



Dear parents/carers,

Plenty going on this week as usual!

Nursery have been busy learning all about the upcoming celebrations of Valentine's Day, Pancake Day and Lunar New Year. They welcomed Annabelle's mum and dad, Sarah and Patrick, who shared with us how they celebrate their new year. They even gave us some gifts. Thank you!

This week, the children in the Reception Class baked cakes using the ingredients they had bought on their trip to Beech Road last week. Other high points of the week were "Show and Tell" and learning to use the camera app on the iPad to uncover hidden animals. Well done Reception!

A lost polar bear showed up in Year 1 this week! The children wrote some 'lost and found' tags for him, and then decided to write a sequel to 'Lost and Found'. In Maths, they have been getting really proficient at using number lines as well as writing numerals and spelling number words. Despite the rain, they thoroughly enjoyed their final forest school session, and they also loved printing with their fish-themed tiles.

In Year 2, the children wrote a super sequel to The Campervan Story and had some lovely ideas of how characters can express emotions without saying happy or sad. Their experimentation with printing was fantastic and their cold animal pictures looked amazing. In Maths, they began to look at division, which has been a bit tricky - they will continue with this strategy after half term. Well done Year 2, a great half term!

This week, Year 3 have been busy writing their own version of a narrative inspired by their English picture book 'The Last Garden'. In Maths, they have consolidated their learning of mental addition and subtraction strategies and in Geography, they compared and contrasted their home city of Manchester with New York City. They were also lucky enough to take part in a comedy workshop and singing workshop on Friday morning!

In our final week of half term, Year 4 have been very busy! In English, they completed their information texts on the Wonders of Nature. For Children's Mental Health Week, they explored the theme of belonging and created our own imaginative "Belonging Islands." They also finished the week with fantastic trumpet and steel pan performances, building excitement for the instrument swap after half term.

Year 5 have been researching all about Harriet Tubman this week, learning about the role that she played in the Underground Railroad and the American Civil war and writing biographies of her life. They have also created some wonderful mixed-media landscapes, drawing on skills and techniques developed in their Art lessons over the term.

Year 6 worked brilliantly to finalise their formal letters about women's rights for English. For Maths, the class focused on plotting coordinates, translating and reflecting shapes accurately. The children worked hard to finish all the units for their afternoon lessons, including: evaluating their identity artwork, coding games in Computing and creating buzzer circuit games and working traffic lights in science. A lovely week Year 6, have a well deserved rest over half term!

Please be aware that starting Monday 16th February, Edge Lane will be subject to a temporary one-way closure near the Kingshill Road junction. These works, managed by the council for essential gas maintenance, are expected to last for two weeks. Please note that the second week of the closure will coincide with our return from the half term break. We advise all families to plan for potential delays and consider alternative routes for the school run.

Have a great half term and see you on Monday 23rd February.

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 13 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23 rd February	School reopens for Spring 2
Tuesday 24 th February	Y5 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 26 th February	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 12 th March	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 13 th March	Y3 class assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 24 th March	Nursery parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 th March	Reception class assembly, 9.15am

Office reminders

- The deadline for nursery applications for September 2026 intake is Friday 20th March

St Clement's Church

Pancake Party - Tuesday 17th Feb, 5-7pm.

Lent will soon be upon us. Before our Ash Wednesday service at 8pm on 18th February we are holding our family-friendly pancake party. As with previous years, we are planning to offer a variety of homemade soups (so we can at least pretend we are offering our children a balanced meal and not just filling them with fat and sugar) as well as pancakes to follow. All are welcome - people of all faiths or none.