

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Carers and Nominated Contact,

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to share how proud we are of the children. It has been a busy and positive few weeks in school. Across all year groups, we have seen children settling quickly back into routines after Christmas, showing strong attitudes to learning and really trying their best in lessons. When Mrs Hackett and I completed lesson observations, we saw classrooms that were purposeful, calm and focused, and staff and visitors commented on how well children are supporting one another, both in their learning and on the playground.

We have also seen some good progress in reading, writing and maths, particularly in the small daily practice that builds confidence over time. Those basics (reading regularly, learning number facts and practising handwriting) really do make a difference, so thank you for the support you give at home.

Attendance has been a real focus for us this year. We know it can be difficult at times, especially during the winter months, but every day in school matters, and we appreciate the effort families are making to get children in on time and ready to learn. You will receive an updated attendance report for your child today. Those who are persistently absent (below 90%) or near to it will trigger services and support to ensure it improves.

Alongside the academic work, children have taken part in many enrichment activities, assemblies and events that help build confidence and character. These moments are just as important as lessons... they help children feel they belong and enjoy coming to school.

We would like to wish Mrs Joynson all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. She has been a valued part of the school and will be greatly missed by both children and staff over the coming months. We hope she enjoys this special time with her new arrival, and we look forward to welcoming her back in the future.

School will close for half-term at the usual time today and children return on Tuesday 24th February 2026.

We hope you all have a restful break and manage to spend some quality time together. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the second half of the term. Thank you again for working with us. It makes a real difference.

Yours sincerely,

S.G. Brady, Headteacher

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