



The Howard Primary School, Elford

March has blossomed into a truly heartwarming month here at school. As the days grow longer, our sense of community has only grown stronger, and we are delighted to share some of the highlights from the past few weeks.

We were overjoyed to welcome the wonderful women of our school community into St Peter's Church for our annual Mother's Day service. Our youngest children in Class 1, some of whom are only 4 years old, led a truly wonderful and heartfelt Mother's Day service that moved us all. It was a beautiful, reflective afternoon filled with song and gratitude. Seeing the pews filled with mothers, grandmothers, and guardians was a wonderful reminder of the strong support network that surrounds our pupils.



The celebrations didn't begin at the church doors.

Thanks to the incredible hard work of our PTA and the expert guidance of the talented Mrs Wisher, during the morning, every child was able to present their mother with a beautiful, individual bouquet made of real flowers. Mrs. Wisher's floral eye truly brought a touch of spring magic to the event, with each bouquet hand-assembled to ensure that everyone left with a fragrant, lasting reminder of just how much they are appreciated. We would like to thank all involved in this wonderful event.



Back in school, it has been a vibrant and "très occupé" few weeks in Class 3. This term, our budding linguists have been mastering the art of 'Ordering at a café.' From practicing polite greetings to navigating the complexities of French menus, the classroom has been buzzing with the sounds of "S'il vous plaît" and "Je voudrais...".

Class 2 have been making the most of the rare sunny days, and have taken their science learning out into the fresh air in our beautiful village. As the sun shone beautifully, the children

ventured into the walled gardens to hunt for signs of spring, eagerly documenting the first buds and blossoms of the season. It was a delight to see them so engaged with the world around them and their learning.



The sporting spirit has been high in Class 4, who recently took part in a thrilling four-trust school netball tournament. Demonstrating incredible teamwork, sharp tactical awareness, and impressive accuracy in their shooting, our pupils were unstoppable on the court—winning every single game they played to emerge as well-deserved champions! We are immensely proud of their dedication and sportsmanship throughout the day. This fantastic victory now secures them a place in the summer grand finale, where they will compete against Anson for the title of overall netball champions. We will certainly be cheering them on!

Our school was a whirlwind of creativity this World Book Day, with children arriving in a stunning array of costumes or dressed in the vibrant colours of nature. The day was dedicated to Shel Silverstein's classic, *The Giving Tree*—a poignant and thought-provoking story that explores the relationship between a generous apple tree and a boy who grows up alongside it. Through the tale, the children engaged in meaningful discussions and activities centered on

themes of selflessness, the natural world, and the joy of giving. It was a beautiful way to encourage our pupils to reflect on their own roles in the community, and the empathy they showed during the activities was truly inspiring.

It has been a joy to watch our pupils grow in both character and curiosity this month. We wish you all a wonderful Easter time when it arrives and look forward to updating you again soon.

From everyone at The Howard Primary