

Newsletter



Spring Term 2026 - No.7 - Friday 27th February 2026

 Upcoming Events	
4th Mar	9:10am - Rabbit Class Assembly (parents invited)
5th Mar	World Book Day (details emailed)
5th Mar	3:15pm - 4:00pm WISPA WISBars (details emailed)
6th Mar	9:00am - 10:00am Chit-Chat, Tea and Cake (Sleep) at WJS (all welcome)
13th Mar	Science Day
26th Mar	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)
26th Mar	Chocolate Bingo 3:45pm-5:15pm 5:45pm- 7:15pm (details emailed)
27th Mar	3:15pm - Break up for Easter
27th Mar	3:30pm - 4:30pm WISPA Easter Hunt (details attached)
30th Mar - 10th Apr Easter Holiday	
30th Mar - 2nd Apr and 7th Apr - 10th Apr ACE Kids Holiday Club	
13th Apr	8:45am - Start of Summer Term
w/c 20th Apr	Summer Term Clubs Start (details to follow)
22nd Apr	World Earth Day (details to follow)
23rd Apr	9:00am - 12noon School Nursing Team WIS 1:1 Appointments (pre-booked available to all via Mrs Kirby FSW)

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely **half term**; the children have certainly been excited to share their half term holiday news. But what a fantastic first week back after the half term we have had! We have been busy and as such, there are a few curriculum highlights overleaf!

After school on Tuesday and Thursday it was an absolute pleasure to welcome so many of you to our **Spring Term Parents Evenings**. As always, I am delighted that they were so well supported as we all highly value the opportunity to meet with you to provide feedback and updates as well as have the opportunity to ask any questions and find out how to support at home. We are aware that there are a small number of parents who were unable to join us, but if you let us know either via the school office or directly with the class teacher(s) through ClassDojo, we will be sure to make arrangements for either a face-to-face meeting or telephone call so we do not miss out on this partnership working. Of course as a personal favourite, I would also like to mention my appreciation to all 235 parents who took the time (and opportunity!) to provide valuable feedback in the form of our **parent questionnaire**. Mrs Green is busily collating the results and I will be sure to provide a summary shortly.

In **Governor news**, we have also been busy with two committee meetings of Finance and Personnel on Tuesday and Children and Learning on Thursday. Governors monitored budgets and discussed staffing as well as reviewed policies and other key documentation including safeguarding overviews and home-school partnership agreements.

As ever, excitement is building for our **World Book Day Celebrations** (which we will celebrate next Thursday!) As usual, Miss Redmond has been working particularly hard to prepare an action packed day which celebrates the wonderful world of books and is sure to be another enjoyable event. As detailed in Miss Redmond's letter sent before half term, we are inviting the children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as a book character **or** in their pyjamas! We would also love as many pupils as possible to enter our Book Character Stone Competition, and participate in the book swap; please refer to the letter emailed for further details as we hope we will receive record numbers of entries.

Lastly, to finish on the subject of well-being, I trust you have seen that Mrs Kirby's March **Parent Pages** are attached. For March she has included some reassuring and key information all about 'Parenting in the Age of Screens'. Furthermore, I hope we are all ready for the wise words of the **Mindful March Calendar** from Action for Happiness. This month's well-being focus is all around committing to every moment and being present which I think we all know is just so important.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,



MISS JO REDMAN,
Executive Headteacher



Don't forget **EVERYONE** is invited to join us (and our School Nurse) for...

CHIT-CHAT, TEA & CAKE
9.00am - 10.00am 6th March 2026



All parents and family members are welcome to join our Family Support Worker, Mrs Kirby and the School Nursing Team to have a chat over a cup of tea. This month's theme is about **Sleep**; so if you think you may benefit from informally chatting about this aspect of parenting, please do come along to WJS!

A few reminders...

- Please don't forget the children are allowed to dress as a book character or wear pyjamas to school on **Thursday next week** as part of our **World Book Day** celebrations.
- Please remember, as previously communicated, there will be **no Art or Gymnastics clubs** on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026** due to WJS Parents Evenings.

What have we been learning?

Reception

In Year R we have started our Spring topic learning all about animals and plants. We have been learning about diurnal and nocturnal animals in our enhanced provision, as well as in Drawing Club through our book 'The rabbit, the dark and the biscuit tin'. During the story the rabbit decides if the dark doesn't come then he won't have to go to bed! We enjoyed going on a journey with the rabbit to explore all of the reasons that plants and nocturnal animals need night time. The children also thought of some very creative actions to learn their new vocabulary words. Ask them to show you them, 'wilting' was one of their favourites!

Mrs Wilson, Year R Class Teacher

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed learning about maps and exploring atlases, globes, local maps and Ordnance Survey maps. In Science, we have learnt all about food chains, applying our learning about predators and prey. We have really enjoyed solving riddles about animals and reading the story "The Big Jungle Mix Up" in our English work. In our Maths we have been counting in 2s and applying this learning to solve problems.

Mrs Williams, Year 1 Class Teacher

Year 2

It has been a productive first week back to school in Year 2. The children watched a new short film in English called 'The Lighthouse' and they acted out the story in small groups. In Art the children certainly had great fun painting their coil clay pots some very funky colours! As part of our new topic in History we showed the children some picture clues about our new mystery historical figure... The children then used the clues to make a prediction about who it could possibly be.

Mrs Goddard, Year 2 Class Teacher



WISPA NEWS...

Just a little reminder that we hope the children are enjoying completing their **Sponsored Reading Bingo Challenges** ahead of next Thursday's deadline (5th March). Not only is this a fantastic fundraiser but any opportunity to spend more time reading is certainly a valuable one!



Thank you in anticipation of your support, we are looking forward to sharing our grand total with you as soon as we are able.

We trust you have all received details of our Easter Hunt...



World Book Day Theme Menu ...

Further to our email sent last week please note there will be a special World Book Day theme menu on Thursday 5th March 2026. In addition to this, the jacket potato and pasta options will still be available.



World Book Day Storybook Stones Competition

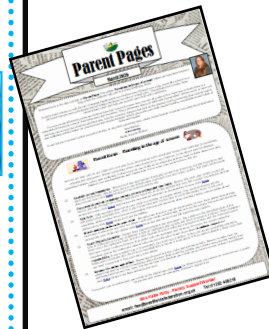
We are looking forward to seeing everyone's 'Storybook Character Stones' for our World Book Day Competition. If you are still looking for ideas please see some ideas below...



Please remember to send in your competition entries with your child on Thursday 5th March 2026.

PARENT PAGES

To continue to support our families, our fabulous Family Support Worker Mrs Kirby has created next month's Parent Pages. This edition's theme is related to e-safety, 'Parenting in the Age of Screens' which is certainly an ever-growing concern. In addition to a few wise words and links to other further reading, there are some great details about some local family fun alongside some quick reference family support helplines and apps... so why not take five minutes to have a read?



Book Fair Success

We just had to say another great big thank you to everyone for their support relating to our Book Fair. We are excited to tell you that as a result of your generosity, Miss Redmond (our Reading Co-ordinator and AHT) now has a super commission of £103.37 to select new books for the children's classroom libraries.



LET'S CELEBRATE...

Our first week back after the half term break has been a busy and successful one in terms of learning so of course, in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, our Learning Superstars were presented with certificates for showing various exceptional learning behaviours (copies are on display in the entrance area). This week's award winners are:

- Year R:** Amelia Pursey, Ilyana Razzaqui and Kyra Gajjar
- Year 1:** Omar Koriem, Elsie Eales and Isla Malcolm
- Year 2:** Arla Brown, Sophie O'Callaghan and Jacob Davey

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to **Sophie Kent** who has been awarded for the second time, 'Dancer of the Week' in her ballet class at The Classical Ballet Centre.

Attendance Awards

This week's attendance winners are...

Badger Class ... with 99%.



Well done Badgers on an almost perfect score!