



## Fairholme Primary School

'We believe we can achieve'

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**A message from our Headteacher Mrs Harris:** We can't believe how quickly this half term has gone. We hope that next week, everyone has a lovely half term a chance to rest, read and recharge!

This half term has been full of trips to the Church, the Theatre, The Natural History Museum, Bedford Lakes, Sport competitions, various visitors and workshops in school too. We are very proud of how much resilience and perseverance our children have shown over this half term and well they have engaged with their learning.

Friday assemblies are a favourite moment of the week for us, where we celebrate a range of successes across the school from Learning Hero of the week, to Headteacher's Hooray to celebrating specific skills children have been developing such as: collaborating, making links or managing distractions. In assembly we also talk about the importance of attendance and the year group who achieves the best attendance each week goes in to the draw to win a Pizza Party at the end of the term. Amazingly, Year 3 have won the best attendance for the last 5 weeks in a row, so they are the only year group in the pizza draw at the moment, which they are delighted about!

### Celebrating Women in Science Week: 10th - 14th February

We are excited to announce our celebration of Women in Science Week, running this week. Throughout the week, we will feature a special themed dinner menu, with each day highlighting the achievements of a remarkable woman or girl in science. In class, each year group will focus on a different inspiring female scientist and explore her significant contributions to the world of science. This week aligns with our school value of aspiration, as we aim to inspire our children and ignite their passion for scientific discovery.

We have enjoyed putting some of the money we have been fundraising to good use by starting to develop our playgrounds. We have added climbing structures into both playgrounds, table tennis tables in KS2 and there is still more to come.



The Friends of Fairholme's PJ day raised an impressive £290!

Their next event is this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February and they will be selling **Valentine's Sweet Treat Cones** for £2.50 a cone or £4.00 for two. All money raised will go towards some playground equipment that they have selected.

**Do you have any unwanted smellys, bath bombs, bubble baths, toiletries that you don't want?**

If so, our Friends of Fairholme Team can make great use of them and make them in to little gifts to sell in our Mother's Day Sale.

Please hand them in to the office or your child's class. Thank you.



# READING NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

## READING AMBASSADORS



Every Wednesday, our reading ambassadors and KS2 children read with the KS1 children during lunch time; this is very exciting for the younger children, they enjoy hearing stories read by older children.

## Books of the month



## READING FOR PLEASURE HIGHLIGHTS

### Lunch time story sessions

To celebrate national storytelling week, the children had lunchtime story sessions along with warm cups of hot chocolate!



### Drop everything and Read

A big shout out to all our wonderful parents who came to read with their children to help us celebrate the joys of reading as a community.



### KS1 illustration assembly

Some lucky children in KS1 had the amazing opportunity to attend an illustration workshop by the popular children's fiction book illustrator Zehra Hicks

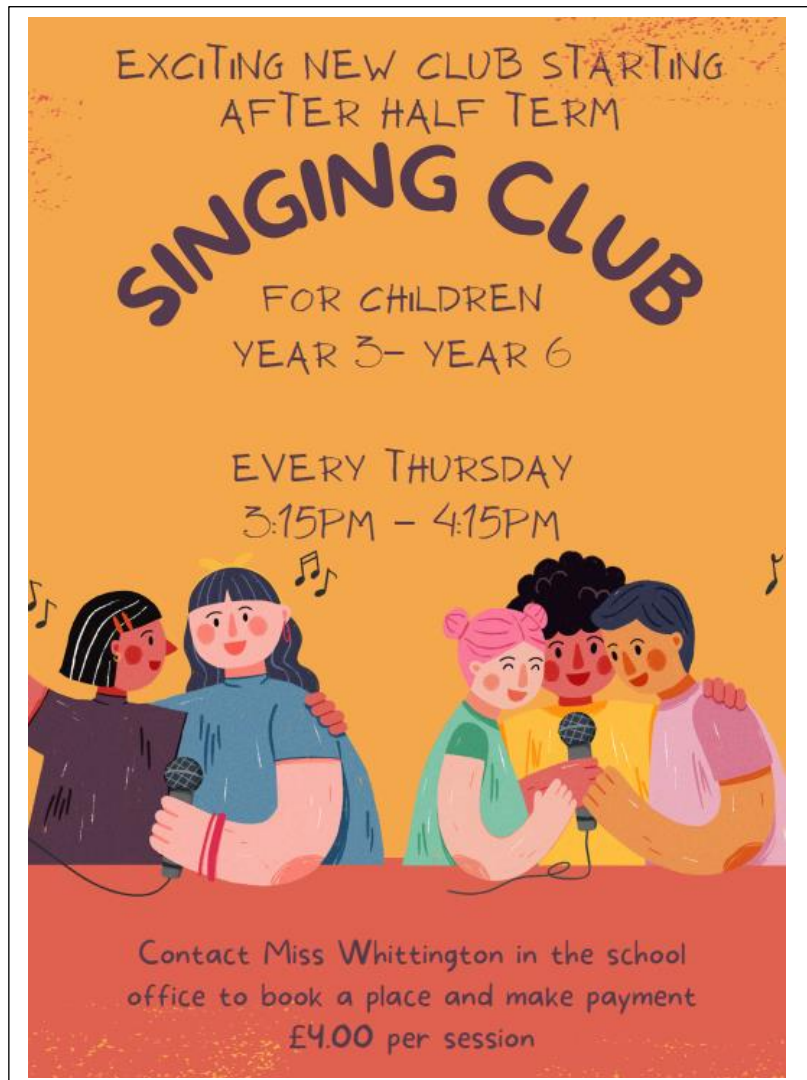


## Reading at home

**Read Together, Grow Together!**  
A little reading every day helps young minds grow in a big way. Share a book, share a smile—let's read together for a while!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!" Dr Seuss



## World Book Day- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

We are encouraging the children to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character.

We are looking forward to seeing who everyone chooses to dress up as!







## Uniform

**A reminder of our school uniform which is compulsory from January 2024. More information about uniform is available on our school website.**

### Daily uniform list

- Plain white polo shirt with collar
- Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without the school logo (no hoods or other markings)
- Grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress (not sports/PE shorts)
- Red and white checked summer dress (including culottes style)
- Plain grey, white or red socks or tights
- Black shoes (not trainers or boots); in summer, smart black or white sandals may also be worn
- Simple hair accessories should be black, grey, red or white
- Plain black, grey, red or white hijabs, patkas or turbans
- Nursery children are required to wear the white polo shirt and red sweatshirt or cardigan



### PE kit list *to be worn only on days when your child has PE lessons*

- Plain red round-neck t-shirt (no collar or logos)
- Plain black jogging bottoms, plain black leggings or plain black loose shorts (not cycling/tight shorts)
- Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without the school logo (no hoods or other markings)
- Comfortable trainers with good grip or black plimsolls (no studs or 'heelies')



### School shoes

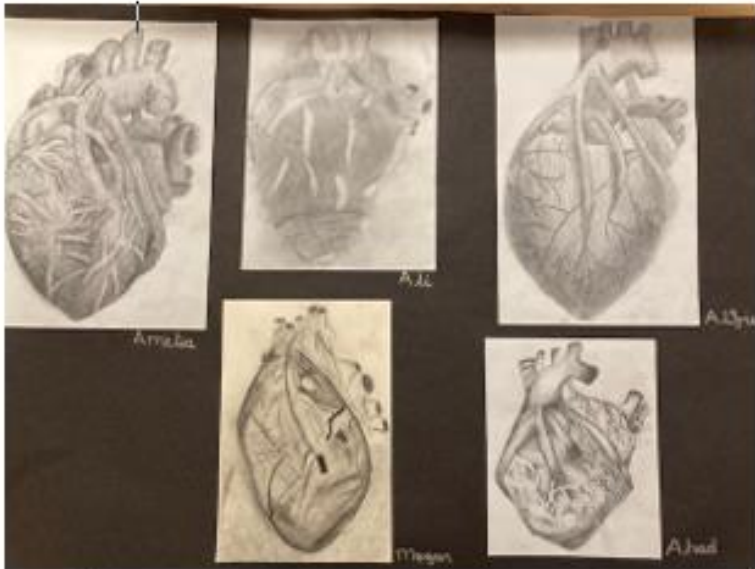
- All children should wear comfortable plain black school shoes. Trainers are only permitted on PE days. Some examples of suitable school shoes include:





# Art round-up from across KS2

Year 6 - sketching



Year 6 – Sketching – observational drawing – pastels and watercolour





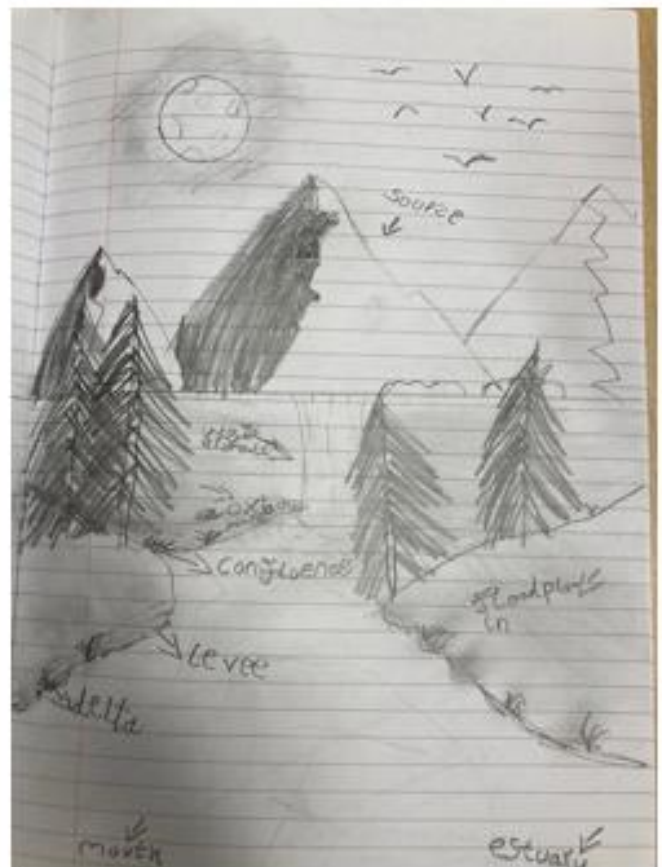


Year 5 – Mixed Media – Paint & Collage





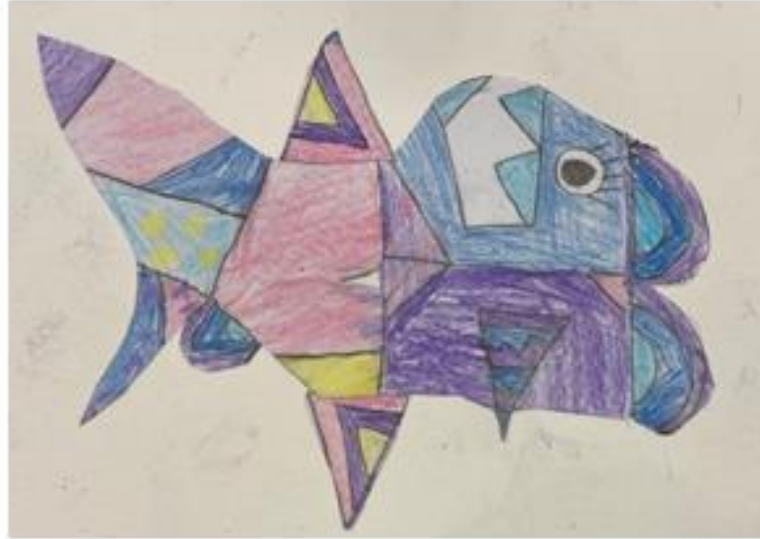
Year 4 – Sketching and pencil crayon – Geography & Art







**Year 3 – Cubism – pastel & collage**







**The Lion King** - Some children from Year 5 and Year 6 had a brilliant afternoon a couple of weeks ago when they went into London to the Lyceum Theatre to watch the musical: The Lion King.

Bella from Year 6 said, 'It was my first theatre trip and was really magical.'

Billy and Lenny from Year 6 said, 'It was brilliant. The opening song and dance were our favourites.'

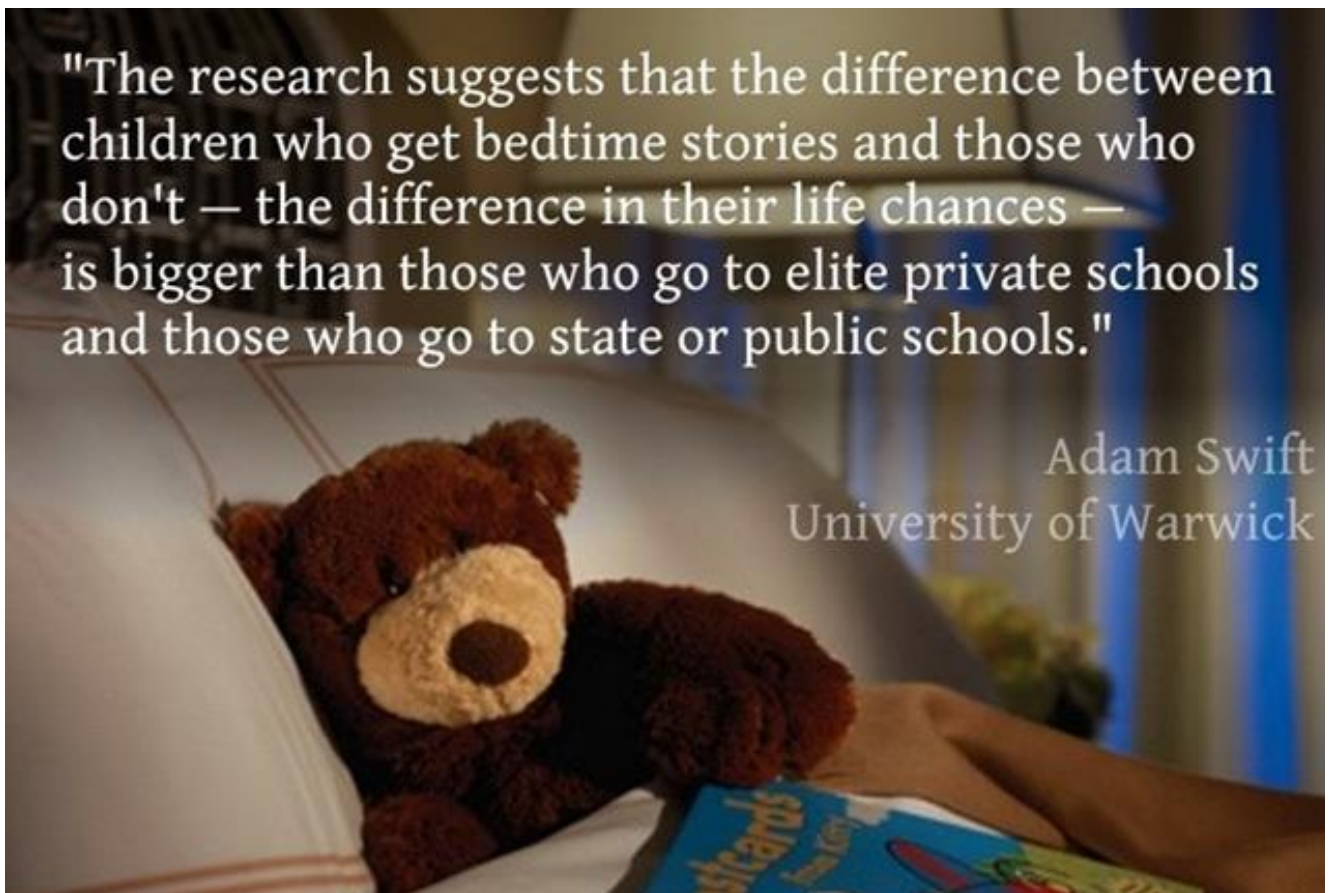
'I loved the drumming and the theatre was amazing.' Adnan from Year 5 told us.

Kornelia, Year 5, said, 'Thank you for the super exciting trip, it was great.'



"The research suggests that the difference between children who get bedtime stories and those who don't — the difference in their life chances — is bigger than those who go to elite private schools and those who go to state or public schools."

Adam Swift  
University of Warwick





## Days off school add up to lost learning

There are 175 non-school days every year.

That is 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and appointments

190 Days for your child's education each year	10 days absence = 10 days missed education  180 days of education	19 days absence = 19 days missed education  171 days of education	29 days absence = 29 days missed education  161 days of education	38 days absence = 38 days missed education  152 days of education	47 days absence = 47 days missed education  143 days of education
<b>98% +</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Excellent</b>  Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.	<b>Initial concern</b>  Missed learning opportunities.	<b>Worrying</b>  Less chance of success. Makes it harder to reach their potential	<b>Not fair on your child</b>  Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress Possible friendship issues Educational outcomes and life chances are affected		

### Quick Maths Facts

How quickly can you answer these?

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 5 + 5 = & 5 \times 3 = \\
 9 + 1 = & 6 \times 7 = \\
 14 + 6 = & 8 \times 12 = \\
 20 - 7 = & 9 \times 9 =
 \end{array}$$

Knowing addition and subtraction facts to 20 and times tables facts is really important for helping children to solve problems in maths quickly.

That's why we encourage you to use Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots at home.

Just 5 minutes every day will really make a difference for your child. It's the short, regular practice that helps.



### Question of the week

Would you rather live in a treehouse or an igloo?

### Thought of the week

The more you practice the better you get.