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World Book Day

We have absolutely LOVED world book day today! Children have come in with some really fantastic and imaginative accessories to represent their favourite book characters – we're having lots of fun guessing who each other are. All those who entered the five-sentence story did such an amazing job, and a child from each Year Group had their story read out by a 'celebrity' in assembly today. Well done everyone! Look out for a photo in The Daily Gazette on Wednesday 11th March.



Foundation Stage learnt all about recycling this week. They learnt all about what to separate and why, and went on a walk to collect litter.

Orange Class have been learning all about vegetables this week, and tomorrow will be tasting vegetable soup! This builds on their reading of their class book Oliver's Vegetables.

Yellow Class have been looking materials in science this week. They have investigated how various materials change shape by twisting, bending, squashing and stretching them

Green Class have researching mountains and volcanoes in Geography this week. They looked closely at atlases – plotting their locations, and labelling their own maps.

Year 4 finished painting the illuminated lettering they have been designing this week. They learnt all about how the Anglo Saxons used them to understand and portray stories

Year 5 have been using poems to learn how to write metaphors this. In Maths they have been exploring fractions, finding ways to simplify them; and finding their equivalents.

This week, Year 6 have been exploring the different features needed to build tension and suspense in preparation for writing their mystery stories.



Who do you care about most and why? By Freya

Winning KS1 Answer by Finley in Year 2

I care about my mum because she is the best!

Winning KS2 Answer by Kai in Year 4

I care about my dad because I don't get to see him as much as my mum and I do things with him.

Headteacher Awards

Elizabeth in Red Squares; Finn and Dylan in Red Circles; Elijah in Year 3; Skye, Keira, Daisy, Dennis, Taylor, Alanah, Peaches, Charlie and Sophie in Year 2; Kianna, Connor C, Ivy and Juniper in Year 4; Leonard in Year 5; Jack S in Year 6



Whole school attendance this week: 96.34%

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Percentage	97.28%	87.5%	100%	95.42%	96.3%	99.17%	98.28%
Absences	10	30	0	11	8	2	4
Lateness	3	0	2	4	8	0	1

Water Bottles

For hygiene reasons, please can ALL children come into school every day with their own water bottle. We will no longer be providing cups to those without a bottle, to prevent children accidentally sharing. Thank you!

Bikeability Learn to Ride

If you signed your child up for Bikeability's Learn to Cycle scheme, please note that this will take place in school next Monday 9th March.

Please ensure your child brings into school with them:

- **A roadworthy bike with two working brakes and without stabilisers.**
- **A helmet (not full face).**
- **Suitable clothing for the weather conditions.**

Let me know if you have any questions.

New School System

Based on feedback from parents, and after lots of research and meetings, we will be changing our online payment and communication system as of Monday 30th March. By Friday 20th March, please can all parents:

- Log into SIMS PAY
- Pay for any unpaid for school trips
- Pay for any unpaid for school lunches
- Calculate additional lunches to be eaten up until 27th March
- Pay for these additional lunches

We will be working hard over the coming weeks to ensure this transition runs as smoothly as possible. We are hoping that this change vastly improves the way we communicate home, and makes future payments much easier for families.

Thank you so much for your help!

Year 6 Football Tournament

WELL DONE to the Year 6 pupils who kicked off a football tournament playing St Luke's this Wednesday. It was a great game! Those children who wanted to play put their name into a hat with selections made from that pool.

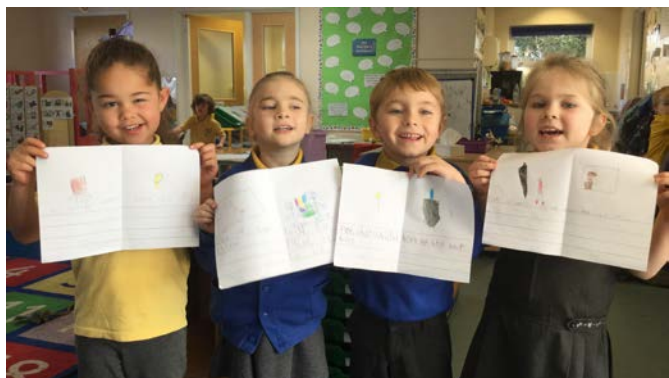
If your child would like to be a part of the tournament but didn't get a chance this time around, there are plenty more games coming up and all those wanting to play will be able to. We can't wait to cheer along every single match!

Year 2 Forest School

Look out for letters coming home today with Year 2 Pupils for our next run of Forest School sessions. Please complete and return these by Monday 9th March. On every day your child attends Forest School, please send them in with a clearly labelled bag with weather appropriate layers, wellies, and clothes that can get muddy!

Recycling in Foundation Stage

The children in Foundation Stage have been sorting materials this week ready to recycle! They have been learning about reducing waste, why we recycle, looking after the planet, and making their own information leaflets!



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To Be Human

By Miriam in Year 6

The sun shone down into the long glass window panel, as Jody, a tall girl with long, brown, wavy hair – which was tied up in a ponytail, stared out of it, longing for a way out of her house.

The feeling of neglect hit her harder than ever before, she looked down and saw she was still in the rusty old wheelchair; oh how she wished she would be laughing and playing with her friends.

Every day at break (in school) people would come up to her and call her names, but enough was enough – she was going to make a difference, her plan was she would write in the school newsletter and say how it is to be in a wheelchair for life!

So the next morning Jody went to the Head Mistresses office and said she would like to write in the newsletter about life in a wheelchair, luckily the Head Teacher was very kind so she agreed.

The article was written and the newsletter was sent out... *what might the response be?* – Jody waited in suspense!!!