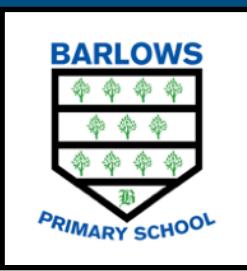


Barlows Primary School

What's On Newsletter Spring



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Term What's On newsletter, where we aim to keep you up to date about the exciting opportunities combining up for families and children in our school community. As we embark on another eventful term, we are pleased to announce arrange of upcoming events and activities designed to enhance our pupils' educational experience.

We hope you will be able to join us at many of the sessions for Parents and Carers in the upcoming months.

Yours sincerely
Ms. S. Feenan

Congratulations to our very own author - Mr Stevens!

Just before the Christmas break, our very own Mr Stevens became a published author with his first ever children's book, *The Cloud Collector*, a children's mindfulness illustrated story book written by Matt Stevens and Illustrated by Nadzir Studio.

Mr Stevens is a passionate writer having studied creative writing and teaching at university. His book is a must read for all children!

*"Meet Kieth, A crocodile with a iguana heart and even bigger feelings. His story, *The Cloud Collector*, helps little ones explore mindfulness and emotions all through a beautifully illustrated adventure"*

"The Cloud Collector, a beautifully illustrated children's book about a crocodile called Keith. A heart-warming story for bedtime, classrooms, and little ones learning to manage big feelings."

We are incredibly proud of our wonderful Mr Stevens who continues to amaze his class and staff with his wonderful creative writing talents! Mr Stevens was surprised by his first book signing request at the end of term from one of our lovely Year 5 pupils.

The book is available to purchase from The Little Book House website at :
<https://thelittlebookhouse.co.uk/b/qpDwN>

The Little Book House donate a percentage of their profits to support young children in the UK.
We will also be purchasing a set of the books for the children to enjoy in our very own school library.



Children's University

Children's University Clubs

Children's University Clubs will begin week commencing 12/01/26 and will run until Friday 06/02/26. Children's University sessions finish at 4:30pm. Please ensure there is an appropriate adult on site at 4:30pm to collect your child.

As part of our Children's University, we are offering a range of extra-curricular school activities. These are delivered by our School staff, who kindly give up their time to provide extra opportunities for the pupils to extend their knowledge and experiences.

Places for each activity are limited and therefore it is important that you inform us if your child no longer wishes to access the place they have been offered. This is to ensure it can be offered to another pupil on the waiting list.

Please be aware that when children put themselves forward for an after school activity, they will not be guaranteed a place unless they receive a letter. We do monitor the club places to ensure we offer places as fairly as possible for all pupils throughout the year.

A copy of this half term's clubs has been included below for your information, individual letters will follow this week.

Barlows Primary School Children's University Clubs - Spring 1 2026



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | SESSION DATES Monday 12/01/26 Monday 19/01/26 Monday 26/01/26 Monday 02/02/26 | SESSION DATES Tuesday 13/01/26 Tuesday 20/01/26 Tuesday 27/01/26 Tuesday 03/02/26 | SESSION DATES Wednesday 14/01/26 Wednesday 21/01/26 Wednesday 28/01/26 Wednesday 04/02/26 | SESSION DATES Thursday 15/01/26 Thursday 22/01/26 Thursday 29/01/26 Thursday 05/02/26 | SESSION DATES Friday 16/01/26 Friday 23/01/26 Friday 30/01/26 Friday 06/02/26 |
| YEAR 1 | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Singing Club Miss Johnes | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Lego Challenge Club Miss Riskova | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 Strategy Boardgames Club Mr Rogers 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Craft Club Miss Watts | | |
| YEAR 2 | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Singing Club Miss Johnes | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Lego Challenge Club Miss Riskova | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y1 & Y2 Craft Club Miss Watts | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y2 Strategy Boardgames Club Mr Rogers | |
| YEAR 3 | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Dance Club Miss Bradshaw | | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Lego Challenge Club Miss Riskova | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4 & Y5 Singing Club Mrs Lawrence | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Drama Club Miss Taylor 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 Boccia and New Age Kurling Club Mr Mattocks |
| YEAR 4 | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Dance Club Miss Bradshaw | | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3 & Y4 Lego Challenge Club Miss Riskova | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y4 Book Club Miss Williams 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4 & Y5 Singing Club Mrs Lawrence | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Drama Club Miss Taylor |
| YEAR 5 | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Lacrosse Club Mr Courtney-Ward | | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Chess Club Mr Stevens 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Gymnastics Club Miss Kelly | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Netball Club Mrs Fox 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4 & Y5 Singing Club Mrs Lawrence | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Drama Club Miss Taylor |
| YEAR 6 | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Lacrosse Club Mr Courtney-Ward | | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Chess Club Mr Stevens 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Gymnastics Club Miss Kelly | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y6 Booster Club Miss Ward & Mrs Taylor 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y5 & Y6 Netball Club Mrs Fox | 3:30pm-4:30pm Club Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Drama Club Miss Taylor |

Events in January 2026

Year 3 Swimming Curriculum



Swimming lessons will commence for year 3 as follows:

Thursdays from 08/01/26 - Year 3 Class Monet

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A further letter letter will be sent out on Arbor with relevant information to our Year 3 families.

Year 5 and Year 6 Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability January 2026



We are delighted to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who have not yet completed the course previously, a further opportunity to complete Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training with BikeRight.

The sessions take place on the Barlows site and in the local community with a focus on safe bicycle travel for pupils.

Pupils should be able to ride unaided (without the support of stabilisers) to qualify for the sessions. Pupils are also required to have a roadworthy bicycle and helmet to use for the sessions.

If you believe your child would benefit from these sessions and can ride unaided but does not have a bicycle or a helmet, please contact the school office to see how we can support participation with a small number of bicycles and helmets available to borrow from BikeRight. Further information is available via Arbor.

Year 4 Intra School Boccia Competition Tuesday 27/01/26



Year 4 will have the opportunity to learn all about Boccia in our intra school tournament led by Mr Mattocks.

Boccia is a Paralympic sport that involves control and accuracy as players propel coloured balls to get closest to a target ball (the jack).

The children will work in teams to compete against their peers in heats which will culminate in our first ever Barlows Boccia finals!

Spring Term Dates



The Spring Term dates are as follows:

Spring 1 Term:

Monday 05/01/26 - Friday 13/02/26

Half Term

Monday 16/02/26 - Friday 20/02/26

Spring 2 Term:

Monday 23/02/26 - Friday 27/04/26

Easter Break

Monday 30/04/26 - Friday 10/04/26

Please note, pupils return to school on Monday 13/04/26

LSSP Power Sessions

Year 5 Wilberforce and Year 5 Parks

During their PE sessions in the Spring Term, our Year 5 pupils will be taking part in the POWER programme with LSSP. (The sessions will focus on building positive health behaviours with focus on Physical activity, openness, wellbeing and emotional regulation.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 06/01/26
Tuesday 13/01/26
Tuesday 20/01/26
Tuesday 27/01/26
Tuesday 03/02/26
Tuesday 10/02/26

The sessions will be delivered by one of the LSSP trained coaches.



Events in January 2026

Musical Mondays Virtual Concert Max O'Connor Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Monday 26/01/26

On Monday 26/01/26, our pupils will be engaging with a live Musical Mondays session and performance from Maz O'Connor. After writing her first song aged just 4, Maz O'Connor grew up singing old folk songs in her local Cumbrian venues.

Known for the storytelling quality of her original songs, this award-winning guitarist and singer songwriter brings you a calming and relaxed session.

The session is organised by our local music hub, Resonate and is an exciting opportunity for our pupils.



Celebrating 200 Years of Railway STEM Trip - Year 5 and Year 6

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will have the unique opportunity to visit one of only a few sessions onboard 'Inspiration' the Railway 200 Exhibition Train at Southport station this January.

Onboard the Exhibition train the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of how Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering combine together in a history of 200 years of the modern railway.

The trips will take part as follows:

Monday 12/01/26 - Year 6 Churchill

Tuesday 13/01/26 - Year 6 Gandhi

Tuesday 13/01/26 - Year 5 Wilberforce

Tuesday 13/01/26 - Year 5 Parks



Year 1 Intra School Boccia Competition Thursday 29/01/26

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The Liverpool ASD Training Team Support session for Parents to support their child with ASD concerns

Date: 27th, 28th, 29th January 2026

Time: 9.30am to 12:00 pm

Venue: Virtual online on Zoom

Targeted age of child: 8 - 11 years old

The Liverpool ASD Training Team would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (your child **must have an ASD** diagnosis). The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet and share information with other parents.

(All three sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops. Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory.

The ASD Trainer is called Tracey Williams and she can also be contacted on asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



Events in January 2026

The Liverpool ASD Training Team Support session for Parents to support their child with ASD concerns

Date: 12th, 13th, 14th January

Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Venue: Virtual Zoom

Targeted age of child: 4- 7 years old

The Liverpool ASD Training Team would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder (your child **must have an ASD diagnosis**) The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents.

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Year 5 LFC We Empower

LFC Foundation will deliver the We Empower programme to our Year 5 pupils in January and February.

Through promoting equality in all areas, this programme aims to tackle gender stereotyping and raise children's understanding of the types of discrimination and prejudices females and minorities face.

The sessions will run for both classes on the following dates:

Tuesday 20/01/26

Tuesday 27/01/26

Tuesday 03/02/26

Tuesday 10/02/26

Tuesday 24/02/26

Tuesday 03/03/26



Year 3 Intra School Boccia Competition Wednesday 28/01/26

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Year 6 CELLS Programme Visit Wednesday 14/01/26

Year 6 be visited by the team from the CELLS programme in January. The CELLS (Choices, Education, Learning, Life Skills) project aims to develop young people's understanding of the serious consequences of crime through sharing lived experiences.

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking part in a series of engaging workshops throughout the day, including exploring and on-site cell! This promises to be a thought-provoking day for our Year 6 pupils.



Events in January 2026

Year 5 Apple Store Field Trip Liverpool One

Across January and February, our Year 5's will be visiting the Apple Store in Liverpool One for an exciting workshop using Swift programming language created by Apple and used to build many popular apps.

The session will enable children to learn more about Swift programming language using Swift Playground on iPad.

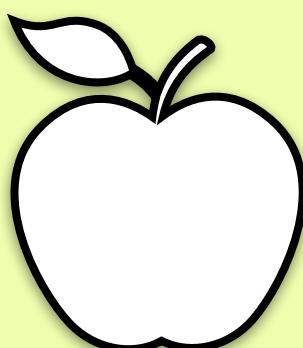
Pupils will attend in groups of 15 on the following dates:

Y5 Parks (Mr Kellett) - 29/01/2026

Y5 Parks (Mr Kellett) - 05/02/2026

Y5 Wilberforce (Mr Stevens) - 12/02/2026

Y5 Wilberforce (Mr Stevens) - 26/02/2026



Year 6 LFC Foundation Money Managers Financial Literacy Sessions

Our wonderful partners at the LFC Foundation will be delivering one of their in school provision programmes for our Year 6 pupils called Money Managers.

Money Managers is a maths based programme which enables children to understand and explain the importance of saving money, as well as identifying the difference between needs and wants when budgeting. The children will also work out how to solve problems using money.

The sessions will take place across the half term as follows:

Friday 16/01/26

Friday 23/01/26

Friday 20/01/26

Friday 06/02/26

Friday 13/02/26



ASD Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm - 3:30pm Thursday 29/01/26

The ASD training team will be in school for a free Face to Face question and answer session for any parents who have children with social communication or interaction concerns or issues.

The session is open to parents/carers who have children waiting to be assessed for ASD or already have a diagnosis.

This is a fantastic opportunity to speak to professionals to discuss any advice and questions you may have.



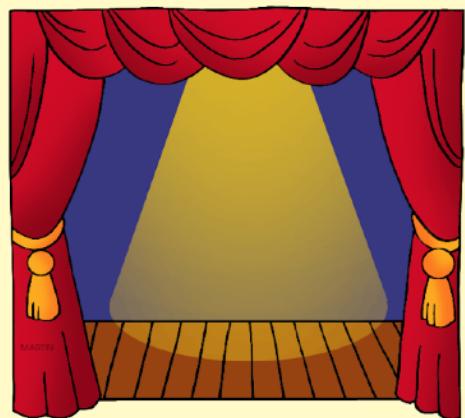
Events in January 2026

Year 5 and Year 6 Altru Drama STEM Roadshow Science - Material World: Engineering the Future Friday 16/01/26

On Friday 16/01/26, Year 5 and 6 will be visited by Altru Drama Company for a STEM themed performance - Material World: Engineering the Future!

Through a fun, interactive performance, students will follow characters Alex, Jody and Harry as they create a live TV show about the fascinating world of materials science.

Through a highly interactive and energising performance, pupils will discover how the materials all around us connect to cutting-edge technologies in aerospace, marine engineering and beyond.



Year 5 and 6 Positive Footprints Career Conversation with Simon Biltcliffe and Emma Armitage Thursday 15/01/26

As part of their personal development education, we are pleased to announce that Year 5 and 6 pupils will be attending an online career conversation on Thursday 15/01/26.

Pupils will meet Simon Biltcliffe, founder of Webmart and a pioneering entrepreneur known for building a purpose-led business, championing creativity, values-driven leadership and doing business differently, and Emma Armitage, managing director at Excel Water and an innovative leader driving growth, problem-solving and sustainability in the utilities sector, showing how ideas, resilience and teamwork power successful businesses. Together, Simon and Emma will explore the skills and qualities behind entrepreneurship — from creativity and confidence to adaptability, collaboration and perseverance — helping pupils see how different strengths can lead to exciting futures.

The primary objective of this session is to expose our students to various career pathways and to help them understand the importance of setting goals and aspirations for their future.

The online session, which is being hosted by Positive Futures as part of our Positive Futures Careers Aspiration Programme, will engage students in discussions about the skills and attributes needed in today's job market.

This initiative is designed to inspire and empower our students as they begin to consider their futures beyond primary education. We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and to support them in reflecting on their own interests and potential careers they may wish to explore.



Events in January 2026

CUSP ART Festival at Barlows Primary School WC 26/01/26

Between 26th-30th January 2026, our pupils will be taking part in a week long Art festival as part of our CUSP curriculum. The festival will further enhance the knowledge and skills our pupils have developed in our Art and Design curriculum through further exploration of key artists and their impact of the world around us. Pupils will become 'a little more expert' in Art and Design as they revisit skills previously taught and apply them to new, creative contexts.

The theme for this year's event is "Art, Technology and the World Around Us".

There will be a range of events on offer to support pupils in developing their knowledge and skills in Art & Design. Pupils will take part in 'Meet the Artist' workshops, visit digital exhibitions and create their own digital art to share with other participants in the festival.

During 'Meet the Artist' sessions, pupils will explore the work of the following artists and understand how they use technology in their art:

Ed Clark - Photographer

Annie Culley-Tea - Artist

Dr Steve Bunce - Apple Specialist

Lucy Stuteley - Storyteller, artist and illustrator



Year 6 CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Year 6 will 'Meet the Artist' Lucy Stuteley - storyteller, artist and illustrator, who will explain how she uses technology in her work in children's literature.

Year 6 will be set the challenge of creating digital art which showcases their editing skills.

Pupils in Year 6 will also develop their drawing and textiles knowledge and skills by applying wax to the surface of fabric and dying it to create coloured designs and effects as well as using a range of mark making tools to add detail and tone in their sketches. Pupils will use technology to create layered montages of the work they create as part of the festival.

Pupils will share their creations with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Year 5 CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Year 5 will 'Meet the Artist' Lucy Stuteley - storyteller, artist and illustrator, who will explain how she uses technology in her work.

Year 5 will be set the challenge of creating digital art which showcases their editing skills.

Pupils in Year 5 will also further enhance their printmaking and textiles skills and knowledge by creating reduction prints, combining fabrics in a variety of ways and weaving, braiding and constructing art with natural materials. Pupils will use iPad to capture and manipulate images of flowers using art and picture effects to replicate printing techniques.

Pupils will share their creations with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Year 4 CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Year 4 will 'Meet the Artist', Annie Culley-Tea who will discuss 'What is art? And why is it so important to the world?.

Year 4 will be set the challenge of taking a range of photographs that are inspiring to them.

Pupils in Year 4 will also further develop their skills in textiles and drawing by using cross-hatching to create shaded areas in their work and then practicing using a running stitch to combine media to create texture.

Pupils will share their creations with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Events in January 2026

Year 3 CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Year 3 will 'Meet the Artist', photographer Ed Clark, who will explain how he uses digital tools in his art.

Year 3 will be set the challenge of taking a range of photographs that are inspiring to them.

Pupils in Year 3 will also further develop their skills in painting and print making by using the painting techniques of impasto, tonking and sgraffito and then creating an impressed stamp as a printing tool. Pupils will apply this to technology by children recreating their work in drawing software through layering.

Pupils will share their creations with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Year 2 CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Year 2 will 'Meet the Artist' Dr Steve Bunce, an Apple Specialist, who will explore how we can be inspired by the world around us when creating examples of Digital Art.

Year 2 will be set the challenge of taking a photograph to demonstrate unity and togetherness.

Pupils in Year 2 will also create a collaged circle using a range of textured papers and materials before then creating a digital collage in the Freeform App with a focus on layer, colour and texture.

Pupils will share their creations with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Early Years CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Pupils in Reception will explore the Tate Kids Virtual Art gallery to take inspiration from artists working in different ways.

They will be set the challenge of taking a photograph that wows us, inspired by their own interests or something they are proud of.

Pupils will share their creative work with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Year 1 CUSP ART Festival WC 26/01/26

Year 1 will 'Meet the Artist' Dr Steve Bunce, an Apple Specialist, who will explore how we can be inspired by the world around us when creating examples of Digital Art.

Year 1 will be set the challenge of taking a photograph to demonstrate unity and togetherness.

Pupils in Year 1 will also create work combining their drawing and technology skills. Pupils will use a range of mark makers to create a variety of effects on different surfaces. Pupils will use the Camera App on iPad to take an image and make marks on it using mark up tools focusing on control.

Pupils will share their creations with other schools participating in the festival via an online virtual exhibition.



Year 5 & Year 6 Children's University Online Masterclass - Shakespeare North Playhouse Wednesday 28/01/26

This online Children's University Masterclass session for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, will be led by Shakespeare North Playhouse and will look at how Shakespeare has influenced and infiltrated our English language.

For example, did you know that he invented the words 'eyeball', 'puke' and 'suspicious'?

The session will use the play 'A midsummer Night's Dream' as a starting point to develop children's understanding of the history of some of the English language.



Events in February 2026

Year 1 Royal Ballet & Opera Schools Discover Ballet Online Workshop Wednesday 04/02/26

Our Year 1 pupils will be taking part in a special live online session introducing them to the world of ballet.

During the session, the children will join other children from across the country to watch live performances from famous ballets by dancers of the Royal Ballet! They will also go behind the scenes to visit the props and costume departments and learn how props, scenery and lighting transform the stage.

This activity supports our cultural capital learning opportunities, making ballet fun and accessible to children.



Year 6 Mock Tests Week Commencing 09/02/26

Our Year 6 pupils will be undertaking their Mock SATs Tests during the week commencing 09/02/26

These assessments serve a crucial purpose in supporting our students as they prepare for their upcoming SATs in May. The timetable will reflect that of the official assessments in May, further familiarising the pupils with what to expect. Please see timetable below:



| Monday 09/02/26 | Tuesday 10/02/26 | Wednesday 11/02/26 | Thursday 12/02/26 |
|--|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| EGPS (Paper 1) 45 mins Spelling (Paper 2) 20 mins | Reading Paper 1 hour | Arithmetic (Paper 1) 30 mins Reasoning (Paper 2) 40 mins | Reasoning (Paper 3) 40 mins |

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Parents and carers will get the opportunity to meet with the Year 6 teachers to discuss their child's progress so far and their recent Mock tests on the dates below.

Appointments will be available to book via Arbor. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Wednesday 25/02/26 - Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 26/02/26 - Appointments available from 3:50pm - 6:00pm



Events in February 2026

Mental Health Support Team Sleep Clinic at Barlows Primary School **Friday 6th February 9:00 - 10:30**

Our Mental Health Practitioner, Felicity Gray, will be running a Sleep Clinic workshop for parents and carers. The workshop is suitable for all families with young and school age children experiencing sleep problems.

"By the end of the workshop participants will understand the science of sleep, sleep cycles, the psychological and physiological benefits of sleep. Parents will be offered support to help overcome the sleep problems their child may be experiencing by sharing receive hints and tips for them to help their child."

Places are limited so, make sure you sign up on the link sent out via Arbor in due course.

HOW MUCH SLEEP DOES MY CHILD NEED?



YOUR CHILD'S AGE AND RECOMMENDED SLEEP TIME IN 24 HOURS.

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| Infants 4 to 12 months | 12 to 16 hours including naps |
| Children 1 to 2 years | 11 to 14 hours including naps |
| Children 3 to 5 years | 10 to 13 hours including naps |
| Children 6 to 12 years | 9 to 12 hours |
| Teenagers 13 to 18 years | 8 to 10 hours |

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SLEEP MEDICINE (AASM)
PRODUCED A 'CONSENSUS STATEMENT' IN 2016
REGARDING RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF SLEEP FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.



Events in February 2026

Celebrating the Lunar New Year - Year of the Horse

Children's University Online Masterclass - Chinese New Year Celebrations

Wednesday 11/02/2026

In February, children will engage in an online session about the celebration of Chinese New Year.

The session will be delivered by the Confucius Institute at Edge Hill University.

Children will learn about the Story of Chinese Zodiac Signs and what it means to be in the Year of the Horse followed by a short knowledge

exciting quiz to recall their and understanding.



Year 3 LFC Foundation Anti Discrimination Workshop

Monday 02/02/26

We are delighted to welcome our partners at the LFC Foundation into schools to deliver an important anti discrimination workshop for our Year 3 pupils on Monday 02/02/26.

During the workshop the children will learn to identify what discrimination is and what it may look like. The children will also gain an understanding of how we can tackle and prevent discrimination happening both in school and outside of school.



Raising Awareness for Safer Internet Day with our local PCSOs

Friday 06/02/26

Pupils in Key Stage 2 will further develop their understanding of staying safe online through an assembly led by the local PCSOs.

If you would like to know more information on how you can support your child with staying safe online, please visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>



Year 2 Intra School Boccia Competition

Wednesday 04/02/26

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Events in February 2026

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 06/02/26 - For all Year groups except Year 1*
Thursday 05/02/26 - For Year 1 only

***Year 1 only will be celebrating their NSPCC Number Day on Thursday 05/02/26 as they have a trip taking place on Friday 06/02/26, therefore will celebrate the day on the Thursday.**

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 6 February 2026.

"Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow. The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Half a million children a year suffer abuse or neglect in the UK. That means 7 children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18."

NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards mathematics.

On Friday 06/02/26, we are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits.

Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, football, rugby, netball, hockey shirt or cap). Or get even more creative and become a human calculator, dice or domino by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for

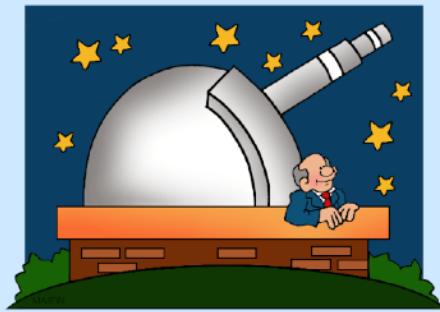


Year 1 Liverpool World Museum Visit

Friday 06/02/26

On Friday 6th February 2026, our Year 1 pupils will be visiting the Planetarium in the World Museum in Liverpool City Centre to support their learning on significant individuals in history.

The children will take part in a special workshop called, "The Little Star that Could". During the workshop the children will take on a journey of exploration into our Solar System, like Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and Sir Tim Peake, and follow the journey of a new star, learning more about the planets.



NSPCC Number Day - NSPCC Rocks!

TT Rockstars Competition
7:30am-7:30pm Friday 06/02/26

On Friday 06/02/26 we will be taking part in NSPCC Rocks Event. The event is in conjunction with TT Rockstars.

Children will take part by trying to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can within the TT rockstars App as they compete against other schools and classes nationally. Every correct answer that a pupil gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am to 7:30pm will contribute to their class and school score.

There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player. Children are welcome to take part outside of school between 7:30am-8:45am and 3:30pm-7:30pm on Friday 06/02/26.



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Year 2 Royal Ballet & Opera Schools Discover Ballet Online Workshop Wednesday 04/02/26

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Year 4 LFC Foundation Anti Discrimination Workshop Monday 02/02/26

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During the workshop the children will learn to identify what discrimination is and what it may look like. The children will also gain an understanding of how we can tackle and prevent discrimination happening both in school and outside of school.



Year 5 and Year 6 'Learn to Ride' Scheme Monday 02/02/26 & Tuesday 03/02/26

We are delighted to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who ride a bicycle with stabilisers or with an adult holding on, the opportunity to develop their confidence when riding a bike independently with the 'Learn to Ride' Scheme, provided and delivered by BikeRight.

These half-day sessions will take place on the Barlows playground.

If you believe your child would benefit from these sessions but does not have a bicycle or a helmet, please contact the school office to see how we can support participation with a small number of bicycles and helmets available to borrow from BikeRight.

Further information is available via Arbor.



Events in February 2026

Year 4 Royal Ballet & Opera Schools Discover Opera Online Workshop Wednesday 11/02/26

Our Year 4 Pupils will be taking part in a special live online session introducing them to the world of Opera.

During the session, the children will join other children from across the country to watch live performances from famous ballets by dancer of the Royal Opera!

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This activity supports our cultural capital learning opportunities, making Opera fun and accessible to children.



Musical Mondays Virtual Concert Polaris Duo Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Monday 09/02/26

On Monday 09/02/26, our pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be engaging with a live Musical Mondays session and performance from Polaris Duo.

Saxophonist Gillian Blair and harpist Elinor Nicolson of the award winning Polaris Duo regularly work with composers to expand the repertoire for their unusual pairing of instruments.

Elinor and Gillian also enjoy arranging existing music, so our pupils will hear exciting takes on some familiar classics.

The session is organised by our local music hub, Resonate and is an exciting opportunity for our pupils.



Key Stage Two Refuge Island Performance Monday 09/02/26

On Monday 09/02/26, our pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 will be visited by Whispered Tales for a performance of 'Refuge Island'.

Refuge Island is a performance that shares three stories of female migration from Ireland, Bosnia and Afghanistan. The performance illustrates the importance of offering a safe place of refuge when people are forced to leave their home country to promote social cohesion.

After the performance, the artists will lead a Question and Answer session with pupils. The lead performer, who is a professional dancer and was forced to leave Ukraine 2022, will explain her story and pupils will be able to ask questions.

We are sure this will be a memorable experience for all.



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Events in February 2026

Year 4 & Year 5 WWF Polar Regions Online Workshop with Steve Backshall Tuesday 03/02/26

In this engaging and interactive lesson, pupils will explore the polar regions. They will explore the geography and unique characteristics of the Arctic and Antarctic, and why these areas are vital for people, animals, and the planet.

Streaming live from BAS (British Antarctic Survey) headquarters in Cambridge, we will meet the scientists working in the newly opened aquarium and discover some of the species that live in the icy waters and how they are helping us learn more about the region.

Steve will share his experience of visiting the region, and pupils will have a chance to ask him questions to better understand the wonders, realities, and importance of protecting these fragile environments.



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Events in February 2026

Reception Visit to Knowsley Safari Park Friday 13/02/26

On Friday 13/02/26, our Reception pupils will be taking a trip to Knowsley Safari Park as part of their learning linked to Understanding the World.

In school the children are engaging with a range of texts set in various countries. The educational visit to the safari park will support the children's understanding of contrasting locations by comparing landscapes, climate and wildlife.

This excursion will provide the children with the opportunity to observe many of the animals they have read about in class, and thereby deepen their understanding of different animal habitats. The day will include a guided safari drive and an animal discovery session.



Year 3 Carbon Monoxide Safety Sessions Safety Seymour Wednesday 11/02/26

On Wednesday 11/02/26, our Year 3 pupils will meet 'Safety Seymour' as part of an in school workshop.

'Safety Seymour' will take the classes on a journey from how carbon monoxide is created, the effects on the human body, what steps to take to avoid exposure, what the symptoms are and how they can stay carbon monoxide safe.



Year 5 Carbon Monoxide Safety Sessions The CO Crew Thursday 12/02/26

On Thursday 12/02/26, our Year 5 pupils will meet Mimi and Loz from the CO Crew who will help the children develop their knowledge of Carbon Monoxide safety during in school workshops.

The session focuses on educating children in a fun and engaging way on the dangers of carbon monoxide, what the symptoms are and also how to stay carbon monoxide safe.



Events in February 2026

SEND Parent/Carer Meetings with SENDCO WC 09/02/26

As part of our support offer to parents and carers of pupils with SEND, Mrs Berry (SENDCO) is offering a series of parent/carer appointments to discuss SEND.

These appointments are available for all parents and carers who wish to discuss any issues or concerns you may have relating to SEND and your child.

Appointments are available on the following dates:

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Monday 09/02/26 | 3:50pm-7:00pm |
| Wednesday 11/02/26 | 3:50pm-7:00pm |
| Thursday 12/02/26 | 3:50pm-6:00pm |

A link will be sent via Arbor to book your appointment.



Reception Parent/Carer Workshop Phonics - Introducing Digraphs Monday 02/02/26

On Monday 02/02/26, Miss Evans, our Early Reading and Phonics Lead, will be leading a phonics workshop on 'Introducing Digraphs' in order to support our parents of Reception pupils in developing their child's reading skills at home.

This informative session will run at the following times:

3:45pm-4:15pm

and repeated at

5:15pm-5:45pm

A reminder will be sent out via Arbor nearer the time. We hope you can join us!



Children's Mental Health Week 09/02/26 - 15/02/26

In February, Mrs Berry, will lead the school in promoting wellbeing and positive mental health during Children's Mental Health Week.

The 2026 theme is "This is My Place", focusing on fostering a sense of belonging for children and young people in their schools, families, and communities.



Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10/02/26

Pupils across the school will take part in Safer Internet Day 2026 on Tuesday 10/02/26.

Pupils will engage in a range of activities to promote safe use of the internet including a Safer Internet UK Safer Internet Day Assembly..



Events After February 2026 Half Term

Events in February 2026

The Kitty Wilkinson Experience: Liverpool Anglican Cathedral Thursday 26/02/26 Year 2

Our Year 2 pupils are looking forward to developing their understanding of how Kitty Wilkinson has impacted our locality through the Kitty Wilkinson Experience at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on 26/02/2026.

Pupils will travel by train to the iconic landmark and engage in an informative tour of the site and St. James' Gardens, where they will discover the remarkable legacy of Kitty Wilkinson. To celebrate her significant contributions, students will participate in a creative workshop, crafting their very own stained-glass windows. This unique experience promises to enrich their understanding of history in our local area.

Further details of this visit will be available on Arbor.



Year 1 LSSP Healthy Eating Workshop Friday 27/02/2026

Our Year 1 pupils will embark upon an exciting journey into the world of healthy eating.

Through a fun and interactive workshop led by Liverpool School Sport Partnership (LSSP), they'll discover the benefits of healthy eating and how it impacts our bodies.



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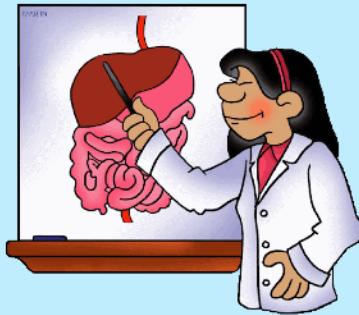
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Year 4 LSSP From Gums to Bums Workshop Friday 27/02/2026

Year 4 will enhance their learning in science by exploring the digestion system further in a fun, hands-on session from LSSP.

Pupils will discover how food travels through each organ in the digestion system and how we can make food choices that will impact our health.



Events in February 2026

Festival of Reading 23/02/26-06/03/26

From 23/02/26 to 06/03/26, we will be taking part in the Festival of Reading, organised by Miss Evans. The children will engage in a range of live author events as well as activities to:

- Encourage reading and writing for pleasure – fostering a lifelong love of stories and self-expression
- Promote creative careers – inspiring pupils by highlighting the possibilities available to them in the writing, illustrating, and performing industries
- Start discussions – engage with important issues to spark curiosity and understanding.



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Year 6 Parents' Evening

Parents and carers will get the opportunity to meet with the Year 6 teachers to discuss their child's progress so far and their recent Mock tests on the dates below.

Appointments will be available to book via Arbor. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Wednesday 25/02/26 - Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 26/02/26 - Appointments available from 3:50pm - 6:00pm



Events in March 2026

Nursery Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library Monday 02/03/26

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At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.



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Year 2 Royal Ballet & Opera Schools Everybody Make: 'Alice's Adventures' Online Workshop working with a Stage Designer Wednesday 18/03/26

During the session, the children will learn about the design process of a set - from first model to the finished set. They will be introduced to set design in the magical story of Alice's adventures, make their own model and meet a set designer with the opportunity to ask questions about their job.

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Year 1 Royal Ballet & Opera Schools Everybody Dance: 'Alice's Wonderland' Online Workshop working with the Royal Ballet Thursday 19/03/26

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Musical Mondays Virtual Concert Mishra Year 1 - Year 6 Monday 16/03/26

On Monday 16/03/26, our pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be engaging with a live Musical Mondays session and performance from Mishra. Multi-instrumentalists Kate Griffin and Ford Collier draw on musical traditions from all over the world in their genre defying brand of global folk music. Initially brought together by a shared love of Indian classical music, their music is also inspired by traditional music from the UK, jazz and soul.

The session is organised by our local music hub, Resonate and is an exciting opportunity for our pupils.



Events in March 2026

Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Performance Citizens of the Earth: Music for What Matters

Year 4
Wednesday 18/03/26

On Wednesday 18/03/26, our pupils from Year 4 will be visiting the iconic Liverpool Philharmonic Hall for a live orchestral performance led by conductor Mike Seal with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. During this exciting performance, the audience will consider the following question: 'Aliens arrive on our planet and try to work one thing out: what matters most to humans?'

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, will help to answer that question. Music is used to deliver big ideas and essential messages to people all around the world, and in this concert, pupils will discover music that takes on important topics – everything from conservation and the environment to the rights of children across the globe.

Our Year 4 pupils will see how composers have used their works to share information, and learn all about the challenges facing the planet we call home.



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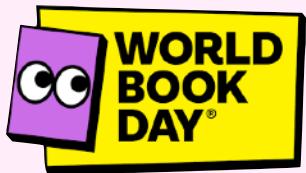
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Events in March 2026

Celebrating World Book Day Thursday 05/03/26



On Thursday 5th March 2026, we will be celebrating World Book Day!

In school, we will be taking part in a wide range of book themed activities including: online sessions with authors and illustrators, book token competition, quizzes and much more!

Dressing up for World Book Day 2026!

On Thursday 6th March, children (and staff) are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Costumes do not need to be purchased or expensive. Pupils may wish to piece together costumes from existing items at home.

If your child has PE on Thursdays and they wish to get dressed up for World Book Day, they can bring their PE kit in separately. If children do not wish to take part in dressing up, they can wear their usual school uniform and still take part in the day's activities.

Celebrating World Book Day- National Book Tokens Thursday 05/03/26

Thanks to National Book Tokens, book publishers and booksellers, each pupil will receive a £1 World Book Day token. The £1 book tokens can be swapped for one of the exclusive, new World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead (as long as the audiobook costs at least £2.99).

Please note that the book tokens cannot be redeemed online.

To find out where your nearest book stockist is, visit:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers/>

World Book Day token will be valid from 12th February 2026 - 15th March 2026.



Celebrating World Book Day Activities Thursday 05/03/26

Miss Evans and Mrs Taylor will be organising a range of interesting workshops and online tutor experiences for pupils to engage in during our World Book Day Celebrations!



Events in March 2026

Liverpool Central Library Educational Visits March 2026

Mrs Taylor, our English lead, has been busy liaising with Liverpool Central library to organise educational visits to Liverpool Central Library, as part of our World Book Day celebrations this year. The children will have an opportunity to view some of the special collection books and learn about the history of Central library.

6 Churchill - 03/03/26

6 Gandhi - 02/03/26

5 Parks - 09/03/26

5 Wilberforce - 10/03/26

4 Newton - 12/03/26

4 Curie - 13/03/26

3 Monet - 04/03/26

3 Gaudi - 06/03/26

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Events in March 2026

Peep Learning Together Sessions for Reception Parents and Children March 2026

We are pleased to announce the commencement of Peep Learning Together sessions, specifically designed for parents and their children in Reception. These sessions aim to equip parents with simple yet effective activities that can be easily replicated at home, thereby supporting their children's development and enabling them to reach their full potential.

The Peep Learning Together sessions will focus on fostering communication through listening, talking, playing, singing, and sharing books and stories. Emphasis will be placed on establishing robust foundations in Literacy and Mathematics, which are essential for early learning.

Attendance is required from one parent alongside their child. The sessions will take place after school from 3:40 pm to 4:30 pm, spanning four consecutive weeks, commencing on Thursday, 5th March 2026. We encourage all eligible families to participate in this enriching opportunity.

Session dates (you will be required to attend all sessions):

Thursday 05/03/26 3:40pm-4:30pm
Thursday 12/03/26 3:40pm-4:30pm
Thursday 18/03/26 3:40pm-4:30pm
Thursday 26/03/26 3:40pm-4:30pm

Please look out for the invite for these sessions and sign up if you are interested as places are limited.



Nursery Stay and Play - Stay and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)! Thursday 12/03/26

We will be holding our Spring Nursery Stay and Play for Nursery parents and carers on:

Thursday 12/03/26 9am-10am
Thursday 12/03/26 2:30pm-3:30pm

Parents and carers are welcome to attend this session with their child, to engage in a range of learning activities with a STEM theme as we celebrate British Science Week!

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World Book Day Liverpool Central Library Year 5 & Year 4 Thursday 05/03/2026

As part of our World Book Day Celebrations, Year 5 & Year 4 will be visiting Liverpool Central Library to take part in a Meet the Author session with author James Davis.

James Davis will share a reading from his second book 'Scarlet Saves the Multiverse', which is the follow-up to his debut novel Scarlet: Defender of the Universe. During this one-off event, James will share with the children all about becoming an author, finding your unique superpower, and following your passion.

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Events in March 2026

Reception Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library Wednesday 04/03/26 Reception Donaldson (am) & Reception McKee (pm)

On Wednesday 04/03/26 our Reception pupils will be visiting our local library. The children will enjoy a shared story and have the opportunity to learn about this local resource as part of our work on developing a love of reading.

At the end of the session, the children will have the opportunity to select some books for the school to loan for their classroom.

We would be delighted if some parents and carers would be able to join us on the trip.

Further details letter from the

will follow via a class teachers.



Year 1 Educational Visit Fazakerley Community Federation & Library Monday 09/03/26 1 Kerr (am) 1 Carle (pm)

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Further details will follow via a letter from the class teachers.



Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' and Carers' Multiplication Tables Check Information Sessions Monday 02/03/26 3:45pm - 4:15pm and 5:15pm - 5:45pm

Mrs Kirby-Foy and Mr Allinson, will be holding sessions for parents and carers of pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 to explain the statutory Multiplication Tables Check that Year 4 pupils will take in June.

Mrs Kirby-Foy and Mr Allinson will be providing a range of fun multiplication tables activities for parents and carers to use at home to help pupils develop their knowledge.



Year 2 World Book Day Liverpool Central Library Thursday 05/03/2026

As part of our World Book Day Celebrations, Year 2 will be visiting Liverpool Central Library to take part in a Storytelling, Craft and Puzzle session.

During this session, pupil will hear stories to develop their love of reading and create a book related craft to bring home. Pupils will also have the opportunity to discuss their favourite books and characters. Pupils are welcome to attend in World Book Day costumes.

2 Potter (Mrs Fox) - morning session
2 Dahl (Mrs Lawrence) - afternoon session

A letter will follow from year group staff with further details.



Events in March 2026

Parents' Evening - Spring Term Week Commencing 16/03/26

The Spring Parents' Evenings for Nursery - Year 5 will be as follows:
Further information regarding how to book will follow via Arbor.



| Monday 16/03/26 | Tuesday 17/03/26 | Wednesday 18/03/26 | Thursday 19/03/26 |
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| Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm | Appointments available from 3:50pm - 6:00pm Except Rec- Miss Bradshaw- until 7:30pm | Appointments available from 3:50pm - 7:30pm | Appointments available from 3:50pm - 6:00pm |
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SEND Parent/Carer Meetings with SENDCO - IEPs (Individual Education Plans)

**This term's appointments will take place during WC
13/04/26 and wc 20/04/26**

As part of our developments in SEND, Mrs Berry (SENDCO) will be offering each family with a pupil on the SEND register, an appointment to discuss their child's IEP (Individual Education Plan) which forms part of their SEND provision.

The appointments will take place slightly later this year owing to the Easter break dates.

Appointments are available as follows:

Monday 13/04/26: Year 2 parents and carers
Tuesday 14/04/26: Reception and 1 Kerr parents and carers
Wednesday 15/04/26: 3 Gaudi and 1 Carle parents and carers
Thursday 16/04/26: Nursery & 3 Monet parents and carers

Monday 20/04/26: Year 4 parents and carers
Wednesday 22/04/26: Year 6 parents and carers
Thursday 23/04/26: Year 5 parents and carers

A link will be sent via Arbor to book your appointment nearer to the time..



British Science Week

06/03/26 - 15/03/26

As part of British Science Week, Miss Ward (Science Lead) will be leading the school through an exciting week of activities and online sessions to celebrate the subject and opportunities for Science in everyday life.

The theme for British Science Week this year, is 'Curiosity: What's Your Question?'

Following the success of last year's Rocket challenge, we will be running a repeat event this year during British Science Week.

Each class will be changing and adapting recycled plastic bottles to, ready to be launched during the week, which we are sure will be an exciting event!



Events in March 2026

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 20/03/26

Our School Council, will be leading the school in our fundraising efforts for Comic Relief.

On Friday 20th March 2026, children are invited to wear their own clothes and 'exciting hair styles' - glitter, colours, bobbles, clips and creative creations welcome! Donations up to £1 welcome. These can be brought in and placed into an envelope in class.

Cookie Sale

On Friday 20/03/26 the School Council will be selling cookies decorated by School Council in Red Nose Day designs!

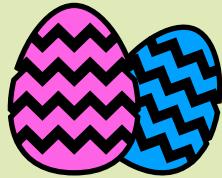
Cookies will be on sale for 50p each from 3:40pm, under the canopy by the Year 5/6 door. Each cookie will cost 50p and all funds will go to Comic Relief.



Own Clothes Day - Bring an Easter Treat Friday 13/03/26

On Friday 13/03/26 we will be hosting an own clothes day with a voluntary donation for an Easter treat donation (Easter Egg, Chocolate Easter Bunny, Bag of £1 Haribo Easter Jellies etc.)

The donated Easter Treats will form part of our Easter Raffle during the week commencing 31/03/26.

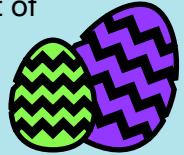


Easter Treat Donations from Businesses Prior to Friday 13/03/26

We would kindly welcome any Easter Treat donations from local businesses or companies family members may work for.

If this is possible, please send your donation into the school office, with your name, your child's name and the company name so we can say a special thank you!

The donated Easter Treats will form part of our Easter Raffle during the week commencing 13/03/26.



Gymnastics British Championships Women's Aspire All-Around & Disability Masters and Men's Under 14s All-Around Competition M&S Arena, Liverpool Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Thursday 19/03/26



On Thursday 19/03/26, our pupils from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 will be attending the Women's Aspire All-Around & Disability Masters and Men's Under 14s All-Around Gymnastics Competition at the Liverpool M&S Arena.

This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to observe elite gymnasts in a competitive environment. This prestigious event is the showcase for Olympians, World and European champions, as well as the opportunity to see the up and coming stars of the future - who are likely to be names you'll hear when talking about the Olympics in LA 2028!

Further information will be available for this event via Arbor.

Events in March 2026

Science Week: Farming Live

Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 12/03/2026
'The Big Farming Question'

As part of the British Science Week, our pupils will take part in an online session from the National Farmers' Union, where they will explore a range of questions often asked by children visiting farms, such as, how do you train a sheepdog? What do all the buttons in a tractor do? And how do farmers care for the animals on their farms?

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 13/03/2026

'The Big Farming Question Part 1: How does science turn fields into feasts?'

As part of the British Science Week, our pupils will take part in an online session from the National Farmers' Union. Pupils will join Farmer Muhsen to learn about the importance of sharing food at the special celebration of Eid-al-Fitr. Pupils will watch as Farmer Muhsen creates a delicious savoury dish for the following week's Eid feast, discovering the food science, farming innovation and cultural traditions that bring it to life.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 13/03/2026

'The Big Farming Question Part 2: How does science turn fields into feasts?'

In the second instalment of The Big Farming Question, pupils will explore how farmers, scientists and chefs work together to transform fields into the feasts to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, while uncovering the science behind every ingredient. Pupils will join Chef Rooji for a delicious dive into sweet science as we create the second dish for our Eid feast, discovering the food science, farming innovation and cultural traditions that bring it to life.



Scholastic Book Fair

Join us for the Scholastic Book Fair after school in the school hall on the following dates:

Monday 16th March 2026
Tuesday 17th March 2026
Wednesday 18th March 2026
Thursday 19th March 2026
Friday 20th March 2026

There will be a selection of books to purchase for all pupil ages.

Scholastic donate a percentage of the profits to school to use to purchase new books for the school library.



Events in March 2026

Egg Decorating Competition Monday 23/03/26



Our annual egg decorating competition is back for 2026!

How to enter:

Bring along a decorated egg or egg display to school on Monday 23/03/26. Please remember to hard boil or drain your egg prior.

Entry into the competition is completely free.

Each entry will be given a number so that voting is anonymous.

Ideas:

We have included a selection of ideas over the page from a previous competition to get you started with ideas!

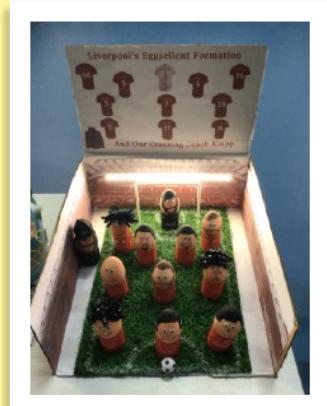
Viewing & Voting - Children

Children will have the opportunity to vote during the school day.

Viewing & Voting - Parents and Carers

Entires will be available to view in the school hall on Monday 23/03/26 between 3:40pm-4:15pm.

Parents and Carers will be welcome to visit the school hall to view and place a vote on Monday 23/03/26 between 3:40pm-4:15pm.



Winners

Certificates will be awarded for each entry so remember to include your name or family name if it is a group effort!

** Winners will be announced in our end of term assembly on Friday 27/03/26 **

Year 1 Parent/Carer Workshop Phonics - Phonics Screening Check Meeting Monday 16/03/26

On Monday 16/03/26, Miss Evans, our Early Reading and Phonics Lead, will be leading a Phonics Workshop to inform parents and carers about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check in order to support our Year 1 pupils in meeting the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check standard.

This informative session will run at the following times:

3:45pm-4:15pm

and repeated at

5:15pm-5:45pm

A reminder will be sent out via Arbor nearer the time. We hope you can join us!



Events in March 2026

Easter Raffle - Friday 27/03/26

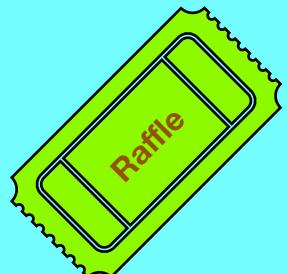
Tickets on sale Week Commencing 16/03/26

Tickets for our Easter Raffle will be available to purchase from Monday 16/03/26 to Friday 27/03/26.

Raffle Tickets are priced at £1 each. For every £1 ticket purchased, you will receive a second ticket free! (2 tickets for £1) Tickets will be available from the School Council during school hours.

Spare tickets will also be available from the school office from Tuesday 24/03/26.

Thank you in advance for any donation received as part of our own clothes day.



Easter Disco - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Thursday 26/04/26

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding an Easter disco for:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Thursday 26/04/26, 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil. A tuck shop will be available - maximum tuck shop spend £1



Easter Disco -Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday 26/04/26

As part of our fundraising activities we will be holding an Easter disco for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 on Thursday 26/04/26, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Entry is £1 per pupil. A tuck shop will be available - maximum tuck shop spend £2

