



# Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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## A MESSAGE FROM MS PAULSON

Dear families, on behalf of us all in school, we thank you for your support during this half term. It may not feel like it at the moment, but spring is on the way and we are looking forward to seeing the bulbs that were planted last autumn beginning to bloom around the school grounds!

It has been a busy and enjoyable week in school beginning with our whole school Chinese New Year Day on Monday. The children clearly enjoy finding out about and sharing each other's festivals and faiths and this builds on our ethos of mutual respect whilst raising awareness of the diversity of our community. It is something to be celebrated!

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday and our whole school assembly gave us a chance to focus on the online safety and wellbeing of children. The theme this year is '**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**'. There is a Top Tips guide for parents and carers that is really worthwhile looking at.

Please click on the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

We wish all of our families a happy half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, smart and ready to learn after a well-deserved rest.

## GOOD LUCK, MISS DEWEY!

One of our Year 2 teachers, Miss Dewey will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of next half term. Her last day in school will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Mrs Trick will be teaching full-time in 2DS for the rest of this academic year. We know the children will be in good hands. We wish Miss Dewey all the very best and look forward to meeting her new little one before very long!

## LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

February is LGBTQ+ History Month and the children had this introduced to them in assembly last week. It is an annual event intended to celebrate and spread awareness of the LGBTQ+ community's contributions throughout history. It is also a time to talk about the importance of treating people fairly and embrace the fact that people and families can be different from each other. Feeling safe, happy and included in our school community is vital for everyone.

Some children have asked if they are able to purchase a LGBTQ+ pin badge and, as we don't have any this year in school, I have included a link here for anyone who would like to buy one. They are £3 each. <https://lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk/product/2025-pin-badge-coming-soon/>

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

A big thank you to one of our incredibly helpful parents who took home and washed all of the uniform in lost property ready to donate to parents in the playground this week and then on to the Uniform Project. This was a massive job! On that note, we would like to make a plea to parents and carers to ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name and class - this is the only way that this situation won't happen again. Uniform is expensive and children will mislay items despite all their good intentions! If there is a name in coats, jumpers, hoodies etc. then we will do our very best to get them back to your child.

## HAYDN'S COMMUNICATION POLICY

We'd like to draw your attention to a new Haydn Communication Policy which can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' drop-down menu. We hope that you will find this informative and helpful.








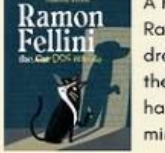
## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

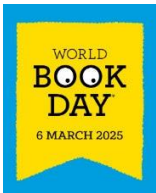
This week, the children have enjoyed taking part in our Lunar New Year themed learning. On Monday, we welcomed specialist teachers from the Confucius Institute at the University of Nottingham. They delivered engaging workshops around Chinese paper cutting, calligraphy painting, story-telling, and language learning. A particular highlight was the professional 'Guzheng' performance. The Guzheng is a Chinese musical instrument with over 2000 years of history. All children behaved beautifully and represented our school proudly. Our F1 and F2 children have also been very busy tasting food, trying traditional dress, making crafts and taking part in a dragon parade. It's always very special and so much fun celebrating different cultures and traditions!

## READING, READING, READING

Half term is here - the perfect time to relax, recharge, and get lost in a good book ❤️ What will you be diving into?

**BIG KIDS LIKE READ ALOUDS TOO**

	The Creature of Habit is learning how to ride a bike. A humorous picture book about perseverance and giving it your best try.		Greta Maloney has a vivid imagination and a knack for exaggeration. Greta's stories will make readers giggle, while they learn an important lesson about honesty.
	Filled with puns and word play, this picture book is an excellent way of learning about credit cards.		The main character is the child of a Jewish mother and a South Asian father, but sometimes she doesn't feel enough of either. An excellent book about multi-faceted identities.
	A hungry monster creates a legendary snack. But as lovable as this monster is, his snack doesn't sound very appetizing. Hilarious and interactive!		Willow has big plans for a bright, beautiful day, but the Weather has plans of its own. Willow tries to show Weather who's the boss, but ultimately finds a different way to play.
	It's Salvatore's first time herding goats on his own, at the foot of Mount Etna. This story introduces us to the "sixth sense" of animals and how they can save the day.		A hilarious "mystery" starring Ramon Fellini, a cat detective dressed as a dog. Is he solving the fish mystery, or does he have a different agenda in mind?



## World Book Day countdown

3 weeks to go... On World Book Day we are inviting parents and carers to stay & read with their children for ten minutes at the start of the school day.

## Children's Book Project

Nearly one million children in the UK do not have a single book of their own at home. The Children's Book Project is a national charity that seeks to tackle **book poverty** and to give every child the **opportunity** to own their own book. They do this by taking donations of pre-loved books children no longer read or have outgrown and gift them to children in the most deprived circumstances. For the first time, it is running a book drive in **Nottingham** with the aim of holding free pop-up bookshops at **twelve of the most disadvantaged schools locally**. The project allows children in these schools to choose and keep two books of their own, many for the first time. For more information visit [www.childrensbookproject.co.uk](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk).



We will be holding a Book Drive for the charity between **3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March**. If you possibly can, please bring in a book your child is happy to donate so that they can find a new home for a child within our local community. More details to follow, next half term.

## WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATORY LUNCH - THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be having a themed lunch on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. On the menu there will be 'Twits' special beef lasagne, served with 'BFG' baguette chunk and 'Peter Rabbit' broccoli trees or 'Life of PI' samosa pie with 'Peter Rabbit' broccoli trees and corn on the cob. For pudding there will be 'Billionaire Boy' jam drop biscuit or 'Oompa Loompa' fresh fruit salad. The cost is free to children in FS and FW, Year 1 and Year 2 and £2.70 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### MATHS CHALLENGE

Calculate the change.



Banana 37p



Grapes  
£1 and 35p



Watermelon  
96p



Strawberries  
£1 and 80p

- 1 I have £1 and buy a banana.
- 2 I have £2 and buy watermelon.
- 3 I have £4 and buy strawberries.
- 4 I have £3 and buy grapes.
- 5 I have £2 and 50p and buy a banana.

**WEEKLY % ATTENDANCE FIGURES - THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: 1D & 6G**

FS	93.87%	FW	94.44%	1D	97.60%	1S	96.55%	2C	96.67%
2DS	92.96%	3H	92.46%	3T	95.34%	4EG	97.40%	4W	97.00%
5C	97.40%	5H	93.49%	6G	97.70%	6CH	94.81%		

**100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS - KS1: Sophia (1D) KS2: Yana (3T)**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

4W Swimming	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term Holidays	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Back to School	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1 National Space Centre Trip	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
OPAL Launch	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
School Photographer (Individual Photos)	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4 Southwell Minster Trip	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
F2 St Ann's Orchard Visit	FS - Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March - afternoon FW - Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March - morning
Red Nose Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 4 Perlethorpe River Study Trip	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4 'The Great Orchestra Experiment'	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2 White Post Farm Trip	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Nursery Mother's Day Cafe	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Morning children - 10.30am All day and afternoon children - 1.00pm
Year 5 'The Tempest' Performance	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - 6.00pm - families welcome Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April - 6.00pm - families welcome
Last Day of School	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Good Friday (School and Nursery Closed)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Monday (School and Nursery Closed)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Back to School	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Bank Holiday Monday (School and Nursery Closed)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Last Day of School	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half Term Holidays	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Back to School	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 6 Shrewsbury Residential	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 'Camp Redwood' Residential	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Inset Day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Holidays	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August
Inset Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Back to School	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September

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Please click on the following link for information on half-term holiday ideas, activities and places to go: <https://bit.ly/ParentENewsFeb25>.