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Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe that it is nearly the middle of March already and the end of the Spring term in two weeks! It has been a really busy & exciting time in school with World Book Day last week and individual year group learning, just showing that school can be fun & exciting too.

Dinosaur Excavation in Reception

Monday marked an exciting moment in Reception as, after the discovery of dinosaur eggs, we embarked on our very first excavation project. The children were completely absorbed in the experience and showed such enthusiasm as they carefully uncovered what was hidden inside their eggs. Their curiosity, teamwork, and wonder made it a truly amazing day.



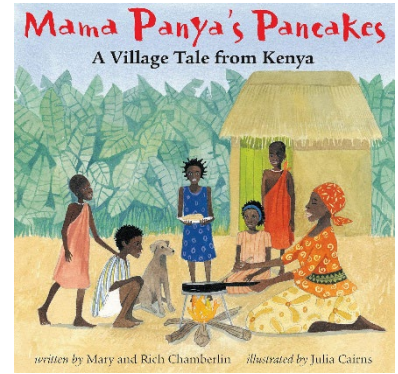
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Year 2 Pancake Making Inspired by *Mama Panya's Pancakes*

Year 2 have been busy measuring, mixing and cooking as part of their Design and Technology cooking unit. The children have been reading the African-inspired story *Mama Panya's Pancakes*, which follows a heart-warming tale set in Kenya. To bring the story to life, pupils had the opportunity to make their own pancakes, exploring new ingredients, practising their measuring and mixing skills, and enjoying the delicious results of their hard work. The children loved making and tasting their pancakes, and we are very proud of their enthusiasm and creativity. We then used our knowledge to write a set of instructions in English. Well done Year 2!



Class Stars to Date

A huge well done and thank you to the winners for the last two weeks, the winners had the VIP treatment including hot choc and biscuits in the staffroom in the company of Mrs Seddon & Mrs Bhardwaj:

	1A	1B	2A	2B
Wk end 27 th February	Sarayah	Andris	Ruhan	Tamiyah
Wk end 6 th March	Khadijah	Erin	Amelia W	Henry

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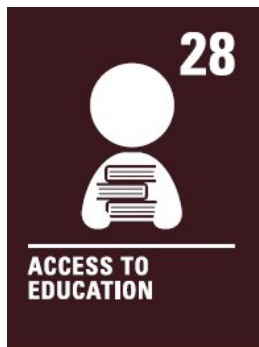
	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 27 th February	Koa	Avery	Neil	Brooke
Wk end 6 th March	Chase	James B	Oliver	Xavier

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 27 th February	Brandon	Hadyn	Imiah	Dougie
Wk end 6 th March	Jenson	Marnie	Holly H	Amelia



Whole School Attendance Update

Improving our children's attendance is as important as ever this school year. We are already pleased how many families are working with us to ensure the children attend daily and on time. If you need any support, please make contact and the attendance team will be happy to help where we can and implement individual support where required.



As you know as a UNICEF rights respecting school, we aim to integrate the articles into our school and thought I would share how article 28 – access to education corroborates with our school attendance strapline- Here everyday ready and on time.
 Article 28: Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible. Discipline in schools should respect Children's rights.



Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

In Reception, our next exciting book focus will be *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children will be diving into a world of imagination as we plant our own beans, explore the story through role-play, get creative with lots of arts and crafts, and even take our learning outdoors into the woodland. We also have plenty of new outdoor equipment that the children are already eager to explore.

Meanwhile, in Nursery, we'll be walking through the jungle as we continue learning about amazing animals from around the world. The children will also be spending time in the woodland, discovering nature up close.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have been attending our weekly *Share a Story* sessions in Nursery. They have been wonderful, and the children absolutely love having the chance to enjoy stories with you.

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Finally, a gentle reminder about the importance of good attendance in Early Years. Every day is filled with fun, learning, and new experiences, so please make sure your child comes to school each day so they don't miss out.

Mrs Vincent – EYFS Leader

Attendance in Key Stage One



Over the last couple of weeks, we have been doing much better with our attendance and as you can see from our rewards, we have all impressed our teachers last week especially, with all classes managing to earn a spin the wheel prize.

Thank you again for your ongoing support with attendance and punctuality, it has a real impact on the children's learning and wellbeing.

Spin the wheel rewards from last week included:

- IA - Karaoke / Just dance Time
- IB – Golden time
- 2A - Sit next to your friend
- 2B - Sit next to your friend

Looking ahead:

We have red nose day coming soon on Friday 20th. Year 1's performance of Jack & The Beanstalk is on Wednesday 18th March and of course we will be decorating bonnets for our Easter parade on Friday 27th March.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

King regards,

Mrs Willelts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

It's been a really positive fortnight, in terms of attendance in Lower Key Stage Two. There's no better feeling on a Friday when Mrs Turner, Mr Taylor, Mrs Ghuman and I can acknowledge the children's HERO status and award a spin of the wheel for the following week. In terms of being a HERO – Here, Every day, Ready and On Time – we have noticed a big improvement over the last fortnight, especially in terms of attendance.

We have decided that, as a phase, over the next fortnight, we want to focus more on being 'Ready', which includes ensuring that the children are following routines and instructions in the classroom and during break and lunch times too.

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Over the last fortnight, 3A had two spins, winning 15 minutes of drawing and 15 minutes enjoying part of their favourite film; 3B also had two spins, winning two popular choices – sitting where they like as well as a non-uniform day. 4A had two spins – sitting next to a friend of their choice and also getting to wear their own clothes for the day; and, last but not least, 4B won 15 minutes of extra play and 15 minutes of a film of their choice. Well done to everyone!

With two weeks to go until the end of the Spring Term, we're looking forward to this improvement to continue before taking a well-earned break for Easter.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Upper KS2 have had another few weeks of working extremely hard. Year 5 have enjoyed making parachutes, helicopters and gliders in science week, investigating which one stays in the air for the longest. Year 6 have been doing some beautiful writing; describing rainforest settings using lots of figurative language. They have also finished their artwork, which looks fabulous and we can't wait to put them up on display.

This week, 6B have spun the wheel for improvements in both attendance and punctuality, which I am very proud of them for. They won some free time on the IPADs. 5B have also spun the wheel, winning some TV time. Unfortunately, 6A and 5A did not get their opportunity this week, but it is looking good for next week.

Next week, Year 6 will be delving into our bodies and learning how the heart helps blood circulate. We will also start planning for some Mexican cooking. Year 5 will be weighing their mummified tomatoes and seeing if the Ancient Egyptian process has worked. All classes will be thinking about what funny things they can be doing for Red Nose Day.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

INSET days 2025- 2026

These are our planned INSET days for this school year, these are useful if you are planning holidays, long weekends and if you need to make plans for childcare.

Friday 19th June 2026 Day 3 *

Monday 22nd June 2026 Day 4*

Monday 20th July 2026 Day 5

*Please note to help families who are considering longer weekend holidays that link in with cheaper prices in school term time. This year we have set two INSET days either side of a weekend to enable you to take advantage of this. Friday 19th June & Monday 22nd June 2026. It will be useful to have any feedback from you regarding this. Thank you

Sandwell Primary Schools Boys League fixture – Rounds Green 0 – 0 Springfield

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Wednesday 4th March saw the return of the football league for the boy's team as they made the journey to Rounds Green Primary. A new side for the team to play against. With a squad of: Ted, William, Harry J, Charlie, Harry H, Eli, Brodan and Corben the team took the challenge of new opposition in their stride.

It was a cagy game with little chances for either side, but both goalkeepers did their part when called upon. Both sides had periods of the game with possession and chances but neither could break the deadlock. With the game drawing to a close both teams continued to depend resiliently, and the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

Well done to the team for real resilience and team work to stick together to make themselves a tricky opponent for Rounds Green. POTM: Ted.



Rights Respecting Update:

We are busy introducing the Rights of the Child in school. This will help build confident, independent pupils who have the powers to make changes to our world. There are 54 articles in total, which we will be working on in school.



It is important that we know the Rights of the Child. Articles 1, 4 and 41 bring together the importance of both knowing the rights and making them real. On Sunday, it was International Women's Day, where we celebrate the achievements of women. This links to article 2 – no discrimination



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on 8 March. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

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Article 2 – Non-discrimination
 The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.

NO DISCRIMINATION

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Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Comic Relief in school, where we will be having fun, while raising awareness of important issues around the world.



REMINDER Contact/Personal Information

Please remember to update contact information or personal information regarding your child with the admin team to ensure our records/information on the system is accurate.

Sandwell Primary Schools Girls League fixture – Springfield 5 – I Langley.

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Thursday 5th March also saw the return of the football league for the girl's team. Playing their second fixture against Langley Primary. The squad for the day was made up of: Holly J, Jessica, Marlia, Mackenzie, Lexi, Pixie, Poppy, Sienna, Holly E and Skylar. The girls started the game with real intent, winning the ball back quickly and looking to keep the ball and passing it up the pitch to create chances. This paid off with some lovely football played and creating clear cut chances for Skylar to score 4 goals very early into the game.

The girls got to half time a 4-0 and continued to play football and try to create more chances with Pixie adding a fifth. Langley continued to play and create chances of their own and did not leave empty handed scoring a late goal to make it 5-1. Well done to all the team. POTM: Poppy.

Year 2 – Breakfast with Books for World Book Day



To celebrate World Book Day, we were delighted to welcome our Year 2 parents into school for a special *Breakfast with Books* workshop. Families enjoyed sharing stories together over a cosy morning breakfast, creating a wonderful atmosphere that celebrated the joy of reading. We were overjoyed with the number of parents who attended, it was an incredible turnout! Thank you so much as your support is greatly appreciated!

The children were excited to show their favourite books and spend quality time reading with their grown-ups. Thank you to all the parents who joined us —your involvement helps make reading a meaningful and memorable part of our school community.



Reception had a wonderful World Book Day!

The children came in wearing a fantastic range of costumes, and they were so excited to share the characters they had chosen. Throughout the day they enjoyed a variety of book-themed activities, including story sharing, role-play, and a fun *Guess the Story* game. We were also visited by reading buddies from Years 3 and 4, which made the day even more special. It was a brilliant celebration of reading and imagination, and the children loved every moment.

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Year 4 World Book Day



Year 4 had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day! The children had clearly taken time to think about and design their wonderful costumes - they looked absolutely incredible!

Even the staffing team in Years 3 & 4 transformed into crayons, influenced by the wonderful story, 'The Day the Crayons Quit', written by Drew Daywalk.



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We spent the day immersed in reading new books, including 'Chaos at the Chocolate Factory' (the newly released book for World Book Day 2026), which follows the Roald Dahl classic 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' - our class text from the Autumn term. In the new sequel book, it covers Charlie Bucket's journey running the chocolate factory, after been gifted it from Mr Willy Wonka. This is available for the children to buy with their World Book Day voucher from all participating stores.

We also played the popular TV show game 'The Traitors'. Our secret Traitors had to complete several challenges throughout the day without getting caught by the Faithful. The children absolutely loved it, trying to guess and work out who the Traitors were. In both Year 4 classes, the Traitors won! Well, done Traitors!



Important Dates for the Spring term 2025

As always, please remember these can be found on the calendar on our school website. This will be regularly updated.

Monday 16th March – Reception Parent Workshop – Talk for Writing Owls – 9.00am KSI hall
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th March – Reception Parent Workshop – Talk for Writing Ducklings – 9.00am KSI hall

Wednesday 18th March - Y1 performance to parents of Jack & the beanstalk to parents - 9.30am

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief- wear something red, or dress in something funny for £1 donation

Wednesday 25th March – KSI Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 9.30am

Wednesday 25th March – UKS2 Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 2.45pm

Thursday 26th March – EYFS Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 9.30am

Thursday 26th March – LKS2 Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 2.45pm

Friday 27th March – EFS/KSI Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade & KS2 decorated easter egg display

Friday 27th March – End of term – school finishes usual time

Monday 13th April - School open for summer term all pupils.

Free School meals/ Food vouchers & pupil premium eligibility

If you have had a change in your personal/financial circumstances your child may now be eligible for free school meals, the food vouchers for the school holidays, free access to holiday clubs as well as school receiving pupil premium funding per pupil. Please contact the office and they will be able to advise you of the eligibility criteria and the process. It is a simple form to complete, it is confusing as all children in reception to Y2 are entitled to universal school meals, a free meal so as a parent you may assume you are already registered. Scan the QR code which will take you to the application form for pupils in reception – Y6, there is a different form for nursery pupils,



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Important National Statutory Assessment dates

Please ensure your child is in school on these dates if they are in the year group and do not book a family holiday, please.

Year 6 – SATs - Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June 2026

Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 8th June- Friday 12th June 2026

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend with your families. As always, if you have any further questions/suggestions, please get in touch through the main office and a member of staff will respond as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Alison Bhardwaj
Headteacher

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