

**PRIMARY  
NEWSLETTER**

**March 2025**



Dear Parents/ Grandparents/ Carers,

As we arrive at the end of another busy term, we want to say thank you to you for all your support with your children's learning. The progress the children are making due to the homework being completed each week is starting to show in their assessment results.

**READING**

This week and next, we will be carrying out reading tests with all the children and providing them with new levelled books. When we do this, you may find your child struggles to read as fluently as before. This can be expected. We are pushing the children to use their sounds to start to read harder words so they may halt a lot more initially when they start reading. Please do not worry. After a few weeks, this will get easier. If you find your child is particularly struggling, try reading one page each or one paragraph each to start with. This will help their brain have a little rest and also enable your child to hear new words being read by an adult. Please keep reading – this is the single most important piece of work you can do with your child. 😊

**Year 5/6 football team by Mr Newton**

The Year 5/6 boys football team played in a tournament at St Edwards' Primary School on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Our first game was against our local rivals Bournville Village Primary School coached by Mr King!! Tensions were high! We had heard somewhere on the grapevine that BVP were a very talented team full of district football players. I was nervous. The whistle blew and Bournville played and defended extremely well. Peter, the goalkeeper, made several outstanding saves to keep us in the game. We did concede two goals, but the boys should be very proud of their performance against a top team. We then went on to win our next game against West Heath. Special mention goes to Jack M, in Year 4, who scored a fantastic solo goal to win us the game. We lost our final game in a very close battle where St James' scored in the last minute. The boys should be very proud of their efforts. We roll onto next week against Paganel in the cup!

**ASDA Rewards CASHPOT for SCHOOLS**

Thank you so much for all the parents that used ASDA for the few months before Christmas. This incentive managed to raise the school £199.56. Every Little Helps! And we will put this money towards books for school

**TESCO Support**

We are very lucky to have support from Tesco by way of a gift card which can be spent on fruit or vegetables only. Tesco kindly top up an account for us to use and we are able to supply your children with a variety of fruits (mango, passion fruit, kiwi, bananas, pineapple, etc) so they have access to food in school to keep their brains working well all day 😊. Last week, we had the CEO of Tesco visit our school alongside the community development team for Tesco to see what we were

doing. They loved our school and your children. They were so impressed with their manners and gratefulness for what they were doing. One child said, 'Thank you Tesco for what you are doing for us. We can concentrate better and it is very generous of you to give us this money. We are all very grateful.' Tesco were so impressed, they donated the school £500 and provided us with 2 slow cookers, a freezer and a smoothie maker so we can use these items to increase our provision. If you are ever in need of fruit and vegetables, please let us know and we can purchase items for you as a family especially over the holiday period.

## Attendance

Please keep the drive going to improve attendance. We really would love to reach 95% as a primary school and this can only happen if you child is in school. We are grateful to parents/carers when appointments are planned either out of school time, or after afternoon registration as this enables your children to keep a high attendance rate. We know medical appointments are not always easy to get so we appreciate this can be difficult but every morning and afternoon session counts. A lot of children this year are showing incredible improvement so let's hope the summer term sees a real increase again in attendance levels.

## Attendance League Table

Each week, the class that gets the best overall attendance is awarded the Trophy, a certificate and a prize (ice-lollies/chocolate, etc). The children love to win. Here is the league table so far...by ensuring your child is at school every day, you help your child's class to win the prize 😊.

Class	Percentage of Attendance %				
	Overall	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26
<b>Reception</b>	93	92	93	92	93
<b>Year 1</b>	90	92	82	92	92
<b>Year 2</b>	96	100	92	93	98
<b>Year 3</b>	90	91	93	82	94
<b>Year 4</b>	94	94	95	93	93
<b>Year 5</b>	95	96	97	97	90
<b>Year 6</b>	96	90	97	98	98
<b>Primary Overall</b>	94	93	93	94	94

## Handwriting

We are introducing a new handwriting approach over the Summer Term. We are ensuring that all pupils are forming their letters in the same way to help them to join their handwriting as they get older. We will be happy to send examples home for you to sit and practise with your child so watch this pace.

## Have a lovely Easter.

Kind regards,

Miss Briner

## Reception – Miss Bell and Ms Dashti

## World Book Day



Reception Class had so much fun celebrating World Book Day. One of our activities was part of our maths topic on 'Time'. We listened to the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and then wrote instructions on how to make a sandwich/cracker. We used maths vocabulary such as 'first, next, after that, and finally'. Of

course, the best part was eating our sandwiches, although I did question the choice of cheese with jam on top as a sandwich!



In the afternoon, we had a Tiger Who Came to Tea Afternoon Tea Party, where our families were invited to come along and drink lots of tea and share some healthy fruit and delicious cakes!

## Winter Walks Photography Competition: Oliver's Entry



Reception Class are so proud of Oliver for receiving a prize for his fantastic entry in the Winter Walks Photography Competition. We have printed his photo of a robin and proudly displayed it in our class. Well done, Oliver!

As part of History lessons, we have been exploring how we have changed from when we were babies to now. We created a timeline, and it has been so much fun matching the photos as babies to each child.

## Past and Present



## Tesco Fruit and Vegetables

We had a visit from Representatives

from Tesco's this month, to show them how Primary is thankful for their support in providing the funding to allow pupils to enjoy a variety of healthy fruit and vegetables.

Reception Class used the fruit as part of our maths lesson on finding 2D shapes within 3D shapes. It was amazing to see them cutting the fruit to see what shapes they could find. They even cut an orange in half and noticed not only a circle, but also the triangular-shaped segments.



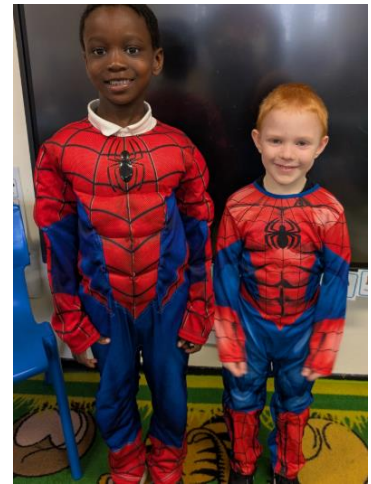


## Year 1 – Mrs Clay and Miss Hutchinson

March has been another busy month in Year One. In early March we celebrated 'Book Week'. We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters and talking about our costumes to the class.

### Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

The Year One Phonic Screening Check will take place during the week beginning **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. The check will be carried out on a one-to-one basis with a known adult in school. To help your child do their best, please practice the phonic check booklets that have been sent home and read with your child every day.



During the whole of book week, we used the picture book 'Float' to inspire our work. The story is about a boy who makes an origami boat. He leaves his house to find somewhere to sail his boat which leads to lots of adventures. We painted our own boats and even made our own origami paper boats. We tried sailing them in our water tray to see if they would float. Luckily, most of them did.

We also used the book to write thought bubbles in role as the main character from the story.

In Geography, we have been learning about Australia. We have located it on a map and explored photographs of some of the famous landmarks such as Uluru (Ayers Rock), The Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. We have read fact reports about Australian animals and written our own fact reports using what we have learned. Throughout the whole of March, we have enjoyed using our outdoor area and practising our cycling skills. Especially on the sunnier

spring days.

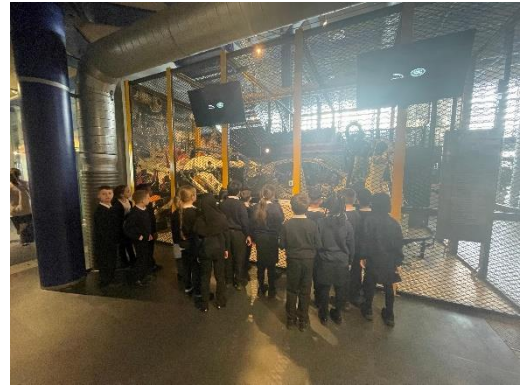


## Year 2/3 – Miss McLynskey

### Trip to ThinkTank! 🚀📖

What an exciting day Year 2 and Year 3 had at the ThinkTank! 🎉 We had an amazing time exploring the interactive exhibits and learning so much about science, technology, and innovation. From fascinating robots 🤖 to mind-blowing science experiments ⚡, the children were fully engaged and had a blast!

A big thank you to all of Year 2 and Year 3 for their curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day! ✨ Check out some of the fun moments captured during the trip! 📷



## Year 4 – Miss Heyer and Miss Walker

Year 4 celebrated World Book Day in style, with children dressing up as their favourite book characters and bringing stories to life! In English, we focused on an exciting book about a girl named Zoe, who embarks on magical adventures with her enchanted red crayon, bringing her drawings to life. The children were captivated by her journey and used their creativity to imagine what they would draw if they had Zoe's special ability. In art lessons, we took inspiration from her travels and designed our very own hot air balloons, just like the one Zoe used to soar across new and exciting worlds. It was a fantastic week filled with imagination, creativity, and a love for storytelling!

As part of our learning, the children also had the exciting opportunity to visit the local conservation park, where they observed a variety of animals in their habitats. They discovered how different species have adapted to their environments, from camouflaged reptiles to birds with specially shaped beaks for feeding. This trip beautifully linked to our science topic on animal habitats, allowing the children to see first-hand how animals survive and thrive in different conditions.



### Year 4 Times Tables Check – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

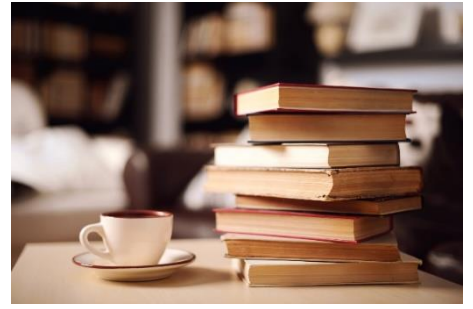
The Year 4 Times Table Check will be taking place between **2<sup>nd</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> June**. This is an online assessment consisting of 24 questions, with each question allowing just 6 seconds to answer. It is essential that children regularly practise their times tables to feel confident and prepared. In May, I will be holding an assembly to explain the test in detail. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for the confirmed date. I will also be sending letters home with more information, so please look out for those as well.



## Year 5 with Mr Newton and Mrs Thomas

This month, Year 5 have been learning a lot!

**Reading:** The Year 5 star readers are Arthur and Asa this month for excellent efforts with their reading! It has been lovely to hear all of them reading. Please can you ensure that you are reading at home with your child as much as possible.



**Maths:** Please can you keep learning all the times tables up to the 12 times table with your children. Congratulations to Gabriella who completed Platinum Club this week. This is a fantastic achievement!

**Trip:** Year 5 went on a trip to Birmingham Think Tank as part of their science learning, and they learnt a lot. Here are some photos of the trip.



**Art:** Year 5 have been making clay sculptures in art inspired by Henry Moore. Please find attached some photos of their sculptures so far. They will be making their final sculptures soon!

### World Book Day

**Day:** We had an amazing World Book Day. I was particularly impressed with the effort that went into the costumes. Well done everybody! Also, well done to the children that won prizes for their outfits. They were: Darcy, Dee Dee, Mustafa and Sina.



**Homework:** Please ensure that your children are completing their homework. They should be reading three times a week. Please can you make sure that the reading records are signed. They should also be completing their maths and spellings each week.

We look forward to another month of learning.

## Year 6 – Miss Withy and Miss Hathaway

### An Exciting Trip for Year 6 to the theatre to see *Macbeth*!

This month, Year 6 had the exciting chance to go on an unforgettable trip to Birmingham to watch *Macbeth*, performed by Revision on Tour. Having studied it in class, this experience brought Shakespeare's famous tragedy to life in a way that truly captured our imagination and deepened our understanding of the play.



Our journey began with a train ride to Birmingham. We enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch at the station, eating, having fun and chatting about what we were most looking forward to in the performance, whilst we waited for the train.



Arriving at the theatre we were thrilled to find out that we had been upgraded and were now sitting in the stalls. Amazing seats for a perfect view of the action. When the show began, we were instantly drawn into the world of *Macbeth*. Seeing the scenes we had studied in class acted out on stage was incredible! The actors

delivered powerful performances, and the dramatic moments were even more thrilling in person. From *Macbeth*'s eerie encounters with the witches to Lady *Macbeth*'s haunting speeches, every part of the play was brought to life in a way that made it both exciting and easy to follow.

Although there was a lot of walking throughout the day, it was all worth it. The trip was not only educational but also a fantastic adventure. We laughed, we learned, and we left with a deeper appreciation for Shakespeare's work. Well done to year 6 for being fantastic representatives of Bournville school, polite, well-mannered and well behaved.

We can't wait for our next theatre experience!



### **Year 6 SATS Week 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

*Year 6 will be completing their KS2 SATs during the week commencing Monday 12th May. It is essential that all children attend school every day during this period, so please ensure that no holidays or absences are taken that week.*

*To support our pupils, the Year 6 classroom will be open from 8:00 am each morning to allow everyone to arrive on time and feel settled. We will also be providing a delicious breakfast to help fuel their brains and get them ready to perform at their very best!*

*We appreciate your support in ensuring the children feel confident and prepared for their assessments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.*



# Primary Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Year 2/3 Assembly
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Half-term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Term Starts
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Term ends
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half-term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Term Starts

## PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is sent to school in the correct PE kit outlined below. Please ensure everything is labelled as well.

Can I also remind parents that children should be wearing **black school shoes or plain black trainers** only to school.

Black/blue shorts/joggers/leggings  
Plain white t-shirt  
Blue/black jumper  
Black trainers  
PE bag



## Nearly New Uniform Rail

Just to let parents know that we have a pre-loved uniform rail in school, including shoes. This houses many items that have been donated to school (PE kits, summer dresses, trousers, skirts, etc). If you are in need of any items, please come and help yourself to clothing or send a note on dojo and we can pass clothes onto your children. We appreciate uniform is expensive and that children can lose items too. We do not charge for this uniform as it has been donated free of charge.