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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I am writing to wish you a wonderful Easter break. I hope that we get some sunshine over the next two weeks. If you are going away or staying at home, we wish you a Happy Easter and Eid, and a safe, enjoyable holiday.

I am delighted to share with you some of the accomplishments, events, and initiatives that have enriched our pupils' educational journey.

Our commitment to providing a well-rounded education has been evident in the diverse range of activities and achievements that have characterised this term. In the realm of sports, our pupils have demonstrated remarkable prowess, participating in and succeeding at numerous sporting events.

The Young Voices event was a highlight, offering our children the opportunity to be part of something truly spectacular and fostering their love for music. The success of Rocksteady music lessons culminated in fabulous concert showcasing the musical talents of our pupils who have been learning to perform in a band.

Our OPAL initiative continues to flourish, with fabulous new additions built by our site manager, enhancing the outdoor experience for our pupils. It is a source of pride that numerous different schools have visited us to observe and learn from our good practice in this area.

March has been a month brimming with cultural and educational experiences. We celebrated World Book Day with creative door decorations, participated in Odd Socks Day, held a fabulous Number Day and welcomed a French theatre company. The whole school enjoyed 'Shaking up Shakespeare' dress-up day and an immersive performance brought the Bard's works to life for our pupils, while Silly Science Day for all provided an opportunity for hands-on experimentation and

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discovery. Stem days took place, and the children had some fabulous opportunities to extend their DT learning.

Our wonderful PTA have gone above and beyond again, organising an amazing Valentine's disco and running the brilliant Mother's Day stalls. We are so grateful to have you, and I know the whole of the TWS community are too.

We hope you all follow the news stories on our APP as we like to share photos of our enjoyment and successes. You can also look at what your child is doing especially in their own class on the Website class pages, these are updated regularly and are a great talking point if your child is (like most) not great at telling you what they have been up to in school!

As the term ends, we say our goodbyes to a couple of members of our fabulous team. Mrs Reynolds, who is currently an LSA in year 2 and has been working with us for over twenty-five years, is retiring. She has been an asset to TWS and will be missed by all. We wish her all the very best and know she will enjoy every minute of time spent with her grandchildren.

As you may have noticed, Mrs Ford-Richards has a rather large baby bump, and she will be starting her maternity leave from the end of the Term. We are excited to meet her new babies, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a wonderful time as she brings these two little people into the world.

Mrs Brandon is reducing her hours and will move from her current year one class as an LSA to the Year 2 class, that Mrs Reynold is leaving. We have recruited new LSAs, and I will introduce these to you in the new term.

Thank you to all that responded to our survey, the results were very pleasing, and the full set of results can be found on our website. Thank you for your suggestions and kind words, we will of course make improvements where possible and appreciate your input on this. Please be mindful that this was anonymous, so if you have a concern that you feel has not been dealt with, then bring it to my attention through an email to the Admin Office and I will investigate it. Our complaints procedure is available on our website.

Here is a summary of the survey results Spring 25

56 responses were received in total.

100% said their child was happy in school

98.% said the school was well led and managed

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100% said their child does well at this school

97% said the school has high expectations for their child

100% said their child is well looked after

100% said their child felt safe in school

96% said when they have raised concerns they have been dealt with properly by the school

97% said this school makes sure the pupils are well behaved

100% said there is a good range of subjects for my child at this school

98% said that they school supports my child's wider personal development

97% said their child had not been bullied or it had been dealt with effectively and quickly if it occurred.

97% said the schools makes you aware of what your child is learning

96% said that their SEND child is given the support they need to succeed by the school

98% said their child receives appropriate homework for their age

100% said they would recommend this school to another parent

Next week we look forward to seeing you at the parent consultations on Monday then we break up on Friday April 4th at the normal time. Once again have a wonderful break and we will see you after for the Summer Term.

With kind regards

Teresa Phillips and the TWS team.

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