



Newsletter 31.01.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a week!

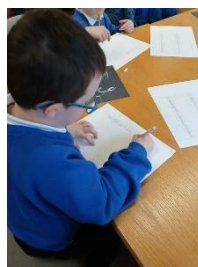
As you will all know, we have had Ofsted in this week to conduct a monitoring inspection, read more details below. Also, Swinney started their week with an amazing school trip to Wensleydale!

Ofsted Monitoring Inspection:

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Ofsted visited school to conduct a monitoring visit of the school. With a monitoring visit, the grading of the inspection cannot be changed but can reflect the positive improvements in recent times. We are pleased with how the inspection went and thank you for all the messages of support and for completing the survey. Within thirty days, school will receive a letter that will be sent out to parents to explain the improvements that have been made. We will be in touch to arrange a date for the parent forum to explain through the letter as soon as the letter is with us.

Swinney School Trip:

Swinney Class have had a fabulous day at the [Dales Countryside Museum](#) to start our learning about what schools were like in the past. [#lovetolearn](#) [#learningoutsidetheclassroom](#) [#handsonlearning](#)



Weekly Safeguarding Update – Impact of screen time on sleep.

Impact of screen time on sleep

Screen use, especially in the evening, is associated with delayed bedtimes and poorer quality sleep. The interactive nature of many apps and games keeps children awake longer than intended, pushing bedtime later into the night. Social media platforms, in particular, with their constant stream of updates and notifications, can pull kids into a cycle of endless scrolling.

Keeping devices out of bedrooms is also likely to significantly reduce the chance of your child accessing inappropriate or harmful content or people online.

Having a clear rule in place for when devices shut off and where they are stored overnight can help both sleep quality and safety



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Have a lovely weekend.

Matthew Boyle

Head of School, Masham Church of England Primary School



‘Dates for your diary’

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend

Other trips, visits and exciting activities will be added as the year goes on.

Friday	14.02.25	All	School Closes for half term @ 3.30pm
Monday	24.02.25	All	Children return to school
Thursday	06.03.25	All	World Book Day
Friday	14.03.25	All	Comic Relief
Friday	04.04.25	All	Easter Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	04.04.25	All	School closes for Easter @ 2pm
Tuesday	22.04.25	Staff	Training Day
Wednesday	23.04.25	All	Children return to school
Monday	28.04.25	All	Skip 2B Fit Day
Monday	05.05.25	All	School closed for May Day
Friday	23.05.25	All	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm
Monday	02.06.25	All	Children return to school
Monday	09.06.25	Year 6	Bewerley Park
Thursday	26.06.25	All	Sports Day AM
Thursday	10.07.25	All	Alternative Sports Day AM
Thursday	17.07.25	Year 6	Leavers celebration
Friday	18.07.25	All	Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary’s Church
Friday	18.07.25	All	School closes for summer @ 2pm



Attendance

		Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
Swinney –	99.15%		
Burn –	98%	100%	0 days
		95%	10 days
Cover –	97.78%	90%	20 days
		85%	30 days
		80%	40 days

Well done to Year1, Year 2 and Year 4 for 100% attendance this week

Whole school attendance is 98.37%

Superstars of the Week

- Swinney - **Beatrix** – for always trying her very best in everything she does.
Halle-Rae– for trying really hard on her first few days at her new school
- Burn - **Shami** – for always showing excellence with her presentation & behaviour
Laila – for being a positive member of Burn Class, always trying to improve & making me smile
- Cover - **Dan** – for an amazing effort in English & Maths – your ideas, knowledge & skills were excellent
Martha B – for enthusiasm & presentation in all lessons. You are always contributing to class lessons & group discussions

Writer of Week - **Aaron**

Head Teacher Award – **Jacob**

Dojo Winners

- Swinney - **Dexter**
Burn - **Eli**
Cover - **Freddie**