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12th January 2026

Dear Families,

This letter includes the key dates and important information you need for your child for the upcoming spring term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Spring Term Finch Unit Planner

Date	Activity/Event	What do I need?
15th January 2026	Chester Zoo Visit	Warm clothes, wellies, packed lunch for yr3, yr2 provided with a packed lunch from school.
26th January 2026	Meet the Hatter Performance and workshops	Nothing different, it is a normal school day.
27th January 2026	Greenfinch celebration of learning (2.15 - 3:15pm)	One family member invited into school to join in with some Egyptian crafts.
28th January 2026	Goldfinch Celebration of learning (2.15 - 3:15pm)	One family member invited into school to join in with some Egyptian crafts.
29th January 2026	Rosefinch celebration of learning (2.15 - 3:15pm)	One family member invited into school to join in with some Egyptian crafts.
29th January 2026	School Nurse Drop In (8.00 – 9.15am)	Parents are welcome to come and speak to the school nurse about any issues – e.g. sleep, health, puberty etc.
12th February 2026	Valentine's Day Non uniform	Children can come to school wearing own clothes/party clothes for the day.
12th February 2026	Friends and Family of Crossgates (PTA Event) **Year 2** - 3:30 -4:30pm **Year 3** - 4:40 -5:40pm	Ticketed event- separate letter will be sent to families from our PTA.
13th February 2026	Finish for half term	
23rd February 2026	Back from half term	
2nd March 2026	Relationship, Sex, Health Education Consultation with parents 5-6pm	Parents are welcome to come to discuss the Relationship, Sex, Health and Education curriculum and have input into plotting of when things are

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		taught. This will take place in the hall.
3rd March 2026	Rosefinch library trip	Normal uniform, comfortable shoes for walking and appropriate coat for the weather.
5th March 2026	World Book Day	Dress as an adjective (you can be a book character if you like 😊) e.g. football kit = sporty Harry Potter = magical
5th March 2026	School Nurse Drop In (8.00 – 9.15am)	Parents are welcome to come and speak to the school nurse about any issues – eg, sleep, health, puberty etc.
10th March 2026	Goldfinch library trip	Normal uniform, comfortable shoes for walking and appropriate coat for the weather
16th March 2026	Eid celebration afternoon	Wear party clothes
17th and 18th March 2026	Pupil progress evenings for parents	More information to follow to book your appointment
19th March 2026	Greenfinch library trip	Normal uniform, comfortable shoes for walking and appropriate coat for the weather
2nd April 2026	Easter bonnet competition or decorate an egg	More information to follow from the school council; children to bring their entries in on this day if they would like.
2nd April 2026	Finish for Easter	

A gentle reminder to please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform each day, with long hair tied up and no jewellery worn, other than small stud earrings. We also ask that children do not wear acrylic nails, as these can pose a safety risk during the school day.
When sending snacks, please remember that we encourage healthy options and aim to be a nut and banana-free school due to severe allergies within our community.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

Thankyou,

L. Farnsworth

Mrs Farnsworth, Year 2 and 3 Unit Lead