

Headteacher's assembly 12th January 2026

Handwriting – what's the point?

Thinking time whilst the children enter assembly:

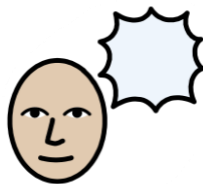


- Is handwriting still important in 2026?
- What is your opinion? Justify.

Children were given thinking time and then discuss in pairs what their thoughts were. We then listened to opposing views; some children thought writing was very important and that it was a skill you needed to achieve and learn. Some children disagreed – the world is now full of technology where handwriting is not necessary and AI can do most of the work for us. Very thoughtful views!

Together, we then looked at why handwriting was still very important:

- **It helps your brain learn better**



-writing by hand strengthens memory, focus and understanding-when we write something down, we're more likely to remember it

- **It builds stamina for longer tasks**





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-develops muscles needed for longer writing- stories , reports and tests all become easier when handwriting feels fluent

- **It makes your ideas clearer for others**



-clear writing = clear communication

- **Boosts confidence and pride**



-feels good to look at a piece of writing and see how good it looks-leads to better engagement and higher-quality work

- **Life skill**



-filling in forms, writing notes, cards, signatures and something that will be used throughout their life-it's for the real world



Your handwriting is also like your finger print – it is unique and personal to you. So let your personality shine through your writing!

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We finished with a final thought about this piece of art. We can't type it. But it does say so much without needing to write anything at all! What we can create with our hands and pencils and pens is far more powerful.



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