



Academy News

February 2023

The term is flying by and the learning is building each and every day. We're already into March and the days are getting longer—so nice to see the sunlight.

Nursery will be holding open events for parents to come and share the children's successes. The date depends on who your child's key worker is, but they will mostly be w/c 27th March.

Our value this half term is:



New Build update

A brilliant change can be seen since our last newsletter—not only is the base complete but the walls and the roof are also on! The next steps will be the windows and doors so the inside can have the first fix, as well as the cladding for the exterior.

World Book Day

It was lovely to welcome so many parents into the school to share our love of reading with them. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Following our books over breakfast session, years 4-6 were detectives solving 'The Mystery of the Missing Macaw'. Whilst years 1-3 created comic strips of one of their core texts and Nursery and Reception created art work linked to The Rainbow Fish.

We finished our special day with each teacher reading a book and the children chose which book they wanted to listen to.

There was a fantastic buzz around the school.

VR (virtual reality) Headsets

"At first I was a bit scared and nervous because I have never used a headset before, but I really liked it and I would like to do it again"

"It was 100/100 amazing!"

"It was so realistic, it felt like I was really there"

"We actually went to space it was so cool!"

"I liked how realistic the mini-beasts were, they looked really real"

"Mr King, was really awesome, he made it really fun"

"I learnt lots about how to help with climate change and we could see what the world looked like before and how it looks now with all the ice caps melting"

"I named the planets because I knew the colours"



For World Book Day, Year 5 and 6 became detectives to solve the mystery of the missing macaw. They had to enter the 'crime scene', looking at all the clues with a careful eye to piece together all the information. They needed to find out; who did it, how they did it, their motive and why the other 2 suspects were innocent. Some clues were 'locked' so children had to find out how to unlock them to gain access to the vital clues. After an hour at the crime scene, the children then had to collate all their facts as a group to solve who was guilty. Was it the The Great Fabricio (the magician), DJ Crafty (the disk jockey) or Belle Iye (the caterer) who stole Furti the macaw? All groups did really well, with most reaching the correct verdict- well done year 5 and 6!

Boogie Bounce

A wonderful afternoon for Years 4 & 5 with a local trampoline fitness instructor. Despite the short length of the sessions, every child seemed to have a good work out. The Year 5's really pushed themselves in their 15 minutes! As so many children enjoyed the session we will be looking to see if it can become a more regular part of our curriculum offer.

Pupil Voice

As leaders we are working more with our pupils around their learning, their views on safety and how approachable we are to them. In the coming weeks we will focus on how to stay safe online and enhance our play and lunchtime offers.



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Parental Voice

Those of you who came to the Christmas Cafes will possibly have completed a survey, answering the questions that Ofsted ask of parents when they are finding out about us as a school. Having collated all these answers we can see that many of you are very happy with almost all aspects of school life, communication and learning. There were a small number who were less happy with 'bullying' and how school have dealt with a concern. We are hoping to build improved ways of communication around these issues.

Learning this half term!

Nursery: Topic is On the Move , texts are Train Ride, We're going on a bear hunt, The Gruffalo

Reception: Topic is Journeys, texts are Mrs Armitage on wheels and Mr Gumpy's outing

Year 1: Topic is Britain, texts are Cops and Robbers, The Hodgeheg

Year 2: Topic is Heroes and Heroines , texts are Traction Man and Amazing Grace

Year 3: Topic is On our Doorstep , text is Voices in the Park, Hansel and Gretel

Year 4: Topic is Under the sea, text is Song of the dolphin boy

Year 5: Topic is Route 66 , text is Holes

Year 6: Topic is Pole to Pole, text is Wolf Brother

School Lunches

We are trying to 'streamline' the process of ordering school meals, keeping the office traffic to a minimum in the mornings. There have been some mix ups with food orders so we are now asking every child about their lunch options in class. To speed this up, please return a rolling menu choice. The first few days have proven successful and the office is able to deal with queries quickly and effectively too.

Dates for your diary:

06/03 Parents Evening (3:30-6:50)

07/03 Parents Evening (3:30-5pm)

07/03 Year 6 out to Letton Hall—Crucial Crew
13-17/03 Science Week

14/03 Year 4 leading Collective Worship 9am

16/03 Stay and Play 9am

17/03 Comic Relief—info to come

w/c 20/03 IEP reviews (SEND Parents Evenings)

21/03 Reception Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision

23/03 Reception Café 10am

24/03 Year 2 Café 2pm

28/03 Year 3 Collective Worship & Café am

28/03 Year 1 & Yr 6 Café pm

29/03 Year 4 Café pm

30/03 Year 5 Café pm

31/03 Yr 6 Collective Worship—Easter Service am

31/03 End of Term

18/04 School Term starts for all

18/04 Swimming for Year 4 (weekly until end of May)

18/04 New Value—Responsibility

01/05 May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

08/05 Coronation Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

09/05 Yr 6 SATS tests—class breakfast from 8:15

15/05 Reception visit to Church Farm

26/05—04/06 School closes for Half Term

05/06 School Term starts for all

05/06 New Value—Service

06/06 Swimming for Year 3 (weekly until end of term)

Many children have statutory assessments and testing during the Summer Terms—please do not plan holidays during term time.

Anything in a bold font means that parents/family are welcome to join in.

Birthdays in February

Happy Birthday!

Name	Age
Oliver	6
Siena	11
Jenson	7
Kayden	4
Mateusz	9
Joshua	6
Theo	5
Kody	3
Emmi	11
Florence	6
Quinn	3
Louie	10
Effie	3
Kyle	7
Lillie	6
Harlowe	9
Lillie	6
Edward	6
Opal	6
Mylah	6

