



## 10.1.25 WEEKLY NEWS!

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a very cold first week back at Snape Wood Primary School! Thank you for all getting your children to the gate on time and so well prepared for the winter weather!

It has been great to start working with the staff team at Snape Wood and I have very much enjoyed getting to know children across the school from Nursery through to Year 6. It may take me a bit longer to learn all the names but I know some Year 6 children are keen to test me next week! Thank you to parents for being welcoming as I have met you on the gate and playground areas at the start and end of the day.

We are aware there has been quite a few changes recently at Snape Wood and so I will aim to send you a weekly update as to what is going on in school this half term.

I have been talking to children this week about what makes Snape Wood unique and we have agreed on four key areas which are important to our school: the three 'School Rules' / our PRIDE values / being a BOOK LOVING SCHOOL and that kind and caring children are at the heart of this *small school aiming to make a big difference*. Have a look at the image below which we have shared together in assembly this week.

Your child will have come home this week with a new reading diary for 2025! **Our expectation is that children read at least x3 a week** and get their reading diary signed. I am excited to see which children achieve this next week—they will get to choose a book from the book vending machine!

Mrs Bridges (Interim Executive Headteacher)

Snape Wood  
Primary School

Reading Diary  
2025



Read and sign at least x3 days a week to be in with a chance to use our school Reading Vending machine and win a book!



## What is important at Snape Wood?



Do as you are asked first time.

Take care of everyone and everything.

Show respect at all times.

Positive Attitude  
Respect  
Inquisitive  
Determination  
Empathy



Kind and caring children...

BOOK LOVING SCHOOL!



# Key Dates for Parents

WB 13th January—**Spring 1 Curriculum Overviews** out to parents & **Spring 1 Creative Homework**. These will come out via Dojo and on paper.

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY – CENSUS DAY: themed lunch (pork hotdog / diced potatoes & veg / chocolate cookie & milk!)

WB 3rd Feb – Children’s Mental Health Week

Friday 7th February – **NSPCC Number Day!** (chn welcome to come into school wearing any non uniform which includes a number)

WB 10.2.25 - Parent Open Afternoons (more info will follow)

Thursday 30th Jan / Thursday 6th Feb – SEND REVIEWS

Tuesday 11th February – **Safer Internet Day**

Friday 14th February—Break up for HALF TERM



Monday 24th February—**INSET DAY**

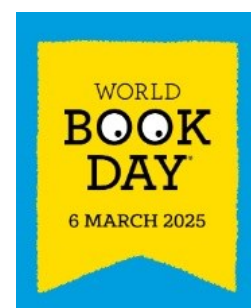
Tuesday 25th February—Children back to school for Spring 2

WB Monday 3rd March – “ARTS” WEEK (linked to a book)

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day!

Wednesday 19th March – Parents Evening Wed 19th March and Mon 24th March

Friday 21st March –COMIC RELIEF (RED NOSE DAY) 2025



[2024-25 DATES—Follow this link](#)

## Attendance to school!

You will know that ATTENDANCE is a key priority in schools – especially since the pandemic. We know that good school attendance has a positive impact on children’s later success in life and wellbeing now!

***We are here to work with you to support you in improving your child’s attendance if it is a concern.***

We want all children to feel **safe and happy** in school and make good progress in their learning.

Now:	National:	TARGET at Snape Wood for end of the year:
Our whole school attendance currently is <b>90.3%</b>	National attendance average = <b>94.6%</b>	<b>94%</b>
Currently <b>33%</b> pupils are persistent absentees	National pupils who are persistent absentees = <b>15.5%</b>	<b>18%</b>

\*persistent absentee = below 90% school attendance (**x19 days absent from the school year**)