

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last, we're starting to see some sunshine, and the weather is feeling a little less chilly. It's been another lovely week in school, and the children have been in great spirits. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard completing their mock SATs, and I'm so proud of the effort they've put in.

It was also wonderful to see so many children dressed up for World Book Day. Over the next few weeks, pupils will be taking part in surveys to share their experiences in school, and we have some exciting Eid celebrations planned too.

Please read on for your weekly round-up of information.

Attendance

Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 23.02.26 to 28.02.26 (last week). Highlighted are all of the classes that have achieved 95% or more during that week. 5-Strong have come out on top, well done!

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)
1 Grey	92.3%
1 Murphy	97.0%
2 Blake	95.0%
2 Rosen	93.4%
3 Cowell	93.1%
3 Rowling	91.7%
4 Lewis	94.7%
4 Morpurgo	95.2%
5 Dahl	91.7%
5 Strong	97.8%
5 Walliams	92.1%
6 Blackman	91.7%
6 Ibbotson	95.0%
Nursery	82.4%
Nursery	60.9%
R Carle	92.8%
R Donaldson	96.5%

Mobile Phone Policy

In February, the Department for Education gave all schools guidance on the use of mobile phones in school and instructed schools to ensure they had a clear policy in place. You can find this here: [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)

In light of this, we have created a mobile phone policy for the school which you can find here: [5EEB3AE448AB607E811A4ED452326D1B.pdf](#)

In general, our policy **does not allow phones (or smart watches that have a call / internet functionality) in school.** This rule helps reduce distractions in lessons, prevents issues like social media misuse or bullying during the school day, and encourages pupils to focus on learning and interacting positively with others. Our policy states:

- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school unless specific circumstances occur (see below).
- Pupils should not have mobile phones on them at any point in the day.

Circumstances where a phone can be brought into school:

- Only pupils in year 5 and 6 who walk to or from school without an adult (and have express permission to do so by parents formally requesting this from the school in writing) can bring a phone to school.
- A child that uses their phone to track a medical condition (such as diabetes) can bring their phone to school. Specific agreement and permissions based on medical need must be obtained from the school to allow this to occur.

If it is deemed necessary for a pupil to bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school, then the expectation is that the pupil hands their phone or smart watch to the class teacher at the start of the day. Phones will be stored in a locked box which is placed in a cupboard in the classroom.

All pupils (and their parents / carer) in year 5 and 6 must read and sign the 'Pupil Mobile Phone Agreement' which can be found here: [15D033785621BB572C091E9B87853409.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414441/15D033785621BB572C091E9B87853409.pdf). Year 5 and 6 class teachers will provide these to sign during the upcoming parent conferences in a few weeks.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. The children (and staff) came to school dressed as their favourite book characters, filling the classrooms with plenty of excitement. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading shining through, and the day was enjoyed by everyone – including the special World Book Day lunch.



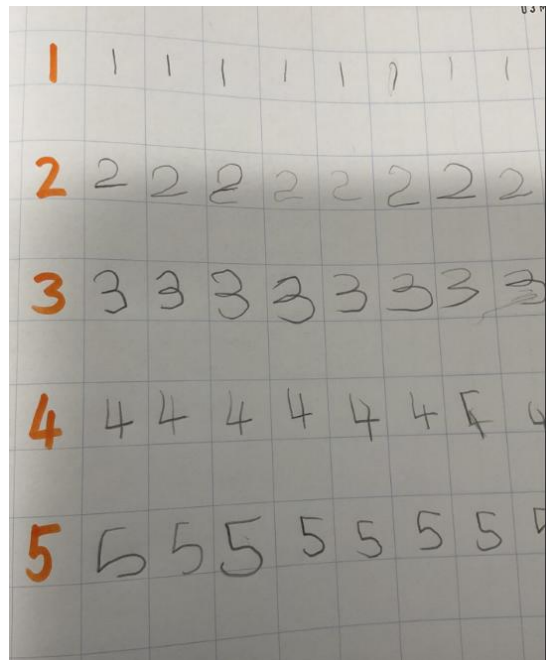
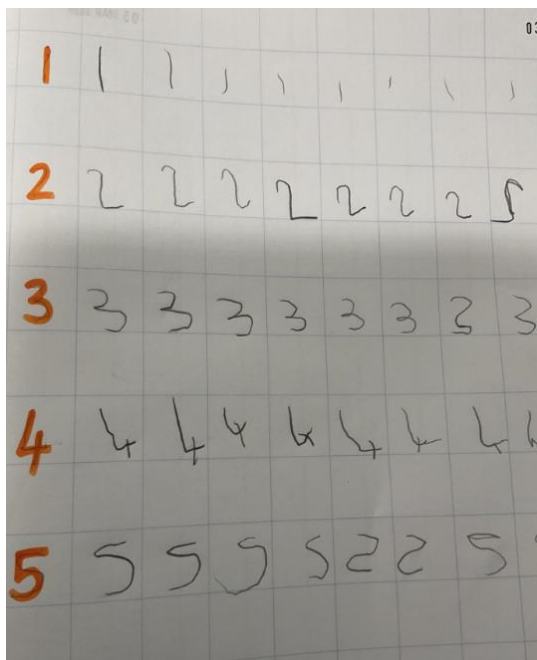


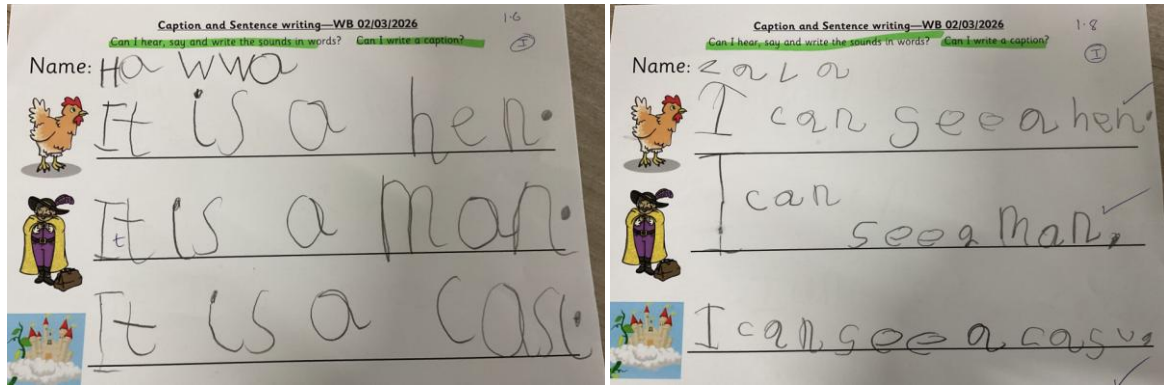




Learning Spotlight

Reception: This week Reception used their blue squared maths books for the first time. We are learning to write one number in each box. Our formation is coming on beautifully. Look at the attempts by Zohaar and Aydin. In writing this week, we have been writing sentences linked to our focus book Jack and the Beanstalk. We are learning to use capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops, alongside sounding out each word. Zala and Hawwa's fantastic examples are here for you to see.





Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Monday 16 th March	Year 5 trip to Ferry Meadows
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Reception visit to St Andrew’s Church
Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 24 th March	Eid Lunch
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Lunch
Thursday 26 th March	14.50: Year 3 class assembly
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term – school closes at 1pm

Reminders:

Parent Evenings


The dates for the next parent evenings this term have been confirmed and will take place on **Tuesday 24th** and **Wednesday 25th March** between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. More information will come soon, but I wanted to ensure you had the dates in good time.

Spring Term Class Assemblies

Please see the timetable below for the Spring Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Thursday 26 th March	Year 3 (both classes)
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Red Nose Day




Thorpe Primary Academy

We are supporting Comic Relief and Red Nose Day.

Join in, dress in red and make a donation.

When: Friday 20th March.
Donations: Cash to class Teacher



Parent Shout Outs

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher