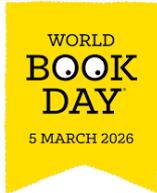




Celebrations & Events



Next **Thursday 5th March** we will be celebrating **World Book Day at Chisenhale Primary School** when we will be dressing up as book characters and celebrating reading throughout the school.
EYFS Children will parade through the EYFS garden at 9.05am.

Our celebrations will also include a visit to Bard Books on Roman Road.



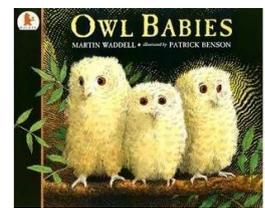
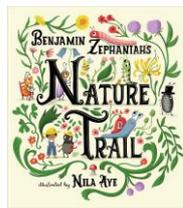
The Reception classes will also be going to the **Bow Idea Store** next week on **Friday 6th March**.
Capercaillies will be going at **9am** and **Crossbills** at **2.15pm**.

If you are available to accompany you child's class on this trip please speak to April or Jill.

There will also be a PTA second hand book sale on Friday after school in the main playground.

This Week in the EYFS

Welcome back - we are now half way through our school year!
In **Nursery** we began the new half term by thinking about our first **100 days of school** and what we have achieved so far – and how much progress we might make by July! We have been practising counting up to one hundred and looking at what one hundred objects look like. We have been exploring mathematical models for showing 100 including abacus and numicon. We thought about how we represent numbers 1, 10 and 100 and learned the importance of zero in our number system. Our 'Word of the Week' has been '**nature**' as we read '**Nature Trail**' by Benjamin Zephaniah and began to learn about **minibeasts**. We focused on the letter/sound Mm for our '**Letters & Sounds**' phonics work.



Our Reception classes have a new topic- and it's a hoot!. They read '**Owl Babies**' by Martin Waddell then they made their own 'Missing' poster to help locate the mother owl from the story. They also made model owl babies and owl masks. They learned lots of facts about owls through a range of information texts and genres. Did you know owls have three eyelids? They have compared owl homes with their own homes and reflected on what owls might think and feel.

In phonics the children have been learning the letter-sound correspondence for the vowel digraphs **oo** (as in both moon and book). In mathematics they have been exploring measure including **height, length and time** (days of the week and timing our own actions). They have also been learning about Ramadan.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding our second parent meeting of the year next week. On **Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd March** you will be allocated a **ten minute** appointment with your child's class teacher.

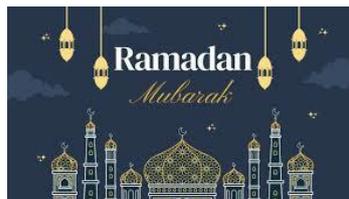
If you have not received confirmation of the date and time of your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher

For Reception Classes **Tapestry** is now live. We have sent invitations to the email addresses which you have shared with us. If you have any issues please let Jill or April know at your Parent Teacher Meeting.

Exciting Developments in the EYFS!

The Parent Teacher Association for our school recently 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 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 we have acquired through our regular budget for the EYFS.



Ramadan Mubarak to all our children and families.

Eid & Easter

School will be closed for **Eid** on **Friday 20th March** and for **Easter** from **Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April**.

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.