



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

Issue Number 22: Thursday 19th February 2026

Our final week of the half term has been a lovely one in school. We started the week off welcoming Reverend Alison into school to share with us an assembly on what Shrove Tuesday means to Christians.

On Monday afternoon, it was lovely welcoming parents/carers into school from Year 4. The teachers talked through what the children will need to know in preparation for the multiplication tables check in June. It was great to see everyone working with their child on improving mental recall of multiplication facts.

On Tuesday afternoon, it was Year 3s turn to have parents/carers coming into school to work with them. Again, this was a maths-based workshop. It was lovely to see both parents/carers and children having so much fun.

On Thursday afternoon, we had our second PINS coffee afternoon. If you missed this one there will be one final coffee afternoon in March. Keep an eye out for the date and time.

I have also managed to pop into classes again this week to see fabulous learning taking place. It is always great to see how motivated and engaged all of our children are.

Our PE timetable has now been sent out; when we return, we are excited to be getting three classes down to the woods. Our children and adults thoroughly enjoy their woods sessions. Hopefully the weather will brighten up by the time our first session takes place!

I hope the weather warms up for the half term holiday and you all have a fantastic break.

See you all in March. *Mrs Chard*



PARENTS EVENING:

This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing Monday 16th March. Appointments are available to select on Arbor.

SAFEGUARDING – KS2 COLLECTION:

When collecting your child/ren from KS2, please collect from the KS2 yard and not stand on the steps or ramp. This is to ensure a clear walk way for people and also to enable good visibility for teacher's, prior to handing over children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2026:

Thurs 19th Feb – last day of term

Fri 20th Feb – training day **school closed**

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Feb – half term **school closed**

Mon 2nd Mar - back to school

w/c Mon 16th Mar – parent's evenings

Thurs 2nd Apr – last day of term

Fri 3rd Apr – bank holiday **school closed**

Mon 6th – Fri 17th Apr – Easter holidays **school closed**

Mon 20th Apr – back to school

Mon 4th May – Bank holiday **school closed**

**Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May 2026
KS2 SATS – YEAR 6**

Fri 22nd May – last day of term

Mon 25 - Fri 29 May – half term **school closed**

Mon 1st June – occasional day **school closed**

Tues 2nd June – back to school

**Tues 2nd June – 2 weeks Y4
Multiplication checks**

**Mon 8 June – Fri 12th June Y1
Phonic screening checks**

Fri 17th Jul – last day of term

Please note we will continue to send all other dates in a separate email to parents/carers only. These will include dates of trips and events in school.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

All of our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed taking part in battles again this week. I am pleased to announce that the winning class for lower key stage 2 was Spruce and the winning class for upper key stage 2 was Pine. The three most valuable players for lower key stage 2 were James, Olivia and Mya. The three most valuable players for upper key stage 2 were Noah C, Jan and Jensen.

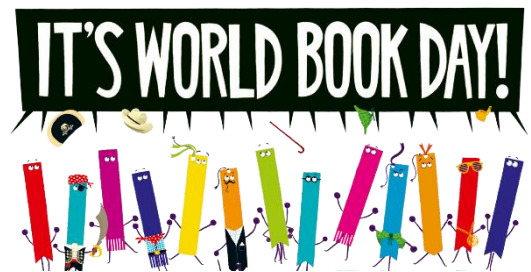
CAREERS WEEK:

From 2nd–8th March, we will be celebrating National Careers Week by exploring careers in STEM. While National Careers Week takes place over one week, our STEM focus will continue over five weeks, allowing children more time to explore and reflect on a range of STEM careers in more detail. Throughout this time, children from Year 1 to Year 6 will learn about five different people who work in STEM, discovering the skills and attributes they use every day. The focus will be on helping children recognise that they already have many of the skills needed for STEM careers, such as curiosity, problem-solving and teamwork. By showcasing a diverse range of STEM role models, we aim to challenge common stereotypes and inspire all children to see that STEM is for everyone. Each child will also receive a STEM postcard to take home and share their learning with families.

WORLD BOOK DAY:

It's World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026.

The Reading Ambassadors have a number of exciting activities planned throughout the day. Our theme for this year is again going to be Amazing Vocabulary. We would like the children to come **dressed as a word of their choice**. As always, we don't expect you to go out and buy or make costumes. There are lots of ideas that just involve the children wearing their own clothes e.g. sporty, snuggly. We are hoping that the children will have fun trying to guess each other's words. We will be running a book breakfast again for families in the KS2 hall from 8.00am. Parents can come with their children to have breakfast, read stories and take part in some fun reading activities.



Please keep an eye out for the letter giving even more details.

RED NOSE DAY:

This year, RND takes place on 20th March. Together, let's go big, give big and feel good to help Comic Relief help people get the support they need across the world, including here in the UK. Children can come into school wearing red or non-uniform.



SCIENCE WEEK:

The theme for British Science Week 2026 is "Curiosity: what's your question?". British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, taking place from 6th–15th March 2026.

During the week, all children will take part in a range of fun and engaging activities linked to the theme. Children will be encouraged to ask questions, explore their ideas and find answers to things they are curious about, helping them to see that asking questions is an important part of learning in science and beyond.



BOOK FAIR:

Thank you to everyone who supported us by popping along to the book fair to buy a book or some stationary. It was lovely to see our hall so busy with such excitement around which book to choose. As a result, Mrs Leach has managed to select many books for our school.

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Frankie
Acorns	Sam
Saplings	Harlow
Beech	Rocco
Elm	Louis
Willow	Rosie
Cherry	Koben
Maple	Veronica
Spruce	Bertie
Cedar	Yaqub
Oak	Lottie
Birch	Hallie
Pine	Noah

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Kayla-Rae
Key Stage 1	Marnie
Lower Key Stage 2	David
Upper Key Stage 2	Stephen Jan

FunClub

Well done

