



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ava-Mae Thornton
Elena Stephenson
Emilia Dmytrenko
Poppy Middlemiss-Ross
Harley Bingham
Amelia Hewitson
Rosie Gair
Alice Willis
Lola Robertson

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for children in Y1 and Y3 start on the first Tuesday back after the half term break. A separate email has been sent to parents of children in these year groups and it is important that parents of Y1 children respond to the short questionnaire that will help us support the children better during their swimming lessons. Parents are also asked to ensure that children are able to dress themselves after swimming lessons and to support the children to practise this.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

All slots for our March Parents' Evenings (including for SEND Pupils) must be booked through the Arbor App. These will open on Monday 23rd February for SEND Pupils and on Friday 27th February for all other children. Parents do not need to book for both. Please call us if you require assistance with booking.

YEAR 3 DANCE FESTIVAL

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their dance festival this week. They took part in a series of fitness exercises that many of the children found really tough before learning all of the individual moves for their final performance of Soda Pop from K Pop Demon Hunter which went down very well with the children. See our Facebook page for a short video of their final dance.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): **95.2%**
This year: Target: 95.8% Actual: **95.6%**

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YR (Lobsters)	94.2%	95.9%	4
Y1 (Jellyfish)	95.7%	96.0%	2
Y2 (Puffins)	97.3%	96.2%	3
Y3 (Seals)	90.7%	94.9%	1
Y4 (Terns)	91.0%	94.9%	0
Y5 (Heron)	98.3%	95.4%	1
Y6 (Curlews)	98.8%	95.9%	3

WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported our little fundraising effort today. £400 was raised. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and quickly ran very low on many items we had for sale. We have ensured that all children have been able to buy something but money has come back home with some children who weren't able to spend all they came with.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD MEETING LETTER

Parents have received a letter by email this week inviting them to a meeting at 2.45pm on Friday 27th February to meet a representative of the Smartphone Free Childhood Movement. We'd love to see as many parents as possible there to hear about the benefits of not allowing children to have smartphones and social media until they are a little older and better equipped to deal with the challenges they present.

PACKED LUNCH GUIDANCE

We have recently reviewed our packed lunch guidance. We keep a close eye on packed lunches and communicate any concerns with parents where necessary. What we are finding is that some packed lunches contain way too much food for the children and are often made up of mainly processed foods that contain large amounts of sugar and fat. This leads to packed lunches brought from home becoming very expensive, especially when much of the food provided is wasted.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND SWEETS OR FIZZY DRINKS IN PACKED LUNCHES. Nurse Jane is also available to discuss healthy packed lunches with parents.

2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 23rd February	School reopens for Spring Half Term 2
Tuesday 24th February	Y1 & Y3 begin weekly swimming lessons
Friday 27th February	2.45pm- Parent's Meeting in Hall. Smartphone Free Childhood
Friday 6th March	World Book Day Celebration
NEW Friday 6th March	1pm-Parents' Evening bookings open on Arbor.
Monday 9th March	Y3 & Y5 to St Cuthbert's Church-Easter Experience
NEW Tuesday 10th March	7pm-Fundraising Quiz-Radcliffe Club
Week Beg. 16th March	SEND Parents' Evenings
Mon 23rd & Tues 24th March	Parents Evenings
Monday 23rd March	Year 1 visit to Northumberland Zoo (Eshott)
Mon 11th -Thurs 14th May	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
Monday 8th-Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2025-26 and 2026-27 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [HERE](#).

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

We'll be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. The children will be invited to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. We hope that they will also be able to bring the book in with them so they can tell their friends about the character that they have chosen to dress up as. During the day, each teacher will be choosing a favourite story of theirs to read to children. After 'pitching' their story, the children will decide which teacher's story they would like to hear. In classrooms, the children will also be taking part in a range of book related activities. The children will also be receiving a £1 book token which can also be exchanged for particular books (detailed on the voucher). We hope that this early warning will give plenty of time for thinking about and preparing costumes. We can't wait to see what kind of creations parents and children come up with.

