

# WEEKLY NEWS

FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

## Y1 ARE FANTASTIC AT PHONICS!

This week, Mrs Stafford has been working with Year 1 on their phonics skills and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and enthusiasm.

The children are developing their knowledge of sounds brilliantly and are becoming increasingly confident when blending and segmenting words. It has been wonderful to see them applying their phonics skills in both their reading and writing. The children have shown excellent focus and a positive attitude, always trying their best and supporting one another. They are particularly good at joining in with games, songs, and activities that make learning phonics fun and engaging. It is clear that their confidence is growing every day, and they are beginning to challenge themselves with new and tricky words.



**ELS** Essential Letters and Sounds

## BUILDING WORK BEGINS SOON



The refurbishment of the toilets across the academy begins in the Easter Holiday and will continue during the summer term. Please look out for more information coming soon!

## WE DO-NUT MISS A DAY AT WRPA

Last week, we awarded our rainbow scooter to Mateo for his 100% attendance and this week, pupils were so excited for another attendance challenge! Led by our Pupil Leaders, each class submitted ideas to Miss Blades-Baker and Miss Hamilton to consider. The winning idea was 'Do-nut miss a day' with donuts for everyone on Friday with 100% this week. Well done!



## Attendance Champions

Year 3 - 98.1%

Year 4 - 96.0%

Nursery - 95.7%

Year 2 - 95.5%

Year 6 - 95.3%

Reception - 92.8%

Year 1 - 91.9%

Year 5 - 91.9%

## Sneak Peek in the Classroom



**There has been lots of exciting learning in our classrooms this week!**

### Reception

Reception children have enjoyed planting bean seeds in small groups and are learning all about what plants need to grow. This is helping them to secure a key early years take-away of how plants grow and what they need to thrive. Over the next week, they will continue to observe changes and record them in their own bean diaries through drawings and simple sentences.



### Year 3 and Year 4

This week, we have continued reading our class text 'The Iron Man', and have begun to find out about the battle between the Iron Man and the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon. We are all intrigued to find out how it will end.

In Science we have been learning about the different parts of a flower and the role they play in pollination, which creates new seeds.



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### Year 1 and Year 2

This week in whole class reading, Year 2 have finished the book, The Tear Thief. We learnt that the Tear Thief collects tears of sadness and takes them to the moon. In the story it tells us that the most beautiful part of the moons light comes from tears of pure sadness. After finishing our book, we completed a book review and gave a summary and our opinions of the book to our Year 1 friends who have been busy with learning their new Phase 5 sounds. We are all readers at Willoughby Road!

### Year 5

This week we have read many more chapters from Street Child in which we have focused on how each character's feelings change due to their circumstances. We have also further developed our reading aloud voices and used the text to find the words needed to answer specific questions asked.

We have also enjoyed our science challenge of learning about air resistance, which gave us an opportunity to practically create parachutes in two different sizes for our investigation work.

### Year 6

Year 6 have shown continued dedication to their learning this week and Miss Blades-Baker has been particularly impressed with the children when she has been working in class and with groups during her revision sessions. This week, children explored key themes within The Boy in Striped Pyjamas, thinking about how the author creates impressions on the reader. Pupils asked themselves, what do we know about the friendship between the characters? They extended their understanding of life during the War by exploring different types of technology. They had to imagine life without tablets and mobile phones - they were not impressed!



# SAVE THE DATE

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Y5/6 Stay and Read

**NO Y6 BOOSTER THIS WEEK**

**EVERGREEN BEHAVIOUR REWARD EVENT**

**3:15PM - 4:15PM**

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Attendance Celebration Assembly at 9am

Work Celebration Event at 2:15pm

**School Closes for Easter Holiday**

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**INSET Day - School Closed to pupils**

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**School reopens for pupils**

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

EYFS Stay and Read

Y6 Managing Emotions Workshop (WMIM)

Y6 Boosters 3:15pm - 3:45pm

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Reception Class - Hearing and Vision Screening

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Chicks arrive in Reception!

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Y1/2 Stay and Read

Y6 Boosters 3:15pm - 3:45pm

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Y3/4 Stay and Read

Y6 Boosters 3:15pm - 3:45pm (LAST SESSION)

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATs Week: GPS

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATs Week: Reading

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

**NO STAY AND READ FOR Y5/6 THIS WEEK**

Y6 SATs Week: Maths Paper 1 and 2

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATs Week: Maths Paper 3

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATs Reward Lunch

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Y5/6 Stay and Read

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Y6 Booster Reward - Airkings

**Last Day of Term - School Closes for Half Term**

**196**  
PUPILS  
THIS WEEK



THIS TERM'S

**EVERGREEN**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

3.15PM - 4.15PM

Pupils have voted for...

**EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA**

# GREAT ATTENDANCE LEADS TO... BRIGHT FUTURES



**COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY OF THE  
WEEK FROM MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AND  
YOU CAN WEAR THE BRIGHTEST CLOTHES  
YOU OWN ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**