

Weekly Update 2nd to 6th March 2026



02-06 March	World Book Week
03 March	Cross Country - selected children already notified
03 March	PPG Committee Meeting 6pm
05 March	World Book Day Dress Up
05 March	Cross Country - selected children already notified
06 March	Y5 PE Athletics Challenge

Informing the office

We have noticed parents/carers sometimes forget to update the office if their child isn't going to an OOSH club or Care club. If there are any changes to after school arrangements rather than informing the class teacher at drop off please message the office via email or Arbor. Thank you for your cooperation.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026 is World Book Day!

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas to school to further encourage bedtime stories. It would be great if they could bring in their favourite book to share with their class. We are really excited to see all the children and staff in their costumes, please ensure the costume is linked to a character from a book.

Throughout week commencing 2nd March, every class will undertake many different activities based around 'The Inventor's Workshop'. There will also be extra activities across the week and an exciting assembly planned.

Baby Bank Donation

If you have any of the following items please donate to the main office by **Friday 13th March**.



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Important update to our home reading system

From this term, we will no longer be using benchmarking books or colour banding to allocate reading books for children in Year 2–Year 6. Instead, children in these year groups will bring home:

- A library book for reading enjoyment and sharing at home
- An age-appropriate book chosen from their class reading area

As many of our Year 2 children are now moving on to fluency books, they will be recognised as fluent readers. This means they are able to read and access any age-appropriate text confidently. We want to encourage reading for pleasure, independence, and exposure to a wide range of high-quality texts.

Children in Reception, Year 1, and some Year 2 pupils will continue to follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics programme. These children will bring home:

- A library book to share and enjoy with family
- Their Little Wandle phonics reading book, carefully matched to the phonics sounds they are currently learning

Once children have completed the Little Wandle phonics programme and move onto fluency books, they will no longer be colour banded and will instead select an age-appropriate book from their class reading area.

You may notice that some age-appropriate books still display benchmarking band colours such as white or gold. Please be aware that these labels remain on some books from previous systems; however, we are no longer using colour banding to determine a child's reading level.

Our aim with this change is to promote reading confidence, independence, and a genuine love of reading, while ensuring children continue to access texts that are suitable for their age and stage of development.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.