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Weekly Bulletin	
Week Ending:	Friday 6 th February

Our Year 1 and 2 children had a brilliant trip to the Museum of Making yesterday. We had some lovely feedback from museum staff on how well our children behaved during the trip. The Museum of Making is free to visit, and have activities and SEN focused sessions running during the upcoming February half term.

Today, children have come dressed in numbers, spots, stripes and patterns to help us celebrate National Number Day! They have been taking parts in maths challenges throughout the day. If your child is currently at the PTA film night, please collect them from classrooms at 4.30pm.

The very wet weather has meant an increase in the amount of cars around the school site at pick up and drop off times. We have received a complaint from a local resident around cars parking irresponsibly on Packhorse Road and other roads surrounding school. If driving to and from school, please park safely, considerately and carefully. If grandparents, other relatives or a childminder pick your child up from school via car, please pass on this message to them.

Next week in school...	
<p>Wednesday 11th February - Bike-Ability - Reception and Year 1</p> <p>Bikeability sessions (designed to give children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on the roads) will take place for Reception and Year 1 children - please send children to school in PE kit on Wednesday.</p>	
<p>Thursday 12th February - PTA "Wear What Makes You Happy" non-uniform day and "Flip-a-Thon"</p> <p>The PTA are generously funding a non-uniform day and a special pancake breakfast on our last day of term on Thursday. They have also organised a sponsored "Flip-A-Thon" - read on for more details!</p>	
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<p>Thursday 12th February - Parents Evening booking closes</p> <p>Appointments to book for Parents Evenings (running on Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 4th March) will close on Thursday.</p>	
<p>Thursday 12th February - Mother's Day / Significant Females Lunches booking opens - Year 1 children</p> <p>Mother's Day / Significant Females Lunches for Year 1 children will take place during w/c 9th March: bookings will open on Thursday.</p>	
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Our school week in numbers:

Dojo points awarded for our STAR Standards: 1,323	Attendance: 95.75%
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Coming up...

<p>Half-Term Holiday Clubs - Booking open!</p> <p>Premier Education will be running a holiday club on various dates during the half term holiday.</p>	
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<p>World Book Day - Thursday 5th March</p> <p>2026 is the National Year of Reading, which makes us especially excited to celebrate our love of reading on World Book Day: which this year is on Thursday 5th March. We have lots of exciting activities planned.</p>	
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Class Spelling Award

Congratulations to Hummingbird class who are our winners of the Class Spelling award trophy for the week!



Stars and Authors of the Week

A big well done to the final Star Students and Authors of the Week of this half-term:

** Star of the Week**			**Author of the Week**	
Dragonfly	Otis			Dragonfly
Seahorse	Sybil	Seahorse		Darcy M
Hummingbird	Rose	Hummingbird		To follow after half-term
Salamander	Hudson	Salamander		
Chameleon	Florence		Chameleon	★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
POLO	To be announced after half-term			

The winner of our Good Choice award (awarded during assembly) was Blake in Dragonfly class.



Change to published INSET days for the 2026/27 school year

Following discussions with the Junior School and in agreement with the governing boards of both schools, there has been a change to our previously published INSET days for the 2026/27 school year.

Monday 22nd February 2027 and Monday 12th April 2027 will no longer be INSET days.



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The INSET days for the 2026/27 school year have been updated [on our website](#), and are as follows:

- Friday 4th September 2026 (no change)
- Monday 2nd November 2026 (changed)
- Friday 12th February 2027 (changed)
- Monday 7th June 2027 (no change)
- Monday 26th July 2027 (no change)

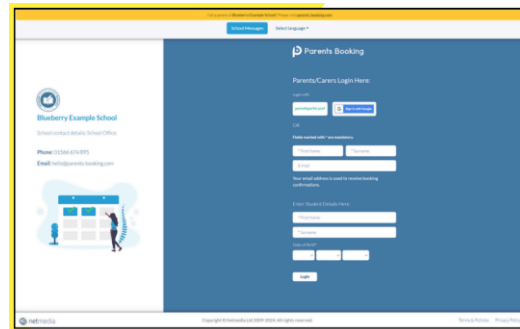
If parents/carers have booked holidays on the basis of the above dates being an INSET day, please send details of the holiday booking (showing a booking date before today - Friday 5th February) to the School Office where, on receipt, the leave will be authorised.



Parents Evening – Bookings open until Thursday 12th February

Our Parents Evenings will take place on Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 4th March. Slots will be available from 3.30pm until 6.20pm.

Bookings for Parents Evenings opened at lunchtime on Monday 2nd February, and will close on the morning of Thursday 12th February.



Invitations to Parents were sent by email, from Parents Booking (noreply@parents-booking.co.uk) titled "Parents' Evening Notification". The email containing the booking link was sent to the first priority parent/carer contact. (The parent/carer who you stated for school to contact first in case of an emergency).

Please click on the link in the email to be taken to the login page. To login, type your email address into the login web page and press Login. You will be emailed a "magic login" link, which you can then click on to login (without requiring a username and password).

Parents' Evenings				
Name of Group	Parents' Evening	Date	Start	End
Parents Evening - Autumn Term	Parents Evening - October/November 2025 ** Suggest Bookings For Me Make/Edit My Own Bookings View My Appointment Schedule	Wed 22nd Oct 2025	15:30	18:00
		Wed 5th Nov 2025	15:30	18:00

Once logged in, select "Make/Edit My Own Booking" to be taken to the booking page, where you can view all available slots and select "book" to confirm. You can also choose to enter notes to the class teacher on booking, to confirm any particular areas you would like to discuss during the evening.



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You will not receive an automatic email confirmation that your slot is booked. You can click "Email your bookings" after booking, and a confirmation email will be sent to you.

You will be able to log back in to the Parents Evening booking system at any point until bookings close (the morning of Thursday 12th February) to modify your booking slot. If you experience any problems in using the booking system, please contact the School Office on 01332 862325.

Separated Parents - In line with our Separated Parents policy ([available on our website](#)) school will consider separate appointments for Parents Evening, but by prior agreements only or where there are specific circumstances that the school are aware of meaning separate appointments will be required. If you require a separate appointment, contact your child's teacher.



PTA "Flip-A-Thon" – Thursday 12th February

The PTA are generously funding a non-uniform day and a special pancake breakfast on our last day of term (Thursday 12th February). They have also organised a sponsored "Flip-A-Thon"! Each child will see how many times they can flip a pancake in one minute and there will be a prize for the child in the class who is able to flip the pancake the most times!! Sponsorship forms have been sent home with children, and can also be found at the end of this bulletin. Please do consider asking friends and family to sponsor - all the money raised directly benefits the children! Sponsorship money can be paid on ParentPay or in cash to school. Thank you for your support with this fun activity!





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Mothers / Significant Female Lunches – Year 1 children: w/c 9th March

Sharing a lunch in school together with a special relative is always a highlight for our children. Each year our parent/carer and grandparent lunches runs on a rota:

- Reception: Grandparent lunches - during the Autumn term
- Year 1: Mothers/Significant female lunches - during the Spring term
- Year 2: Fathers/Significant male lunches - during the Summer term

This enables each school year group to have had the opportunity to have lunch with a different family member or significant person before the time they leave the Infants.

This year's Mothers / Significant Female lunches will be run for Year 1 children daily from Monday 9th to Friday 13th March. They will run from 11.55am to around 12.30pm (approximately).

If your child has a sibling in Reception or Year 2, they will also attend the lunch. Unfortunately, we cannot have any other younger siblings attending the lunches due to health and safety.

As much as we would love to be able to give the opportunity for adults attending to have a school meal, unfortunately the school kitchen does not currently have the capacity to offer this. We would therefore ask for each adult to bring a packed lunch with them. Please note packed lunches must not contain nuts or nut derivatives.

The link to book will be sent to Year 1 parents/carers by email on Thursday 12th February. There are a limited numbers of spaces available per day, which will be available on a first-come, first served basis. Booking will be open until the end of the day on Monday 2nd March, after which point we will not be able to make any changes to bookings or add any new bookings.



World Book Day activities

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

2026 is the National Year of Reading, which makes us very excited to be able to celebrate our love of reading on World Book Day: which this year is on Thursday 5th March. We will be doing lots of things to celebrate World Book Day, including...

- 📖 A "Design a Book Cover" competition with prizes of £5 tokens to spend at the book fair (these have been sent home with children, and a copy can be found at the end of this bulletin);
- 📖 Book tokens for a £1 book from a list of specially chosen books;
- 📖 a Book Fair sale taking place from 25th - 27th February;
- 📖 a Book Swap - more details below;
- 📖 Joint celebrations across year groups with the Junior School;
- 📖 And finally, our Sponsored Read will return over the Easter holiday.



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Book Swap: from Monday 2nd March

If you would like to participate in our book swap, please bring a either a children's book or an adult's book to swap from our box in the foyer (in the main entrance). You can pick any book from the box and leave another book in its place.

Book Fair: from Wednesday 25th February

After school from Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th February, our Book Fair will be on offer: with a great variety of books available to purchase. Our school benefits from free books for every purchase made. Parents/carers are very welcome to come and look at the books on offer after school. The book fair will be in our school hall. Payment can be made by cash or card.

Volunteers for the Book Fair: we need parent/carer volunteers to take payments at the Book Fair. Slots are available every day from Wednesday - Friday after school. Children are welcome to be with their parent/carer whilst they volunteer. [Please sign up by clicking or tapping here.](#)

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

On World Book Day, children are welcome to attend school on Thursday 5th March either:

- Dressed as their favourite book character; or
- Dressed in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime book.

Some World Book Day outfits in a selection of sizes are available in the school foyer for any parents/carers who may need to, or wish to, borrow one. Please do not feel any obligation to purchase or make any special costume for your child! The focus of our day will be to read and talk about some wonderful books and stories.



Upcoming dates for your diary

The upcoming dates for forthcoming term can be found below. **Did you know that you can subscribe to our school calendar via our website; and this will automatically put the dates in your calendar?** Please go to <https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/calendar> and click "subscribe". When dates are added or amended in the term, we will highlight these dates / activities in purple. These are planned dates and activities; whilst we will aim to keep changes to a minimum, dates may be subject to change, and new activities may be added during the course of the term. Our term dates and INSET dates are all available on our [website](#).

FEBRUARY

w/c 9th February

Date	Activity
All Week	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 11 th February	Parent/Carer Support Coffee Afternoon - 2.45pm (please book with the School Office)
Thursday 12 th February	PTA Flip-A-Thon
	Wear what makes you happy- non-uniform day



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Friday 13 th February	INSET Day - School Closed to children. <i>Premier Holiday INSET Club will run in school</i>
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Half Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

w/c 23rd February

Date	Activity
Wednesday 25 th February	Parents Evening (Date 1 of 2) Book Fair begins
Friday 27 th February	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am (celebrating all birthdays from Friday 13 th February - Friday 27 th February) Book Fair ends

MARCH

w/c 2nd March

Date	Activity
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents Evening (Date 2 of 2)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 9th March

Date	Activity
All Week	Mother's Day / Significant Female Lunches - Year 1 children
Friday 13 th March	Star Student Assembly, 9.05am

w/c 16th March

Date	Activity
During the week	Maths Missions - Years 1 / 2 (more information to follow)
Friday 20 th March	Red-Nose Day - Non-Uniform Final Star Student Assembly of the term, 9.05am RockSteady concert - 2.30pm (for parents/carers of children who attend RockSteady)

w/c 23rd March

Date	Activity
Friday 27 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade - 2.45pm

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April



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SPONSORSHIP FORM – FLIP-A-THON

NAME:

CLASS:

We anticipate an average of 20 flips per minute, however our children do surprise us so please bear that in mind with the amounts sponsored. If you would like to cap your sponsorship donation or sponsor a flat rate, regardless of number of flips, please indicate in the form below.

NO.	NAME	SPONSORED MONEY (PER FLIP/TOTAL)	PAID - CASH/PARENT PAY
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BOOK FAIR COMPETITION

Can you be an illustrator and improve a famous front cover of a book? There are five £5 prizes to be spent at our book fair to be won! Entries to be in by 25th February to your class teacher.

Pick your favourite book and design a new front cover for it. What would you draw? Remember to include the title, your name, class and age. Good luck!

Name..... Class Age.....



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HOME INFORMATION

February's Musician of the Month

Nusrat
Fateh Ali Khan



About: Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (1948 – 1997) was a Pakistani singer, songwriter, and music director. He was primarily a singer of qawwali — a form of Sufi devotional music and is considered by The New York Times to be the greatest qawwali singer of his generation. He was known for his vocal abilities and could perform at a high level of intensity for several hours. Khan is widely credited with introducing qawwali music to international audiences. He was also a master in Hindustani classical music.

Genres: Qawwali, Religious & Classical

Active from: 1971 - 1997

Origin: Faisalabad, Pakistan

Books to read...



If you like Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, try...

- Rahat Fateh Ali Khan
- The Nooran Sisters
- The Sabri Brothers