are made before we return to nursery on 27th March. Please check your account even if you think you are up to date with payments.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 25th March	Easter egg hunt and singalong in nursery 2pm all welcome Easter Chocolate Bingo 3.00-5pm in the village hall
Friday 27th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 13th April	Back to School
Wednesday 22nd April	Full Governing Body meeting 7pm
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday: May day
Tuesday 5th May	INSET day, school closed for children
Saturday 16th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm
Monday 11th May	Ready for School meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 12th May	Ready for School meeting 9am
Tuesday 19th May	Photographer in school
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 1st June	Back to School
Tuesday 9th June	Big Toddle 12.30pm
Monday 15th June	Parent consultations
Tuesday 16th June	Parent consultations
Thursday 18th June	School trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Monday 20th July	Leaver's assembly 2pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Break up for the summer holiday
Thursday 23rd July	INSET day, school closed for children