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Friday 13th February 2026

Whats on the first week back after half term.

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Attendance Matters

Spring 1 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>Wk6</u>	<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Year so far</u>
<u>Nursery</u>	82.7	80	80	87.2	80.8	84	91.0	84.7	84	87.3
<u>Reception</u>	93.8	93.2	94.3	95.4	97.5	94.1	97.1	91.4	94.1	94.3
<u>Year 1</u>	97.4	99	99	95.9	94.3	95.6	97.5	94.3	95.6	95.9
<u>Year 2</u>	94.7	91.2	90	98.8	99.2	96.6	98.7	94.7	96.6	96.8
<u>Year 3</u>	92.9	95.3	97.7	95.0	94.7	95.7	97.1	93.5	95.7	95.6
<u>Year 4</u>	95.7	96.6	96.8	98.6	97.1	97.8	99.1	95.9	97.8	97.7
<u>Year 5</u>	94.4	94.8	99.4	94.2	95.5	95.1	94.5	95.2	95.1	95.8
<u>Year 6</u>	92.5	95.7	95.9	96.2	95.5	96.0	93.6	93.1	96.0	94.8
<u>Whole school</u>	93.7	94.3	95.3	95.7	95.2	95.1	96.5	93.5	96.1	96.0

Well done **Year 4** you have the best attendance again this week, This half term and this year so far. As a reward Year 4 will be having a non uniform day on the first Friday back.

Whole School Attendance since start of the year is currently running at 96%.

Internation Mother Language day on 21st February

To celebrate Internation Mother Language day on 21st February, a brilliant selection of book recommendations can be found for Early Years, KS1 and KS2 on the Little Wandle website. This section of the website is public so families can access them through the link below. Happy reading! [Book recommendations](#) | [Letters and Sounds](#)



This week's **writers of the week** are **Riley, Firdaus and Amara in Year 5** for the start of their additional chapters based on the key text *Wonder* by R.J. Palaccio. The children have focused on using 'show not tell' for imagery, dialogue to show characterisation through action, and parenthesis. Mrs Jones was so impressed with all of Year 5's writing on Wednesday that she was unable to pick just the one child! Fantastic!

§ WALL draft a new chapter ~~END~~

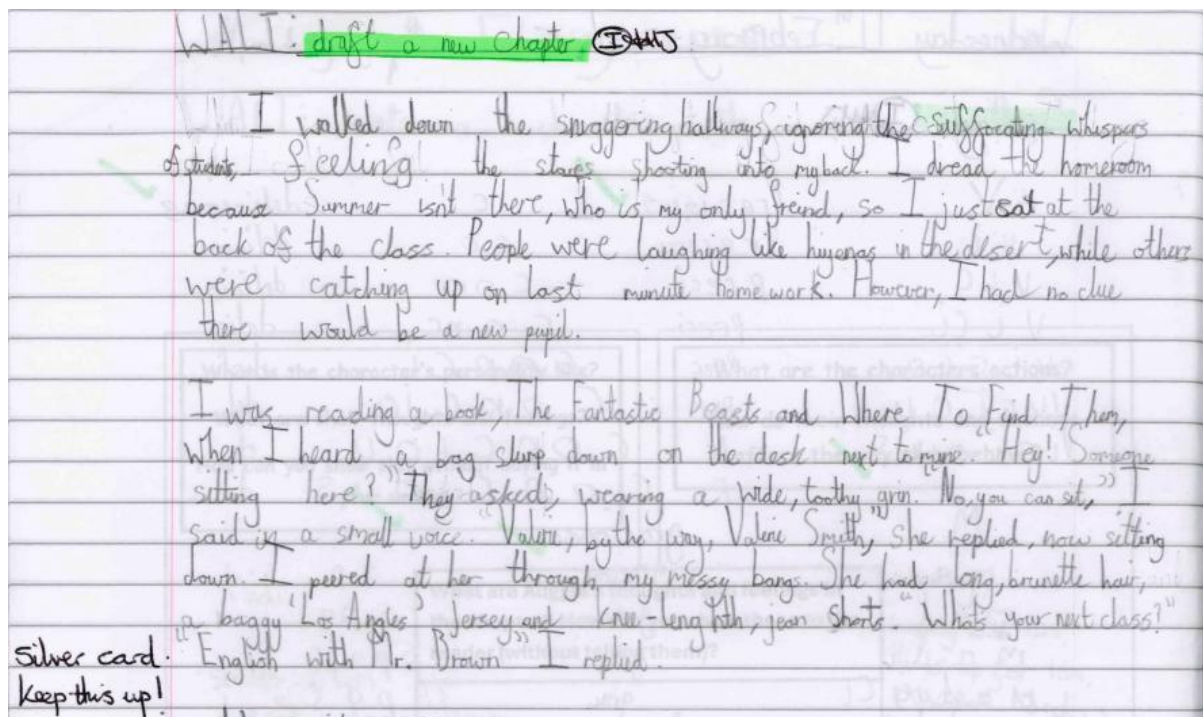
§ I was in the canteen, sitting alone. Summer wasn't there because she had a cold. The canteen was like a war zone. There was screaming, laughing, chattering and people complaining about their food. I could also feel stares and whispers. I kept fidgeting with my hands, while ^{trying to} not make eye contact ^{with} anyone. ^{but said nothing.} They didn't know I knew they were whispering about me. I tried to stay still, although it was impossible with that much people staring. I couldn't stop tugging my foot, even though some people already stopped staring.

Just then two girls came in. The first girl came in so silently that you would think she came out of thin air. Her head was down and her hood was up. However the other girl, who looked a lot like ^{the first girl} was the whole opposite of her. She came in loudly and followed the first girl. ^{the other girl} She kept biting her lip and started fidgeting with her lunch bag. She also wasn't making eye contact. The other girl, who was the loud one, was making eye contact with everyone and waving at everybody.

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Rocksteady Music

We were delighted to welcome Tommy from Rocksteady on Wednesday! He entertained the children with performances of popular songs and introduced them to a variety of rock instruments, including the electric guitar, electric drums, and keyboards. Pupils across both KS1 and KS2 had the exciting opportunity to form their own bands during a fun-filled workshop. It was wonderful to see so many children building their confidence as they performed in front of their classmates.



Letters have now been sent home with all the information you need to know about how the children can take part in weekly Rocksteady lessons, which will take place within school hours on Wednesday mornings after half term. **Places are filling up quickly so please make sure you sign up as soon as you can! Please note that all payments and administration for these lessons are handled directly by Rocksteady, so any questions should be directed to them.**



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Online Safety Day - Tips for Parents

As many of our children enjoy spending time on Roblox, we want to remind families about the importance of reviewing and updating privacy settings to help keep children safe online. Roblox includes features that allow parents to control who can chat with their child, who can join them in games, and who can send friend requests. Taking a few minutes to adjust these settings can greatly reduce the risk of unwanted contact and ensure a safer, more positive gaming experience.



We encourage parents and carers to regularly check their child's account settings, enable parental controls, and have open conversations about online safety and responsible digital behavior. This will help create a safer online environment for all of our students.

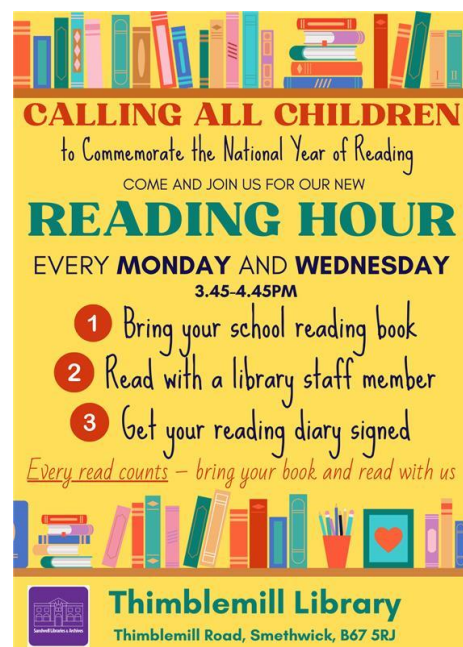
For more information on how to set up or check privacy settings. Please see the link below - <https://www.cococoders.com/resources-for-parents/keeping-your-child-safe-on-roblox-how-to-check-pri...>

Reading Hour at the Library

After February half term, we will be offering dedicated reading sessions for school children at the library. During these sessions, children are invited to bring along their school reading books. Members of our library staff will listen to the children read and sign their reading diaries, helping to reinforce the fantastic work already taking place in school.

These sessions are designed to encourage a love of reading, build confidence, and provide additional positive reading experiences in a relaxed and supportive environment.

We strongly value the importance of positive links between the library and local schools, and we believe that by working together we can continue to promote strong literacy skills and a lifelong enjoyment of reading.





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Dates for your Diary – 2025 – 2026

(don't forget you can download our calendar by following this line- **new things added today are highlighted in green**)

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	Monday 2 nd	Year 3 and Year 4 Parents Adaptive Teaching info session and 'come and work with your child' morning 9 – 10.30
	Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 trip to St Hildas
	Thursday 5 th	World Book Day – children to dress up as their favourite book character
	Monday 9 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Adaptive Teaching info session and 'come and work with your child' morning 9 – 10.15
	Thursday 12th	Year 5 and Year 6 Parents Adaptive Teaching info session and 'come and work with your child' morning 1.45 – 3.15
	Thursday 12 th	Rev Jenni – Lent assembly
	Tuesday 17 th	St Patricks Day
	Wednesday 18 th	Year 4 trip to St Hildas
	Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day
	Friday 27 th	Pupils break up for the Easter Holidays
	Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays – school closed to pupils
	Thursday 16 th	Rev Jenni from St Hildas supporting in year 6 RE lesson
April	Thursday 23 rd	St Georges Day
	Friday 24 th	Reception trip to St Hildas
	Monday 4th	MAYDAY Bank Holiday – school closed
May	Monday 11 th	Year 6 SATS paper SPAG
	Tuesday 12 th	Year 6 SATS paper Reading



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	Wednesday 13 th	Year 6 SATS paper 1 & 2 maths
	Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATS paper 3 maths
	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 1 st	Training Day – school closed to pupils
June	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 4 Multiplication test to be administered this week
	Friday 5 th	Class Photos
	Monday 8 th – Friday 2 nd	Year 1 phonic screening test to be administered this week
	Monday 6 th	Sports Day – times to be announced
July	Monday 6 th Friday 10 th	School Health Nurse – safe sun at Sports Day
		School reports sent home today
	Monday 13 th	Year 6 Prom 6pm – 8pm @ Thimblemill Recreation Club – tickets £15.00 per pupil
	Wednesday 15 th	Class swap – pupils will meet their new teacher
	Monday 20 th	Training Day – school closed to pupils

PE days for the coming year

PE						
	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer term	
	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm
Monday	Y3	Y1	Y4	Y1	Y4	Y1
Tuesday	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y2	Y3	Y4
Wednesday	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y2
Thursday	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2
Friday	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y3