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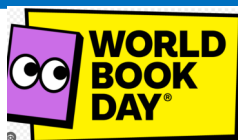
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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter



What an absolutely amazing week! We had such a wonderful World Book Day, and thank you to everyone who dressed up as book characters. It was fantastic to see such creativity and enthusiasm, and it was lovely to see a real love of reading highlighted across the school. I do hope the children told you all about the stories, activities and discussions that took place throughout the day.

Year 5 and 6 took part in the TfL workshops this week. The facilitators commented on the pupils' excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement, which made us extremely proud. They represented the school brilliantly and asked thoughtful questions throughout the sessions.

We will continue with our theme of learning from our mistakes, reminding pupils that mistakes are an important part of the learning process. They help us to improve, develop resilience and build confidence when tackling new challenges.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 19.03.2026 Reception Hearing & Vision Screening Recalls
- 20/03/2026 Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—Non uniform day (bring £1 donation)
- 24.03.2026 Y1 trip to London Zoo
- 26.03.2026 Y5 trip to Science Museum
- 26.03.2026 Last day of term for Nursery
- 27.03.2026 End of term—school closes at 1.15pm
Nursery closed
After school club closed

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025-2026

SPRING TERM 2026

FIRST HALF: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February
HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

SECOND HALF: Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

FIRST HALF: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May
MAY DAY: Monday 4th May

HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

Attendance % this week

Silver Birch	92%
1 Hawthorn	90%
2 Oak	92%
3 Sycamore	93%
4 Acacia	96%
5 Cedar	98%
5 Mahogany	94%
6 Magnolia	95%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

Letters home this week



Y5&6 Order forms for books
Y5 Trip to Science Museum 26.03.2026

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

FIRST HALF: Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October
HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 26th October – Monday 2nd November

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 3rd November – Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2027

FIRST HALF: Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February
HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 15th February – Monday 22nd February

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 23rd February – Thursday 25th March

SUMMER TERM 2027

FIRST HALF: Monday 12th April – Friday 28nd May
MAY DAY: Monday 3rd May

HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 31st May – Monday 7th June

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 8th June – Thursday 22nd July

Reception

This week we have been busy learning and exploring in lots of exciting ways! In Maths, the children have been practising their number bonds to 10, using practical activities and games to help them recall pairs of numbers that make ten. We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day, sharing our favourite stories and enjoying the joy of reading together. In writing, we have been focusing on building confidence, encouraging the children to have a go at writing their own ideas and sounding out words independently. During our Science exploration, the children investigated magnets, discovering which objects they attract and testing their ideas like real scientists. We also took our learning outside with some active phonics games, moving, searching and playing while practising letter sounds and words. It has been a fun and busy week full of curiosity and enthusiasm for learning! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been busy across all subjects. In English, we focused on using capital letters for names and explored the difference between present and past tense. In Maths, we practised using number lines to help us solve problems. In Geography, we looked at our local area and discussed what makes it special. In Science, we recorded the weather and temperature, observing changes throughout the week. In PSHE, we talked about different types of friends and what makes a good friendship. In RE, we began learning about different festivals and special events celebrated by various communities.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we started our new Maths topic: Fractions. We focused on recognising and representing fractions and began developing our understanding of equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts. A range of practical and visual approaches helped to build confidence and deepen understanding. In Computing, we began our new unit on photo editing. We explored how to crop, adjust and enhance images, while also discussing how images can be altered and what this means for digital media. In R.E., we explored the question: *What influences our worldview? We considered how family, friends, culture, religion, media and personal experiences shape the way people see and understand the world. We had a productive week of learning and are looking forward to the week ahead. We would also like to wish everyone celebrating a very happy and blessed Ramadan. Ramadan Mubarak.*

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we had a busy and exciting week of learning. In English, pupils continued exploring the story of Beowulf and developing their narrative writing. They practised using commas, added extra detail with parenthesis, and used relative clauses and cohesive devices to make their paragraphs more descriptive and flowing. In Maths, the children learned about decimals, practising ordering and comparing numbers with up to three decimal places, and rounding to the nearest whole number or one decimal place. In Science, pupils explored the structure of the solar system and the important role of the Sun, discussing how planets orbit and their different characteristics. In Geography, children identified physical and human features from photographs and practised asking geographical questions. In PSHE, pupils discussed how friendships can change and explored ways to repair friendships and resolve disagreements positively.

Year 6

This week in English, we have been using colons, semi-colons, and dashes between clauses, reading *Shackleton's Journey*, and writing expanded noun phrases and detailed sentences. In Maths, we focused on ratio and proportion, as well as equivalent fractions and simplification. History lessons explored monarchs, while in Science, our new topic on inheritance and evolution included studying fossils and completing observation tables. In PHSE, we discussed democracy and Parliament, which got the children thinking critically. The week was full of exciting experiences, including two road safety workshops, a TfL session and a visit from the author Kai Harper, who was also very impressed with the children's engagement and behaviour.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



The children invited to take a treat from the chest were:

- 1 Hawthorn Bader
- 2 Oak Eve
- 3 Sycamore Joel
- 4 Acacia Hans
- 5 Mahogany Zahra
- 5 Cedar Izabela
- 6 Magnolia Sirine

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Sachi, Hawthorn class
Xemi, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Iris, Sycamore class
Nuh, Acacia class
Kamaya, Mahogany class
Sharanya, Cedar class
Nikki, Magnolia class

Excellent Presentation

Hussein, Hawthorn class
Orabelle, Oak class
Mia, Sycamore class
Basit, Acacia class
Afsa, Mahogany class
Samuel, 5 Cedar class
George, Magnolia class

Well done!

DaCapo are offering an exciting opportunity for 5-6 year olds to start to learn an instrument

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