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There is so much going on in school at the moment, it is hard to keep up! Year 3 and 4 had a visitor on Friday afternoon helping them prepare for their concert in Trinity Buoy Wharf. This week was science week and Chef David and the food council held a very special meal last night. We will share all the highlights next week.

Just a reminder, if Eid falls on Thursday next week instead of the Friday when we have the planned closure you are welcome to keep your children home if you are celebrating. This will be recorded as an authorised absence. We expect all other children to attend school as we will be open on Thursday. We will still be closed on Friday 20th March regardless. Most classes will have their Eid parties the following week, on Monday 23rd March, except Y4 who will have theirs on Tuesday 24th March as they have a trip to the Science Museum on that Monday.

Last Thursday was World Book Day - here are the highlights!

Nursery: What a lot of awesome book characters joined our parade for parents in the EYFS playground! All the children were able to tell us the name of their character and the book that they featured in. We had princesses, superheroes, emergency service personnel and a wide range of animals! We enjoyed our trip to Bard books and rounded off the day with a character hunt in the garden. We love books!

Reception classes started the day with a lovely parade of our costumes for parents, where we waved our flags and banners featuring our favourite stories. We had a go at weaving some book marks and listened to lots of stories throughout the day. Everyone got to spend their book vouchers at Bard Books and some children practised their drawing skills by following along with the children's book illustrator, Rob Biddulph. We couldn't resist singing and dancing along with MC Grammar's World Book Day rap too.

Year one: We kicked things off with a vibrant costume parade, followed by a hilarious game of 'Guess the Teacher' (it's trickier than you think to spot a teacher behind a book!). Our very own staff transformed into characters from our current class favourite, 'Superworm', leading the children through some brilliant, high-energy role-play. The excitement continued with a trip to our local bookshop, where the children used vouchers to pick out a new book. We even found a sunny spot in the shop's garden to start reading right away! We rounded off the afternoon in total comfort, snuggling up with pillows, cuddly toys, and our buddies for some relaxed reading time. It was a truly magical day dedicated to growing our love for stories. It was a very busy day in **Year 2.** After the parade we joined a virtual session with the author of the Tom Gates series. In the afternoon we visited the town hall to

meet Nicola Slater, the illustrator of the 'Leaf Thief'. We got the chance to draw our own thief and ask her questions about her job.

Year 3 showed up in style in some AMAZING costumes showing off their favourite characters and paraded proudly. We took part in the Footy and Booky quiz where we scored an impressive 18/20 and saw brilliant authors and football players too! Barn Owls took part in the Ultimate Character Championship where we used our book knowledge and oracy skills to choose the best character from a book (spoiler alert it was Dylan's choice of Skandar that won). We rounded the afternoon off with a trip to Bard books to extend our personal libraries (and read in the sun) and while the other half were waiting for their turn we got to guess what teacher was reading where and make bookmarks. And of course we went "all in" reading in every spare moment in this National Year of Reading!

Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day and sharing our love of reading. It was wonderful to see so many creative costume ideas during our whole school parade. We loved our special visit to our local bookshop and taking part in the Footy & Booky quiz online to test our knowledge. Another activity we enjoyed was creating our own story cubes to create our own imaginative stories. There were some amazing, creative costumes from **Year 5** from Black Beauty to Fing to a lifelike Voldemort. We participated in the National Literacy Trust's Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz, and most groups aced it! Before our Bard Book visit, we participated in the BBC World Book Day Live Lesson and created our own 'Book Passport' and discussed our 'reading vibes' (our favourite places and genres to read). In the afternoon, we completed our World Book Day National Book Token Competition designs. Good luck to all those who are submitting their entries!

Year 6 started our last Primary World Book day by showing off the weird and wonderful costumes we had made at home, from Catniss Everdeen to Captain Nemo! We took part in the National Literacy Trusts Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz 2026, and came close to winning with a score of 19/20! We then created our own 'choose your own adventure' style texts, where the reader gets to choose what happens in the story.

Gemma Anidi, Headteacher

These children received a praise postcard this week:

Wren: Paulin & Idris

Woodlark: Ayla C, Kiran

Kestrel: Enid & Zainab

Kingfisher: Safwan & Wren

Barn Owl: The whole class for their amazing assembly performance

Starling: Tate, Lily & Charlie

Goshawk: Ayman & Jace

Goldcrest: Ahlam & Finn

Swift: Armani & Tabia

Sparrow: Manha & Jago

Breakfast club survey

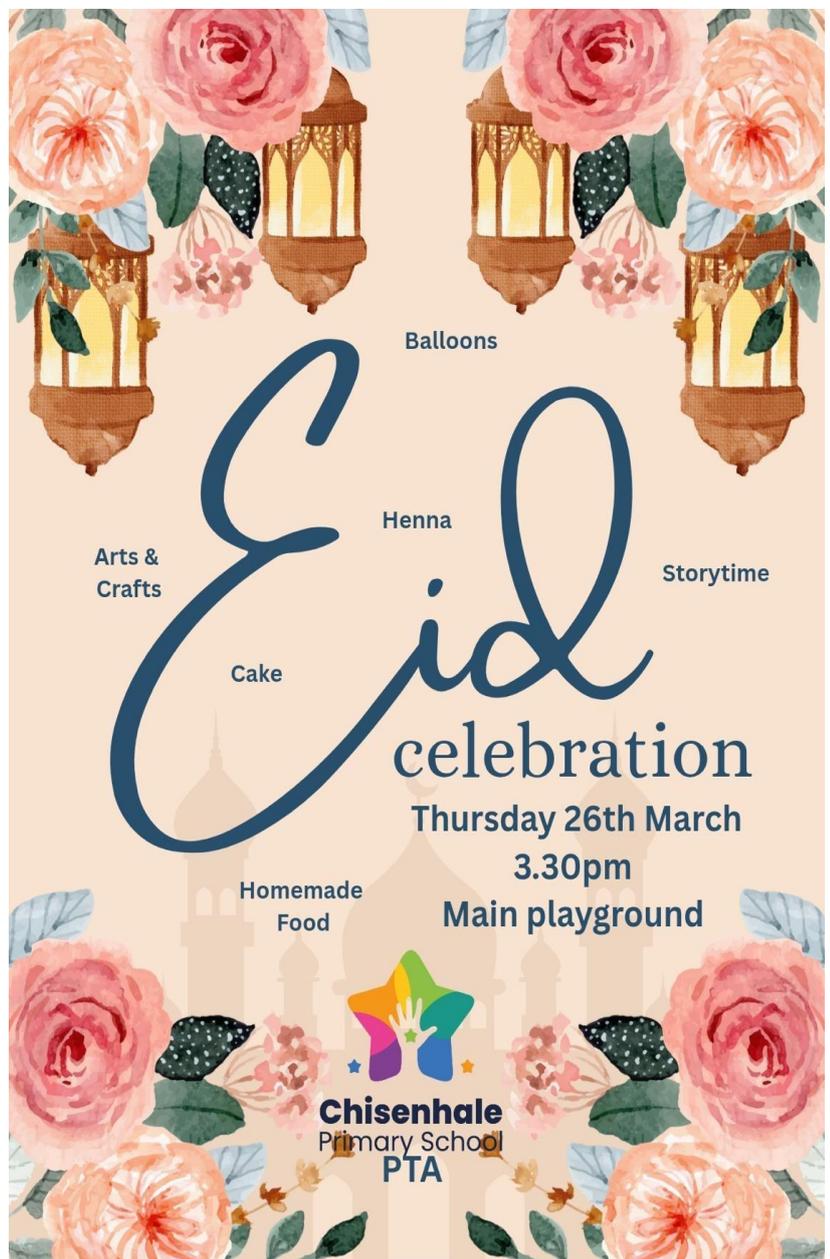
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Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th March – wear something red to support comic relief. We will also be selling red noses from 9th March but supplies are limited.

Friday 20th March – school closed for Eid

Thursday 26th March – Eid event in the main playground, after school

Friday 27th March, Easter bonnet parade, 9.05am SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM

Easter holidays: Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April. School starts again on Tuesday 14th April

Thursday 23rd April, after school, PTA magic show, more details soon

Monday May 4th – SCHOOL CLOSED, bank holiday

Thursday May 7th – SCHOOL CLOSED, local elections

Friday May 8th – Quizenhale quiz night – more details to follow

Class assemblies, all in the top hall at 9am, on Fridays – parents welcome

1st May Kingfisher Class

12th June Woodlark Class

26th June Wren Class

10th July Kestrel Class