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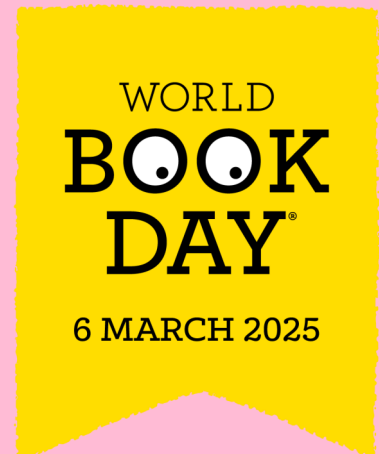
Working together to become change makers

14th February 2025

World Book Day

Mrs Good, who is our English lead, has been busy organising this year's World Book Day - whilst further information will come out nearer the time, we wanted to give you plenty of notice that this year we will be following the theme of, 'Read your own way.' On World Book Day (Thursday 6th March), pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as anything to do with reading - you can be as creative as you want (or not). This could mean creating an outfit that looks like an actual book, dressing as a book character or simply wearing the clothes you wear when you are reading.

As I have mentioned previously, on non-school uniform day attendance often drops and the number of detrimental behaviour incidents increase so obviously I will be monitoring this closely and using it to make decisions about any future events.



ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
54.0%	92.8%	87.8%	93.9%	93.6%	93.8%	92.2%	88.2%	91.4%

Forest School

Our Year 6 pupils have had so many exciting opportunities this year such as running for house captain positions, bikeability, rock concerts, a taekwondo display, watching a school production, going to the outdoor cinema (not to mention the residential later in the year or swimming lessons!) and after half term we are giving them yet another extraordinary opportunity: they will begin forest school sessions!

Every Friday morning, the class will be split into two groups with one group having an hour and half of forest school whilst the other works on their curriculum before swapping over.

This will benefit the pupils by giving them an increase in their self belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, emotional well-being, communication and problem-solving skills.

OPAL

This week the OPAL project moved into its next phase, with us holding a training session which was attended by not only our playteam but also by a governor and staff from other local schools who wanted to experience our exciting journey.



I wanted to share a couple of quotes that were said by our visiting OPAL mentor that encapsulate how far we have come:

'Everyone takes care of each other and that's engrained in the school culture.'

'Your children here are incredible at supporting each other and helping each other play.'

Gold Coins

During half term could you check down the back on sofas, around the rim of the washing machine and anywhere else that gold coins may have fallen. These gold coins are part of our system to recognise positive behaviour, and because our pupils are so well behaved and have such a great attitude towards learning we have given out so many coin that we are actually running short!

Gold Coins are collected and counted by House Captains to see which house wins the trophy.

NSPCC Money raised

Thank you to everyone who supported our cakes sale in support of the NSPCC — you your help (and that of our amazing Charity Reps) we were able to raise a staggering £241.60!

There are still some cake boxes/trays that haven't been collected, these can be taken collected from the school office.

If the person that bought the big cake with the wooden board, could also return the board it would be most appreciated.

Mad Science

Unfortunately, due to staff sickness our Mad Science club wont be running next half term. We hope they will be running again in the summer.

NSPCC Rocks

On Friday pupils from Year 2 — 6 took part in NSPCC Rocks, a times table competition competing against schools from all around the country.

Our rockstars answered an incredible 22056 questions correctly! Year 5 were our school champions, with Year 6 in second place and Year 4 in third.

Dheshan was our overall, individual champion, with Aimen and Amelie following closely behind who all scored over 1000. A Special mention must also go to Joey in Year 2 who answered 994 questions correctly.



Key Events

Friday 14th February — P.A.T.CH Doughnut sale

Friday 28th February — P.A.T.CH Race night

Tuesday 4th March — EYFS Writing parent workshop

Thursday 6th March — World Book Day

Monday 10th March — Swimming lessons begin

Friday 15th March — Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Thursday 20th March — Year 1 Hudnall Park Trip

Monday 31st March — iRock Concert

Tuesday 1st April — Year 2, 3 & 4 production

Wednesday 2nd April — Year 2, 3 & 4 production

Friday 4th April — P.A.T.CH Creative Hair Day

Thursday 8th May — EYFS Maths parent workshop

Red signifies new events/dates

Teacher/Parent Consultations Attendance

It was great to see almost all parents attend the teacher/parent consultations — this shows how much parents are committed to supporting their children's education. The Teacher/Parents consultations were held in classrooms this time around so that parents were able to see the wonderful learning environments pupils are educated in.

Dough Gym

Miss Alford invited all of the Reception parents into the school on Wednesday afternoon to talk about Dough Gym, a wonderful to help children develop their gross and fine motorskills. Parents got the chance to work with their child to make playdough together as well as take part in a fitness workout!

This was yet other chance for parents to come into our school and experience that fantastic work out staff do.

Open Reach

Mrs Stevens has arranged for our good friends at Open Reach to visit the school during half term to help us make some further improvements to the school site. It is great to have companies such as Open Reach wanting to work with us and getting on board with our exciting journey. If you work for, or own, a company that takes part in corporate days and would like to support us in the future, please do get in touch.

Phones during half term

Phones can be a way brilliant for pupils to stay in touch with each other during school holidays and arrange study sessions, play dates, work on projects, etc. However, please check your children's phone daily to ensure messages they are sending and receiving are appropriate - if messages are 'disappearing' or being deleted, this should raise concerns.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibly - if you have any safeguarding concerns you can report them here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/child-protection/report-child-protection-concern.aspx>

Attendance

At the start of this term I asked parents to work with us to help improve our overall attendance and improve on the number of pupils achieving 100% attendance each term. Unfortunately, due to illness (mostly chickenpox) our overall attendance is lower than we were aiming for this term, however the number of pupils on track for 100% attendance is 57, which is almost double that of the Autumn term.

Please help us improve our attendance figures by ensuring that your children are in school everyday unless, of course, they are genuinely unable to attend due to illness.

Staffing

This week we have appointed two new members of staff who will be working in teaching assistant roles within the school next term. More information will follow in due course.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Jones who has been supporting Year 4. We wish her all the best for the next stage of her career.

Year 2, 3 & 4 Easter Production Dates

As always, we are trying to give you as much notice as possible when communicating key dates - and whilst I appreciate that the dates/times we chose wont necessarily fit with everyone personal calendars we have to consider the school and pupils needs first.

We have book the following dates for the Year 2, 3 & 4 Easter Production; more information will follow regarding tickets.

Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 17:00-18:00
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 9:30-10:30

Wraparound Care Update

Wraparound care will be coming in the summer term — Full booking information and key details will be coming out shortly after half term.

Newsletter

Despite trying to make our weekly newsletter as engaging and relevant as possible, I am aware that some families aren't always reading it and therefore miss key information — could you help us, and them, out by reminding your parent friends to read it please.

NED Assembly

On Wednesday our pupils had an assembly about NED — this experience taught them to Never give up, Encourage others and to Do their best!

A message from the House Captains

Earlier in the year you may remember we signed up to Asda's Cash Pot for schools - through this fund raiser you earned the school £94.60! Thank you.

This week the House Captains have been busy looking through various catalogues and have spent this money on fun, playground equipment. House Captains get extra responsibilities around class/school (Recognition level 3 on our behaviour policy) such as this for consistently demonstrating the school values.

