

KEEPING IN TOUCH



Message from Mr M

Parent Consultations

It has been a very busy first week back in school and I have been really pleased to see so many of you attending your child's Parent Consultation Meeting with the teachers.



The sessions have been very well attended in all areas of school and I having spoken to many of you as you left, you have been pleased to see the progress your child is making as well as knowing what areas you can work on together to help.

For those who did not back a meeting - we will be chasing you!

Parent Questionnaires

Having looked at a number of the Parent Questionnaire returns, there are some key themes appearing and we will now be looking at how we can help you with what you would like support with.



More details will be shared over the coming weeks!

Uniform Hub

The Uniform Hub in the school car park will now be open every week. It will be open Wednesday to Friday 8:30am to 9:00am and will be overseen by Miss Bell.



COMING SOON

Week beginning Monday 9th March



Each year group will be hosting a Parent/Child challenge during **STEM Week** and we would love to see as many of you as possible joining your children in school for this. Look out for an invite from class teachers on Seesaw!

Home Reading Records

You may have already seen that there have been 2 slight changes to the Home Reading Records for Years 2-6. To ensure fairness and consistency:



A maximum of 2 reads per day will count towards the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. For example, if you read 4 times in one day, only 2 of them will count towards your total.

Home reads **MUST** be signed by a parent or carer. If they are not signed by a parent/carer, they will **NOT** count.

Children's Commissioner Digital World



MANAGING SCREEN TIME

Screen time is the amount of time someone spends on a screen of any kind - this can include smartphones, tablets and laptops.

Screen time counters only measure minutes or hours, not what that screen time is used for. A child could spend an hour scrolling through TikTok, half an hour on Netflix and two hours on Google Classroom, and this would all add up to their total screen time.



*YouGov Polling from the Children's Commissioner's office

Children's ideas for rules at home:

- 1 No phones at the dinner table.**

Mealtimes should be time to recharge and connect with each other.

- 2 No devices in your child's bedroom.**

"A rule that I think is really important that I've always had was don't let your child sleep with their phone in their room ... stuff online tends to go wrong late at night...say your parents are asleep it's really easy to just sit up scrolling, watching things."

This could be discussed to be after a certain time in the evening to encourage healthy boundaries between rest and screen time, preventing unrestricted phone use late into the night.

- 3 Have some phone-free time.**

Have a phone-free day or time at weekends or in the evening. Make it a family rule and enjoy time together without online distractions. For ideas, use the "getting off grid" activity in the activity pack to plan something you can all do together.

- 4 Share why you're using your phone.**

Explain what you're doing if you use your phone in front of your child. Telling them that you are "looking something up" or "checking what time you're meeting someone" will show them that you are using it for constructive purposes.



Safeguarding

Weekly Message from Mrs Cafferty



Please take time to talk to your child/children about how to stay safe whilst online:

The 4 C's of Online Safety



01
Content

Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful content, for example: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation, and extremism.



02
Contact

Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them.



03
Conduct

Online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images, online bullying etc,



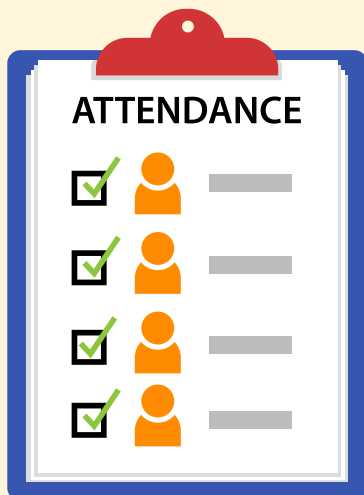
04
Commerce

Risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams. If you feel your pupils, students or staff are at risk, please report it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group (<https://apwg.org/>).

Attendance Matters

This weeks attendance winners are

FS2 MICE
with an amazing
98.5%



Lateness

Please do ensure that your child is at school on time as there are valuable learning opportunities set for before and during register time

This week we have had **239 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. We have had **22 pupils** arriving late this week!

Army Band Assembly

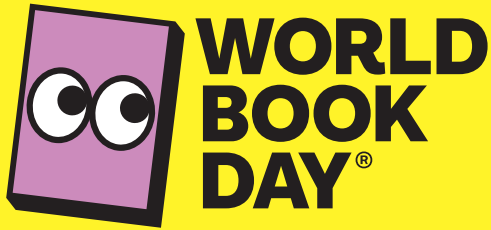
This week we have had the privilege of a visit from the Army band who showed us their talents and allowed us to discover our own.

Many thanks to the band members for coming in and starting our day with fun.



Army Band Assembly





We're celebrating World Book Day & you're invited!

Thursday 5th March 2026

We will be dressing
up as characters
from our favourite
books.



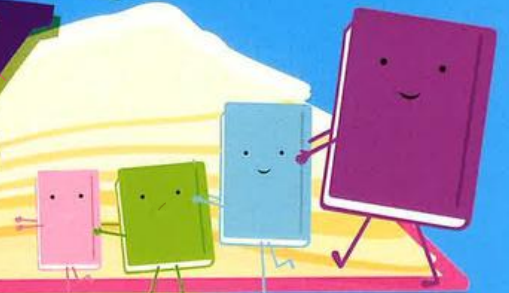
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WORLD BOOK DAY



ON: Thursday 5th March

Join us
for LUNCHES
inspired by

**YOUR
favourite**

BOOK

CHARACTERS



NYES Catering

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dress up for the chance to win an iPad

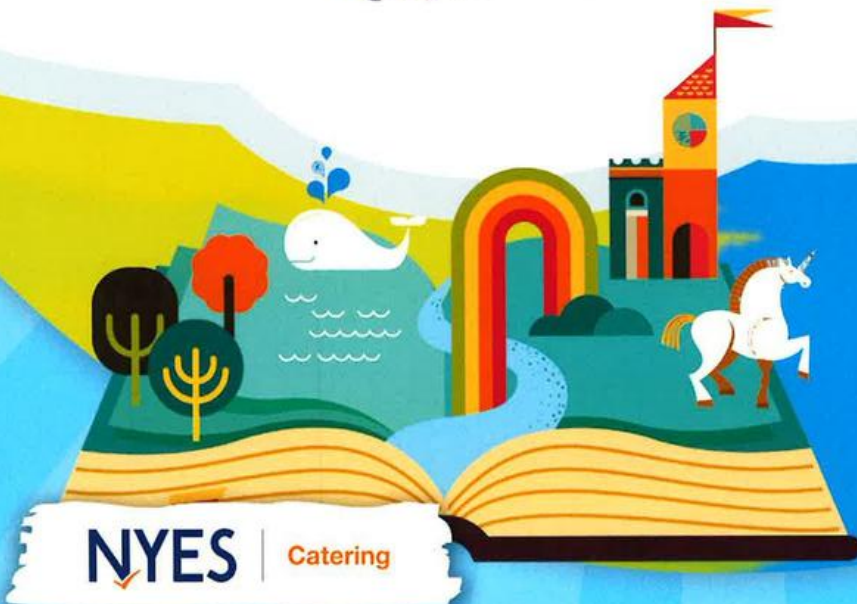


Beasty Burger with Fries
(Chicken Burger)



Wormy Spaghetti
(Spaghetti in a cheesy tomato sauce)

Mat Ida's Marvellous Mousse Cake
(Chocolate Mousse Cake)





March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm



FS1 Bears

Over the next couple of weeks we will be reading 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett. The children will be exploring tidying up and getting muddy. We will be building a bridge to get the badger across the mud and painting with mud.

You can listen to the story here.



Just a reminder that forest school will now take place on



Monday- Am
Friday- Pm



FS2 Mice & Hippos



This week we have learnt all about Chinese New Year. We had great fun creating lanterns, spring dragons and horses using different materials and techniques. We also looked at what is special during Chinese New Year and why certain colours are used. Next week, we are going to be looking at the book Superworm and discovering what minibeasts are lurking in our garden!



Please remember forest school clothes for **Monday**. We will also be learning outside more, now the weather is better, spare clothes will be helpful.

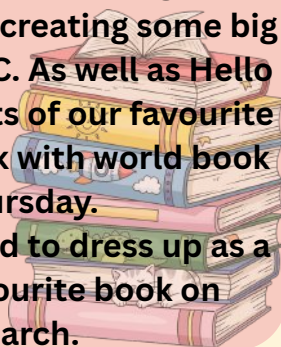


Caterpillar Room

A very lovely first week back we have had. We have enjoyed the start of our new topic 'Spring has sprung' and we are continuing to follow the children's interests as well. A big focus this week has been on the home corner which had a makeover over half term, lots of time has been spent in there, with lots of imaginative and creative play and holistic development.

Next week our book of the week will be 'Hello Spring' by Jo Lindley. We will be making flower crowns at forest school and creating some big rainbow artwork during EPIC. As well as Hello Spring we will be reading lots of our favourite stories throughout the week with world book day being on Thursday.

With this children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on Thursday 5th March.



News from the Nest

Next week in Nest we will become pirates, ARGGGH.

We need to make a large map to find our treasure in our PE lesson, hopefully no-one falls off of the plank.

In Forest school we will be exploring the area and playing pirate games.

In Maths we are working on adding one more. Our activities this week will be working on communication skills, sharing and following instructions.



PE- Thursday
Forest School- Friday



REMINDER:

World Book Day 5th March, Please dress up.



The week in Year 1

This week the children have been working hard on their learning, what a great start to the half term. In English the children have been working on sentence structure. They have applied learnt knowledge on correct punctuation when creating interesting sentences, using nouns and verbs.

In maths we have moved onto the topic of addition and subtraction word problems.

This week they have been identifying the correct mathematical operation to solve the problem.

In science the children have been busy labeling features on the five main groups of vertebrates. Our PE topics have changed with the children completing their gymnastics and ball skills using our feet topics. This week they have starting their new topics on heath and well-being and ball skills using our hands.



Don't forget



PE: Monday - Outdoor - Health and well-being
Tuesday - Indoor - Ball skills (Hands)

The importance of daily reading - Children need to bring their reading record into school daily. The children's daily phonics session requires their reading diary and book. Also, teachers take to opportunity to read with the children whenever possible. The children do benefit from reading at home, this could be 5 minutes before bed or first thing in the morning over breakfast.

Special shout outs for Year 1:

All the children in Year 1 for coming back with a positive learning attitude and ready to start the new term.



This week in Year 2

We've had a great start back after the half-term break, and it's lovely to see everyone ready for learning. We are now officially halfway through Year 2!

English

We started a new book this week: Grandude by Paul McCartney. The children have enjoyed exploring the characters and the magical adventures in the story and have written a postcard from their favourite holiday location.

Maths

We are continuing our work on Money, focusing on recognising coins and notes. We have also started learning how to calculate change.

History

We have started our new topic: The Great Fire of London. The children are already fascinated by life in 1666 and how the fire began.

Shout out this week goes to:

2R: Well done to Olivia and Mathew for excellent work in all areas this week!

2W: A big shout-out to LL for her fantastic effort in English!

Upcoming Events:

Monday 10th March

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us in the school hall to help the children build Bug Hotels as part of our STEM Week activities.

More information will be shared via SeeSaw closer to the date.

Thank you as always for your support. We are looking forward to another brilliant week of learning in Year 2!



Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



Welcome back Year 3 to our continued Egyptian extravaganza. There are two exciting opportunities towards the end of term which we will give you more information about over the coming weeks. Firstly we will be taking the children to the Great North Hancock museum to have some hands on experience about both the Stone age and Egyptian's. Secondly we will be inviting you in to see a display of all our Egyptian work on the afternoon of the 17th March.

Hopefully you have seen the invite, on Seesaw, to our STEM week egg drop challenge on Friday 13th March. We look forward to seeing you then.

In class, we continue to learn about different types of skeletons and their functions alongside the power of mighty muscles. Our music theme is Calypso music so we look forward to sharing our Glockenspiel Calypso tunes with you.

Shout outs!

3IL - Rome and Louis for fabulous work on Ancient Egypt

3HA - Emily and Jenique for working hard

Dates for your Diary:

Egyptian Museum Trip – Thursday 19th March. look out on seesaw and email for more information.

World book Day – Thursday 5th March. Lets dress up as our favourite characters



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



Year 4, This week in Year 4, we have been thoroughly enjoying reading Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit. The children have been completely engaged in the story and have loved learning about the real history of Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In Maths, we have started our new unit on division, exploring different methods to solve problems. In PSHE, we have been creating posters about our local community, thinking about the people and groups who help and support us. Next week, we will be writing a detailed descriptive setting piece based on Pompeii, which we will then use to create an AI-generated setting description. The children will be focusing on adding rich vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and powerful adjectives to really bring the setting to life. In Maths, we will continue developing our division skills, moving on to dividing 3-digit numbers and applying our understanding to solve word problems. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm across all subjects!



Well done!

Congratulations...



Tiger of the Week: Beauden Cromwell

Butterfly of the Week: Nathan for excellent progress in reading assessments.

Don't Forget:

STEM week parent challenge: Wednesday 11th March

Year 5 Hummingbirds**& Stars**

A fantastic start to the second half of Spring term!

We have continued with our work on fractions, looking at multiplying fractions with whole numbers and next week will move on to consolidating our learning. In our writing, we are focusing on character descriptions based on our class novel *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

For PE this term we are focusing on hockey, outside, and dance indoors. Our priority for this very short term is to practice and rehearse our Easter service which of course you are all invited to!

Upcoming Events:

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March – children are invited to get dressed up so start thinking of your outfits!

Parent and child workshop – Monday 9th March PM – you are invited into school to help your child create a stuffed toy of their design!

Cinema visit – Wednesday 25th March.

Easter service in Church – timings TBC – Friday 27th March

Any money to be paid for can be paid via the school office or Arbor.

Shout out:

5S – Kiyomi, Arthur and Jacob B for fantastic examples of high expectations in their science work on life cycles.

5H – Harvey & Freddie for their excellent work in multiplying fractions.

Year 6 Hawks & Heroes

5th March – World Book Day – You can come dressed as a book character or someone from the Titanic

12th March – 1:20pm – 3pm Art/DT Shoe box activity with parents – See Seesaw for more details (in the hall – enter via the breakfast club door)

16th April – Afternoon Tea on board the Titanic. Please come dressed up to enjoy an afternoon on board the Titanic of eating and dancing. You could be the Captain, First class, third class or even from the boiler room! More information to follow shortly. Dress to impress!

Shout outs:**6RH**

Mrs Biggins maths group – working really hard

Riley – much improved handwriting.

6JH

Harley, Ava, Auden, Emily, Poppy B – great progress with fraction work

Ollie and Rhys – contributing lots to lessons

Reminder for parents:

Outdoor PE – Thursday

Indoor PE – Friday

