

# Newsletter Spring Term – 01.03.2024

## What happened this week in school?

Despite the wet weather, we have had a great start to the new term! We are now moving out of the cold dark evenings into Spring, so I am reminding us all to exercise great care when leaving school and on the journey home.

As the new term begins, I would like to thank parents for your outstanding support, care and good humour. I would also like to thank the staff for their fantastic work and Governors for their incredible support. And our pupils are absolutely a credit to the school.

We have so many special events on the run up to Easter, including World Book Day, Ongar District Cross Country Event, Toy Museum Trip, The Mother's Day Biscuit Sale, Red Nose Day and World Poetry Day.

**We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please contact the school if you might be interested in this role.**

Can we also ask for support from the parent community on the following two matters: Mr Bianchi (caretaker) needs to install two canopies by the front door and hall door against protection from rain, but needs help with this, as he cannot do the DIY by himself. We are also in need of borrowing a scaffolding ladder or tall ladder (10 foot plus) to change a fitting in school. If anybody can help us in this regard, please let the office know.

## Picture News – This week's Big Question...



## Roots and Fruits







This term's focus will be on Holy Week and Easter.

## British Value of the term





Mutual Respect










## Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class <b>88%</b>
	Yeas 1 and 2 <b>90%</b>
	Years 3 and 4 <b>91%</b>
	Years 5 and 6 <b>95%</b>
Whole school	<b>91%</b>

## House Points

Ants		1365
Badgers		1222
Locusts		1294
Lizards		1129

# Value Awards

	Reception	Patrick	Hope: For sharing playdough with his peers
	<b>Courage</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Nancy	For quickly settling in our class.
	Years 3 and 4	Hugo	Hugo has shown the courage to move on to more challenging maths. Well done.
	Years 5 and 6	Teddie	For being brave and not giving up with tasks.
	<b>Creativity</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Madison	For using adjectives in her writing.
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	Amber has used her artistic talents to illustrate some very good work.
	Years 5 and 6	All pupils in Indigo/Violet class	For great participation and creativity during our mock trial
	<b>Respect</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Luna	For treating all with kindness and respect.
	Years 3 and 4	Eva	Eva takes her jobs in class seriously and shows respect for others.
	Years 5 and 6	Maxwell	For treating all with great respect
	<b>Compassion</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Nellie	For being a good friend and a buddy for the new starters.
	Years 3 and 4	Maisey	Maisey is always aware of the needs of others.
	Years 5 and 6	Sienna	For being a great friend and setting outstanding example of behaviour.
	<b>Perseverance</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Mikey	For trying his best with his maths work.
	Years 3 and 4	Alice Cur	Alice has persevered in learning many of her multiplication tables. Well done.
	Years 5 and 6	Paul	For trying hard in maths.
	<b>Responsibility</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Jesse	For taking care and helping his new friends.
	Years 3 and 4	Daisy	Daisy likes to accept responsibility for jobs which help everyone in our class.
	Years 5 and 6	Teddy Dou	For taking responsibility in completing more work.
	<b>Hope</b>		
	Years 1 and 2	Eila	For making new friends.
	Years 3 and 4	Harleigh	Harleigh uses hope to set goals and improve her work.
	Years 5 and 6	Barney	For showing great improvement in his work. Well done!

# Classroom News



## Reception Red Class

This week in Reception we have been observing daffodils and creating crafts to mark St David's Day.



We have also been exploring this week's book, 'The Extraordinary Gardener' and have planted our own seeds – some in soil and some in a plastic bag so that we can observe the growth of the roots.



See more photos of this activity in our gallery on the website [here!](#)



## Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

Year 1 and 2 were learning how to handle money this week. They were making different amounts using pence, then they moved to pounds and finally with a great deal of confidence were making equal amounts using both – pence and pounds.



Also this week, we were learning how to make a phone call in case of emergency. The Orange and Yellow class were acting out different scenarios showing how they should behave and what to say if they ever need to make such a call.



## Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

Y3 and 4 PSHE – Citizenship

We have been learning about the UN Charter for Children's Rights. Together, we explored the different Articles which explain the guaranteed rights children have in the UK. We discovered many benefits for ourselves; which we didn't realise.

Rights such as a free education and clean drinking water, for children, is guaranteed by the UN Charter.

The class also focussed on Article 23: *A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence, and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to provide support to disabled children.*



Understanding Article 23 helped us to realise our responsibility as citizens to help others.

**UN Charter of  
Children's Rights**

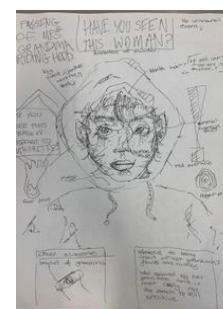


## Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class

For PSHE, we are looking at 'Breaking the Law'.

Unfortunately, Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother passed away. The murder was investigated and a trial was held. The defendants: Little Red Riding Hood and The Wolf had 2 lawyers who tried to get their clients off free. 4 witnesses testified and we also heard from 2 police officers who told us about their findings. The jury and the judge did a great job at looking at all the evidence and found that BOTH The Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood teamed up together and committed this unthinkable crime. Sentencing should take place within the next few weeks.

Sketches drawn during the trial by our sketch artist.



# Information

## Book Fair

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**

**COME TO the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!**

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

**NEW** **CAT KID COMIC CLUB** **DAVE PILKEY** **Save £3** ~~£12.99~~ **£9.99**

**NEW** **George Walker Why Not?** **£7.99** **Presenter George Walker!**

**NEW** **DIARY of a Wimpy Kid SUPER OVERLODE** **£7.99**

**NEW** **LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER** **ALESHA DIXON** **£7.99**

**NEW** **NINA PEANUT AMAZING** **Available from 9.99** ~~£8.99~~ **£7.99**

**NEW** **THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED** **£7.99**

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Date:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:30 - 4:00pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:30 - 4:00pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:10 - 3:30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:30 - 4:00pm

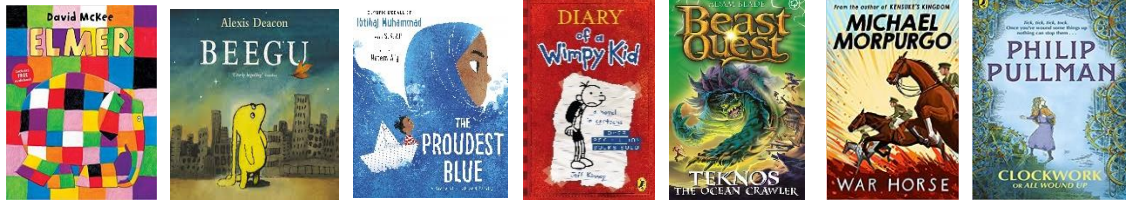
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:30 - 4:00pm

Scan the QR code to pay online!



# World Book Day 2024

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, we invite you to decorate your own white t-shirt with your **FAVOURITE BOOK!**



We kindly ask that parents supply the white t-shirt, and we will supply the pens, but you are welcome to bring your own permanent markers to use if you wish to.

T-shirts can then be worn on  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for World Book Day!

## Book Week Challenges

### CHALLENGE 1

#### BOOK FACE.

Can you seamlessly insert your face onto the cover of a book? Look at the examples below.



#### Or EXTREME READING.

Take a photo of you reading in an unusual location. Look at the examples below.



### CHALLENGE 2

#### PAPER PLATE BOOK

Create a book cover / scene on a paper plate! Look at the examples below.



### Or A PAPER TUBE CHARACTER.

Create a book character using a paper tube! Look at the examples below.



## CHALLENGE 3

### 3-D BOOK CHARACTER ART.

Create a 3-D book character portrait. Look at the examples below.



## !!! PRIZES !!!

Those who wish to participate in the three challenges will be entered into a competition!

There will be 4 winners – one winner from each CLASS.

Each winner will receive a £5.00 book token that can be redeemed at the book fair!

# Amazing Achievements!

Reception children participated in **TWO** Young Writers Competitions.

One was artwork, entitled '*Me & My Family*' and the other, '*My First Poem*'.

It is with pride and excitement that I can share that **ALL** the entries have been chosen to be included in two separate publications (pending parental consent).

**Me & My Family**, is scheduled for publication on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024. As a participating school, we will receive a complimentary copy of the book shortly after publication.

Additionally, **My First Poem 2024 – Wonder Tots**, is scheduled for publication on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. As a participating school, we will receive a complimentary copy of the book shortly after publication.

Each child has received a certificate, sticker and book mark to celebrate their success!



**Parents – please note the deadlines.**

**Me & My Family** parental permissions need to be received by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – without permission, the artwork cannot be published in the book.

**My First Poem 2024 – Wonder Tots** parental permissions need to be received by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – without permission, the artwork cannot be published in the book.



## Well Done!

Alice received her Gold award at Rainbows on Monday night, as she has completed all her badges and has now jumped over the rainbow into Brownies!

Well done Alice, such amazing work, keep going!



## Well Done Mrs How



Mrs How our SENCo met Theo Paphitis last week as she won a place in his small business network for the company that she runs called Positive Young Minds and SEND support (she's also the author of the book in the photo as well).

Well done, Mrs How!

## Information



04.03.24	<del>RESCHEDULED</del> Scholastic – Schools Live event for Orange Yellow Class
05.03.24	<del>RESCHEDULED</del> Scholastic – Schools Live event for Green Blue and Indigo Violet Class
05.03.24	Epping & Ongar District Cross Country : Ongar Primary
06.03.24	<del>RESCHEDULED</del> Scholastic – Schools Live event for Red Class Reception
07.03.24	World Book Day 2024: The Great Big Footy & Booky Online Quiz
07.03.24	World Book Day – Special Menu, please book a school dinner!
08.03.24	Puffin Virtual Author - Jen Carney – Years 3 - 6
08.03.24	Mother's Day Biscuit Sale
08.03.24	Reception & Year 5 Road Safety 12.45 to 3pm <b>Reception parents workshop from 2pm</b>
14.03.24	Orange Yellow Class Trip to House on the Hill Toy Museum
15.03.24	Science Experiments for Parents to watch
15.03.24	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
21.03.24	World Poetry Day
22.03.24	Assembly Poetry/ Shakespeare Performance
28.03.24	Break Up for Easter
15.04.24	Back to School





## Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

### Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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March 2024							April 2024							May 2024						
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June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School closed: Staff training (INSET)		School days		Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term</b>	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	<b>73 days</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i>	<b>56 days</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday – 6 May</i>	<b>66 days</b>
		<b>195 days</b>

**You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.**