



NEWSLETTER

6th March 2026

A message from our school leaders...

This week we celebrated **World Book Day**, and the children enjoyed a fantastic range of reading activities across the school. This is without doubt one of our favourite themes of the year. It was wonderful to see so much excitement around books and storytelling, with pupils sharing their favourite stories, taking part in themed lessons, and celebrating the joy of reading together. The costumes were fantastic too - thank you once again for supporting our school.

Healthy Snacks Reminder - A gentle reminder that only healthy snacks should be brought into school for breaktimes. We encourage children to bring items such as fruit, vegetables, or other healthy options. To help us maintain our Healthy Schools standards, please avoid sending sweets, chocolate bars, and crisps. Thank you for your support with this.

Mother's Day Family Brunch - We are delighted to be hosting two Family Brunch events in celebration of Mother's Day, on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March, from 9-10am. Each family is entitled to one ticket, which can be purchased through the school office. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for what promises to be a lovely community celebration.

Parents' Evening - Parents' evening will take place on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March. We kindly ask that all parents/carers make an appointment, via the school office, to ensure they are able to keep up to date with their child's progress in school.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

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- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
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BE SMART ONLINE (Childnet International)

- S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.
- M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous so this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information - or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.childnet.org.uk
- A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.
- R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.
- T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk
- BE SMART WITH A HEART** Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	98.4%
Yr 2/3/4	96.8%
Yr 5/6	90.3%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, Nursery have blasted off into space as we began our exciting Space topic! The children have been fully immersed in exploring the wonders of the universe and have absolutely loved every moment. We've introduced some fantastic new vocabulary connected to our theme - this week's key words included: **Blasted**, **Launching**, **Descending** and **Astronauts**. The children have enjoyed using these words during play and conversations, helping to build their confidence and imagination.

Our role-play space station has been a huge hit! The children have delighted in pretending to be astronauts, pressing buttons, communicating with "mission control" and taking part in imaginative space missions. We've also been busy getting creative by drawing aliens - the children designed all sorts of weird and wonderful extraterrestrial friends using different colours, shapes, and features. Their imaginations have truly taken flight!

Both indoors and outdoors, the children have worked together to build rockets using blocks, crates, tubes, and loose parts. These projects have encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and lots of enthusiastic discussions about how rockets blast off into space.





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson, Miss Anderson and Mrs Niven

This week we had the joy of celebrating *World Book Day*, where the children arrived at school in their cosy pyjamas and spent the day exploring a wonderful range of books. They took part in games that encouraged them to look closely through different stories to find specific details, and they especially enjoyed choosing books that had been kindly donated, giving these stories a new life. A highlight of the day was spending time reading with some of our Year 6 pupils, which the children found exciting and inspiring.

In **Reception**, the children have begun their new topic all about spring and 'new life'. They started by learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar and how it transforms into a butterfly, linking this to the much-loved story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

In maths, they have continued their work on measure by exploring time and discovering what activities they could complete in just one minute.

Year 1 have been focusing on the traditional tale, *Little Red Riding Hood*. They have been learning how to use pronouns to replace nouns in their writing, to avoid repetition; they will soon be using these skills to write their own narratives based on the story.

In maths, the children have been working with numbers to 50 and using number lines to support their understanding.





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Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Miss Spenceley

We have had a lovely first week back at school! The children have come back rested and ready to learn.

In English, our focus has been on biographies. The students have explored what biographies are and discussed their organisational features, sparking some fascinating conversations.

In Maths, Year 2 has been busy counting money in pounds and pence, learning how to make the same amount in different ways. Meanwhile, Year 3 has been delving into proper fractions, while Year 4 has tackled the concept of improper fractions and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow over the week.

Our science lesson was particularly engaging, as we learned about how light travels. The children conducted investigations to determine which materials are the best at reflecting light, leading to some exciting discoveries.

In DT, the children had the chance to taste cheese, bread, and pickle in preparation for making their own Ploughman's lunch.

Towards the end of the week, we celebrated **World Book Day** where all the children enjoyed a cosy pyjama day! We had a delightful time reading our favourite books, sharing stories, and making bookmarks. The highlight, of course, was indulging in hot chocolate and cookies together!





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Wharton and Mrs Emery

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed for what will be a short but exciting half-term in the run up to Easter. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, and we've enjoyed diving straight into a range of activities and new learning.

This week we celebrated **World Book Day** with lots of reading-related fun. The class designed their own creative book covers, took part in a BBC Live Lesson exploring different reading preferences, and made fantastic emoji-themed bookmarks to take home. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and excited about books.

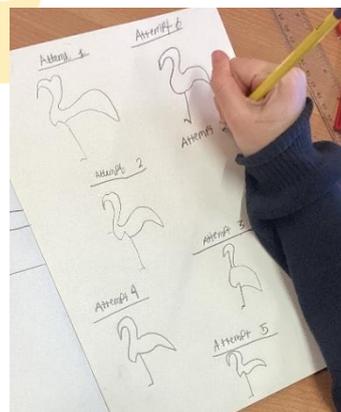
In writing, the children have been using their science learning as inspiration, producing explanation texts linked to our **Earth and Space** topic. They chose to explain either how the seasons happen or why we experience day and night, using scientific vocabulary and clear logical sequencing to inform their readers.

Our science lessons have also sparked some lively discussions as we investigated whether the Earth is spherical or flat. The class examined evidence, challenged ideas and shared thoughtful conclusions based on what they discovered.

In art, they produced their own continuous line drawings inspired by the work of Pablo Picasso, practising the technique and experimenting with expressive lines.

In RE, we continued our learning on Sanatana Dharma by exploring the idea of commitment. The class reflected on what commitment means in their own lives and created thoughtful personal pledges.

We look forward to a fantastic half-term ahead filled with more learning, creativity and curiosity!





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
MARCH 2026	
w/c 9 th March	Science Week
Mon 16 th March	Family Brunch for Mother's Day, 9-10am
Tue 17 th March	Family Brunch for Mother's Day, 9-10am
18 th – 23 rd March	Scholastic Book Fair, in school
Thurs 19 th March	Adder Patterns Workshop, Yrs 4+5
Fri 20 th March	Adder Patterns Workshop, Yrs 4+5
w/c 23 rd March	Shakespeare Week
Tues 24 th March	'Chance to Shine' Cricket Taster Day
Fri 27 th March	Girl's Football Competition, Yrs 4,5+6
Mon 30 th + Tues 31 st March	Parent's Evenings
Tues 31 st March	Tennis/Raquets Festival, Yrs 3+4
APRIL 2026	
Wed 1 st April	'Open the Book' Assembly with The Pathway
Fri 3 rd – Fri 17 th April	School Closed for Easter Holiday
Mon 20 th April	School re-opens