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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to our final term!

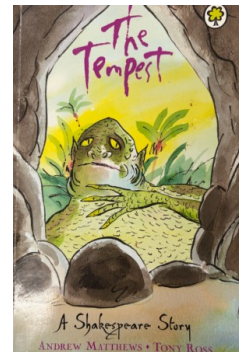
We hope you have all had a wonderful and restful break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and beginning a wonderful last term together.

This term is packed with exciting learning opportunities. Children will take part in a workshop exploring STEM careers, as well as exciting events such as Numeracy Day and Sports Day. These are just a few of the many engaging experiences planned for the summer.

### Curriculum – The Elizabethans

This half term, our topic is “The Elizabethans”. We are very excited to explore the Elizabethan era and learn more about what life was like during this fascinating period of exploration.

In English, we will be reading *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. In English, our focus text will be **The Tempest** by William Shakespeare. The children will explore the play's characters, settings and key events through a range of writing opportunities, including diary entries, dialogue and descriptive writing. This will lead towards writing and performing their very own playscript, making it a creative and memorable part of the term.



### Reading

This half term, we will continue sharing *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer during our daily story time. This magical story has already captured the children's imaginations, and we are looking forward to continuing the adventure together.

**Please support your child in meeting our expectations by ensuring they bring their reading record to school every day.**

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A new recommended reading list has just been published by Books for Topics. I would recommend looking through it to discover age-appropriate reading books for your child.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>

### **Homework**

Our homework books will be sent home every **Thursday** and should be returned to school on the following **Tuesday**.

Children are encouraged to seek adult help if they need support in their homework learning. Good pieces of homework and great effort will be rewarded through the school reward systems.

### **PE Kit**

All children should have indoor and outdoor kit e.g. shorts, house coloured t-shirt and plimsolls for indoors and trainers for outdoor sessions. **PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed for the following week.**

**There is an expectation for children to wear the correct PE clothing to suit the uniform policy.**

You are able to purchase the correct uniform here

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-marys-church-of-england-primary-school-banbury-pupil-29271>

Please note pupils are not permitted to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing earrings (unless they have been pierced within the last six weeks in which case they are permitted to tape them up until six weeks has passed.)

**Staff are not permitted to assist pupils with the removal or insertion of earrings.** If pupils are not able to manage earrings independently, they should not wear them to school on days when PE is timetabled to take place but remove them, with assistance, at home.

### **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)**

As part OPAL, the children will be encouraged to have fun in our outside areas throughout the year and in all types of weather therefore it is important that the children have outdoor learning clothing in school every day.

They will need a pair of welly boots to use so that their school shoes remain dry and clean.

**Please name your child's boots - as it can be hard to reunite lost clothing and equipment to the right child if it is not named.**

When the weather is particularly wet, children will need a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers. Again, please ensure these are named to avoid them going missing.

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## Reminders

- **Water Bottles** – please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunch box) as this allows them to access water as and when they require it. To improve the oral health of children, **only water is permitted in class**. If your child brings in a bottle filled with something other than water, we will provide them with a cup so that they can access water during the day.
- **Snacks** – Children may bring in a **healthy snack** for mid-morning break. Suitable choices include fruit, cheese, yogurt and vegetable sticks. Do let us know if your child has any food allergies or intolerances.
- **Absence and sickness** – please let the office know if your child is not attending because they are ill. Also please note that Health Protection Agency guidance states that children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of either sickness or diarrhea.

## My Child at School (MCAS)

We are now using the My Child at School App to send information to you and to allow you to easily make online payments. If you have not done so already, please sign up by visiting the following website: <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

School code: 15144

## Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct using the following address:

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We look forward celebrating and enjoying our next term together and working with you and helping your children achieve our vision; Learning, Transforming and Growing.

Kind Regards,  
Ms Hoyer

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