

Newsletter



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14th March 2025

World Book Day We had a fantastic time last Thursday when we celebrated World Book Day. Here are photographs of everyone having such an enjoyable time! Well done everyone!



During the week of World Book Day, Nursery enjoyed exploring traditional tales and were an excellent audience for the Aesop Theatre's brilliant performance of 'The Gingerbread Man'.



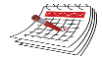
In Reception, the children had been learning about 'Traditional Tales' which fitted in nicely with World Book Day. They enjoyed watching a production of 'The Gingerbread Man' and it was lovely to see them joining in with the repetition of the rhyme.

In Year One, children celebrated World Book Day with a range of fantastic reading activities including designing their own front cover of a book and writing about the character they dressed up as.



Pictured above is Sophia M, Frankie-Lei M, Caleb G, Theo S, Phoebe W, Zara P and Arthur S.

Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning
17th March 2025 –
Menu week 1.

21st March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day

27th March – Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

3rd April – Year 5 Meeting Dearne Valley 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 5.*)

4th April – PTFA Easter Bingo Event (*Tickets holders only.*)

10th April – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade – 3.00pm KS2 playground.

10th April – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
11th April - School Closes for Easter Break (*Normal Times*)

28th April – School Opens for staff and pupils.

w/c 28th April – Year 6 Laches Wood Residential (4-night stay away in Coven, Wolverhampton.)

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

New Vehicle and Pedestrian Gate

Staffordshire County Council is funding the installation of new gates for the main vehicle and pedestrian entrance on Langholm Drive, to improve access and security. Work is due to commence on Monday 17th March. Please bear with us while this work is ongoing.

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Pictured below, left to right Deepinder S and Leah H.

On World Book Day, Year Two completed a range of activities, explored a variety of texts and had plenty of opportunities to get their 'noses' stuck into some fantastic books. Year Two children read, 'Window' by Jeanine Baker, which linked beautifully with their previous learning about environmental activist, Greta Thunberg, and their English text, Greta and the Giants.



For World Book Day, Year Three children studied 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. The book follows the journey of a camera on an underwater journey. The children created artwork of underwater scenes and were also part of a photography project, putting themselves into the story. The children were able to share, from their own experiences, a rich bank of 'flotsam' ideas and filled buckets and spades with the vocabulary discussed.

The Year Four theme for World Book Day was, 'Tell it your way.' The children enjoyed discussing their own interpretations of the picture book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. They used their questioning and prediction skills whilst working collaboratively with their peers. As this book had no words, children used their imaginations to think about what the images in the story were trying to portray. Pictured here on the right, left to right is, Oswald N, Thomas W and Alanna S.



Year Five studied Anthony Browne's picture book 'Voices in the Park'. The children enjoyed finding hidden messages and layers of meaning throughout the illustrations. They completed some superb artwork based around the different perspectives in the book. Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Gosling's classes also shared their 'Book in a Box' projects, completed for homework.

Pictured here is Harry Potter themed Year Five children, and Joshua C's artwork.

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Year Six enjoyed a day based on the graphic novel, 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. Children created poetry, considered how to communicate in a range of ways and discussed their predictions, thoughts and ideas about the book. Pictured here left to right are Sophie, Sienna, Bradley and Charlie.



Sponsor Money

Thank you to all those families who were able to return sponsor money in support of our Maths Day and active maths activities. We raised a total of **£1533.90**. Funds raised will go towards the development of a whole school sandpit to enhance our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision.



Dance Show!

During the half term break, Ava D-Y, who is in Miss Emery's class in Year 5, performed in a production of 'Over the Rainbow' at the Prince of Wales theatre. Ava had a busy week with rehearsals and appearing in multiple shows. Well done Ava, this is amazing news!



Football News!

I am pleased to report that last week, our Year 6 football team played in the Staffordshire County Cup. Mr Redpath wrote, 'One of the best school football team performances in recent years saw our Year 6 boys demolish Glenthorne Primary School 7-0 in the quarter-finals of the Staffordshire County Cup. From the very first minute, our boys took total control of the match with outstanding individual performances throughout the whole squad. The "magnificent seven" goals were scored by: Harry S, Bradley B, Harrison D-Y (2), Logan K (2) and Logan J.

Codsall Middle School await in the semi-final. Sporting history at Five Ways beckons!



Back row (left to right): Ethan H, Harrison D-Y, Ethan G, Harry S, Charlie K, Bradley B, Oscar H.

Front row (left to right): Logan K, Logan J, Joe T, Finley B.

A brilliant performance boys! Well done!

Theatre Success!

Mila A, Maddison W, and Isla B, who are all in Mrs Darby's Year 3 class, competed in their first competition last weekend and secured 1st place as a part of mini troupe. The girls have worked so hard since September on their dance routine and were thrilled with their result. They also attended Cannock's 'Gotta Dance' at the Prince of Wales theatre to dance their routine to a full crowd. Well done girls, this is amazing!



Karate Success!

I am pleased to report that Ozzy N, who is in Miss Lane's Year 4 class, achieved his yellow belt at karate last week. Well done Ozzy this is amazing!



Dance Show!

During the half term break, Cece N who is in Miss Emery's class in Year 5, performed in a production of 'Over the Rainbow' at the Prince of Wales theatre. Cece had a busy week with rehearsals and appearing in multiple shows. Well done Cece, this is amazing news!



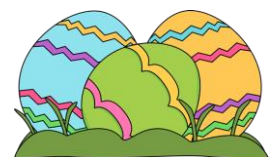
Comic Relief Day This is a reminder that on 21st March, Five Ways will be supporting Comic Relief day. Pupils are asked to bring their red noses to school on this day, and will be able to wear them during break times for a monetary donation. (Suggested amount of £1.) Pupils will also learn about the good causes of the charity during assembly on this day. Thank you in advance for all donations received.



PTFA News!

Easter Bingo – 4th April and **Easter Egg Hunt** – 10th April – Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways. Remember to secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because it sells out fast!

Egg Decorating Competition – Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 7th April ready for judging. Good luck everyone! Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard until Sunday 6th April: www.pta-events.co.uk/fiveways.



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