



Spring Newsletter - 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all the wonderful photos you sent me with your fantastic snowmen and the fun you had in the snow.

There are too many wonderful snowmen and I'm just not able to choose a winner. We had some dressed as Oldswinford pupils, some huge ones, a dog, Olaf and some tiny ones. They were all so creative and brilliant. Thank you for sharing them with me.

A little reminder...

- Please can children not ride scooters/bikes on the paths and playgrounds in school. As there are so many people on the site at this time, it just isn't safe. Please wait until you are on the pavements outside. Thank you!
- We are still after any preloved black leggings/joggers of any size as we are running short of spares.
- Please can we ask that no glass containers are sent into school in either lunchboxes or to carry small toys such resin animals. Unfortunately, we had an incident this week where a glass pot out of a lunchbox was accidentally dropped and broken, although thankfully no-one was injured.
- We have been sent a visual guide to share with families linked to holidays during term time. I have attached it below. If you have any questions about this, please let me know

Have a brilliant weekend.

Ellie Game

Collective Worship



This week we tried to remember all the names of Jesus' disciples... and we did! We then looked at how different they were... fishermen, tax collectors, treasurers. We then talked about how Jesus included different people and all were welcome to follow him. We then looked at how we could be inclusive at our school and how we could make people feel welcome. They come up with some great ideas and the children promised to try doing them.

Additional Information



Thinking about booking a holiday during term time?

REMEMBER: ANY ABSENCE MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

Absence for an activity or holiday that can be arranged during the annual 13-week holiday time will not be authorised during the school term.

A penalty notice may be issued if there are five days/10 sessions or more of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This can include irregular attendance.

First offence - the first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.*

A penalty will be issued for each child



£160 + £160 + £160
3 x children + 1 parent = **£480**
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days

A family of two parents and two children



£160 + £160
2 x children + 2 parents = **£640**
reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

Second offence (within 3 years) - the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.*



2 parents +

1 child

£320

2 children

£640

3 children

£960

Third offence - a penalty notice will not be issued, the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution, where either a fine of up to **£2,500**, a community order or a custodial sentence of up to three months can be imposed. A conviction in the Magistrates' Court may be disclosed on future DBS certificates.

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