



Celebrations & Events

We will all be celebrating **Lunar New Year** in the EYFS **Next Friday 13th February**.



Please let us know if you or other family members celebrate Lunar New Year, and if so, if you would be willing or able to support us in our celebrations on Friday 13th February. We are planning some activities on the morning of that day.

Next **Friday 13th February** you are all welcome to attend our **Family Open Afternoon** from 2-3pm.



On this day you will be able to visit your child's classroom and see some of the things that they have been learning and doing during the first half term of the New Year.

We hope you can join us then.

Applications for September Nursery places

Please don't forget to apply in time if you would like a Nursery place for your child in September.

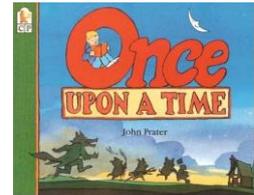
The deadline for Nursery places is 13th February 2026.

Half Term

The Half Term Holiday will be from **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February**.

This Week in the EYFS

In Nursery our Word of the Week has been **Mathematics** as we participated in **Maths Week** at Chisenhale Primary School. This has included thinking about the Seasons and Months of the year. On Wednesday we made our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the environment in **Winter**. We combined this with **'Wild Maths'**, counting and recognising numbers on our journey around the park. Continuing our Traditional Rhymes and Tales theme our key text was **'Once Upon a Time'** by **John Prater**. We identified the characters in the text and listened to and recited the rhymes and stories that they feature in.



Reception classes have been immersed in Mathematics this week. They have taken their learning outside with **timed** exercise challenges, **pattern hunts**, target practise including **addition** to find scores, **creating patterns** using natural resources, **shape** games and **hopscotch**. In the classroom they have been **exploring patterns** on animals and finding the number of legs on a range of minibeasts (including thinking about **odd** and **even** numbers). They also participated in an Artis Online 'Maths Adventure' workshop. In phonics, the children have been focusing on **we, are, ai** and **ee**.

Thank you so much for your efforts for the NSPCC's 'Dress Up for Digits Day!' on Friday. It created a real buzz around the EYFS and the school for the end of our Maths Week and the children loved sharing their outfits with each other.

Exciting Developments in the EYFS!

This half term the Parent Teacher Association for our school asked teachers for a wish list for items to enhance their area of the curriculum. We are delighted to announce that Early Years successfully applied for the funding to buy a range of robust, exciting and challenging bikes, trikes and scooters to extend the physical challenges available in our setting. We hope you will see them in action when you visit us next Friday!

We would like to thank the PTA for all their fundraising efforts as we would never be able to afford to buy the range and quality through our regular budget for the EYFS.

Book Bags & Changing Bags

Changing bags & book bags should be brought to school every day!

Although we do have spare clothes it is a challenge for staff to find items from our stock which fit particular individuals on demand, and children are a lot happier to put on clothing which they recognise as belonging to them.

As the weather has turned a lot colder it is important that children are brought to school in appropriate clothing for the season. This should include a warm coat and footwear.

If children bring gloves and hats to school please advise them to put them in their pockets or sleeves and/or label them.