



Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break the nights are becoming lighter and I see bulbs trying to push their way out of the earth. Signs of Spring - HOORAY!

This term, our collective worship has centered on the Fruit of the Spirit, with a specific focus this week on Goodness. In school, we've discussed that goodness isn't just about "being quiet" or "following rules"—it is an active choice to do the right thing for the benefit of others. We have thought about who we are being good for...others? Our faith? Or ourselves? There is no clear cut answer but the debate it sparked was wonderful to witness. The oracy skills the children are developing were put to good use as they 'agreed', 'built' and 'challenged' each other's view points.

A massive thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our Silver Mile fundraising event! It was a joy to see the children lining up their coins throughout the school. Thanks to your incredible generosity and the children's enthusiasm, we are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic total of approximately £100 for our children via the Friends group.

With February 14th arriving this weekend, I have transformed our central reflection area to celebrate LOVE - our one and only school value. While today Valentine's day is often about cards and chocolate, the story of St. Valentine is one of profound courage and sacrificial love.

A long, long time ago, there was a man named Valentine. He lived in the city of Rome, which was ruled by a very strict Emperor named Claudius. Emperor Claudius wanted a giant army, but he had a problem: he thought that if men were married and had families they loved, they wouldn't want to go away to fight in wars. So, he made a very mean rule—no one was allowed to get married! Valentine was a kind priest who believed that love was the most important thing in the world. He knew how sad the couples were, so he decided to help them in secret. In the middle of the night, in beautiful hidden gardens, Valentine would perform secret weddings. He would whisper the vows and hand the couples paper hearts to remind them of their love and their promises to each other. Eventually, the Emperor found out. Valentine was sent to prison for breaking the rules. But even in a dark, cold prison, Valentine's heart stayed kind. He became friends with the jailer's daughter and helped her with her lessons. Before he left, he wrote her a note to say thank you for her friendship. He signed it: "From your Valentine."

He showed us that: Love is worth standing up for.

Kindness can be found even in difficult places.

A small note of friendship can make someone's whole day better.

Kind Regards,

Mrs M Underwood



Attendance Winners

**This Week's
Winners**

Year 5



**Most Improved
Winners**

Year 1



PE kits

Just a friendly reminder to check your child's PE bag! Please ensure they have a full kit and that their shoes still fit comfortably. Having the right kit helps them stay safe and confident during PE.

Parentpay Lunches

Don't forget to pre- order your lunches on Parentpay. The newest menu is already on Parentpay.

Lateness and Absences

Can we please remind all parents and carers that children should be at school by 8.45am when the whistle goes ready to start their day. The late door situated at Year 3/4 cloakroom entrance is open until 8.55am. Any children arriving AFTER 8.55am should come through the school office. Please be prepared to inform the office staff the reason for the lateness and disruption to the school day.

Dates for your diary:



Friday 13th February

- school closes at 3.30pm
for Spring half term



Thursday 12th March -

GMSJ World Book Day



Thursday 19th March -

Year 2 visit to Thornton Farm



Monday 23rd February

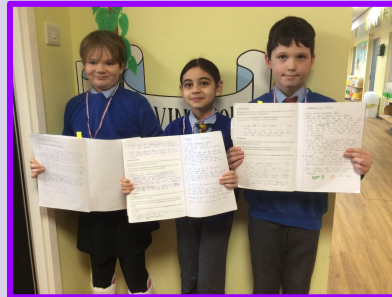
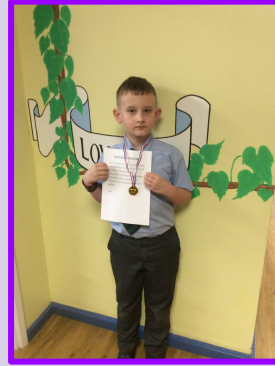
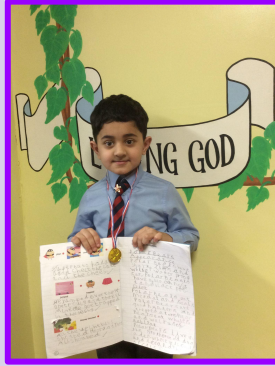
- school reopens at 8.45am



Tuesday 17th March -

Year 4 visit to Towneley Park

Award Winners



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Maxx Year 3

For Fantastic Egyptian Knowledge.



Yusuf Year 1

For Incredible Independent work about Polar Bears.

Noah Year 3

For Creating a New Character for the Ironman Story.



Iacov Year 4

For Excellent Extended Writing.



Reggie D Year 1

For Wonderful Story Writing.



Harvey Year 5

For Incredible Maths.



Lucy Year 6

For Super Writing in History.



Isla Year 4

For Excellent Extended Writing.



Rivelino Year 6

For Wonderful writing showing HUGE progress.

Klerson Year 2

For Awesome Art.



Zimmel Year 2

For Awesome Art.



Chloe Year 5

For Perfect persuasive Writing.



Hudson Year 5

For Perfect persuasive Writing.



Isla Year 5

For Perfect persuasive Writing.



Maryam Year 1

For Marvellous Maths.



Isla Year 4

For Incredible Independent Maths.



Year 4 DT Project: A Castle for a Fairy

They had to think about the features of a castle - is their design stable and strong?



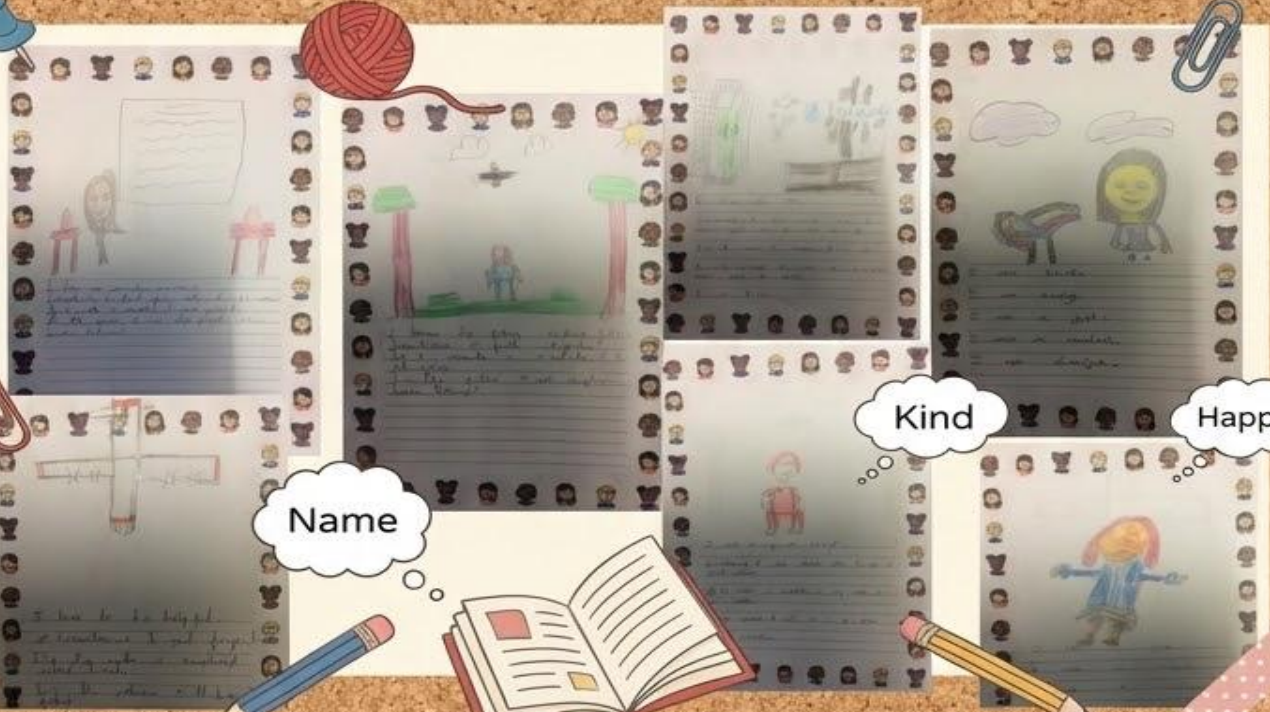
YEAR OF READING: LIVE SESSION & POETRY

This week we took part in a live session for the Year of Reading. We got involved with the live session including learning a new dance (see our Facebook for the video!). We then wrote some poems all about what makes us, us, including our names!

Our Live Session & Dance!



Our Poems & Drawings: What Makes Us, Us!



Name

Kind

Happy

Mini Marsdens

Stay and Play Baby & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday
8.45am until 10am
All are welcome

