



Roots to grow,  
Wings to soar

# Newsletter

Spring Term

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

### Value: Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week of learning across the school, and I am delighted to share some highlights with you. One of the stand-out events this week was our Tudor Day. The children had a wonderful time immersing themselves in Tudor life and thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities planned for them. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ms Todd who planned and organised such an engaging and memorable day. My thanks also go to our parents for their generous contributions, which enable us to continue to provide these valuable enrichment opportunities. The children's Tudor outfits were brilliant and added so much to the experience – thank you for the time and effort that went into them.

In Kingfisher Class, we are continuing to develop our continuous provision, which is a real strength in supporting children's learning. This approach allows children to apply and deepen key skills through purposeful play, exploration and talk, helping to build independence, confidence and resilience. The classroom is being carefully repurposed to create well-planned learning areas that support reading, writing, maths and wider curriculum skills, ensuring children can access high-quality resources throughout the day. It has been wonderful to see how engaged and settled the children are, particularly as they enjoy their early morning activities, which provide a calm, purposeful and positive start to the school day.

Today we held our Sharing Assembly for EYFS and KS1. Well done to all the children for confidently sharing their work – it was wonderful to see how proud they were. Thank you to the many parents and carers who were able to join us and share in this half terms learning. Sharing Assemblies for KS2 will take place next week at the slightly earlier time of 2.45 pm, and we very much look forward to welcoming you then.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about **parking arrangements** outside of school. We are very conscious of the residents who live close by and appreciate your support in being considerate at drop-off and pick-up times. Where possible, we encourage parents and carers to use the school's morning drop-off system, as this helps to ease pressure on parking and keeps everyone safe. We understand that many parents enjoy walking their children into school, however, a quick drop-off works best during the busy morning period.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has truly been a great week of learning. Have a lovely weekend,

Sarah Cook  
Headteacher

## Woodpecker Class

This week, our focus book has been Oliver's Fruit Salad. The children have been exploring a variety of fruits using their five senses, describing how they look, smell, feel, taste and even sound when we bite into them! On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fun fruit tasting session, where the children taste-tested different fruits and shared their thoughts and preferences. Next week, the children will choose their favourite three fruits to create their very own fruit salad. We're looking forward to lots of learning, exploring and yummy flavours.



## Kingfisher Class

This week, the Kingfishers began working on their own narratives based on Bev Woolvin's version of Rapunzel. If you haven't read it...SPOILER ALERT! Rapunzel doesn't live happily ever after with her Prince but instead becomes a witch hunter! This fact has sparked off some lovely interpretations of this tale by the children. Goblins, wizards, wolves, witches and even aliens beware! You are being hunted. It was lovely on a drab and dreary Thursday to spend time drawing and painting daffodils. We have some very talented children in Kingfisher who are showing themselves to be very accomplished water-colourists...not the easiest of mediums.





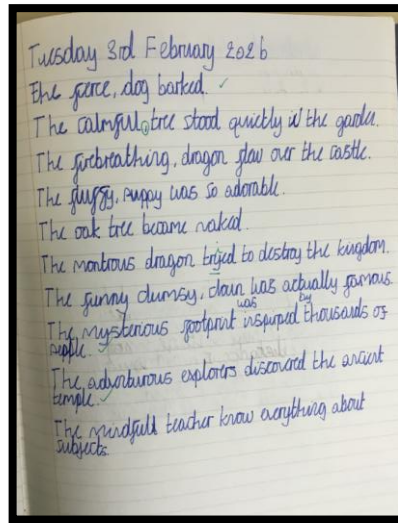
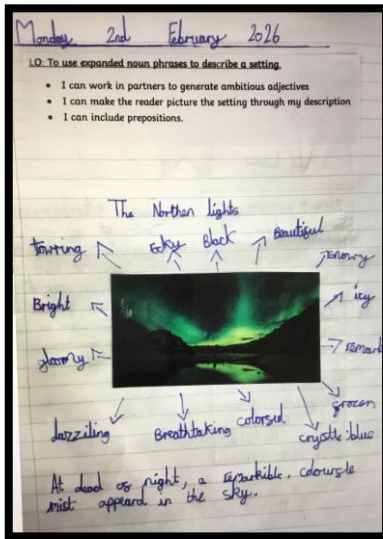
### Nightingale Class

This week we have been learning about the water cycle in class and have tried really hard to learn about the processes and remember the terminology. We have been listening to songs to understand the cycle, and the children have been asking really good questions, such as why is rain not salty? The children have made an excellent start with their new maths topic on length, comparing mm, cm and m. In art we have been learning collage, composition and drawing skills with our cave paintings.



## Robin Class

This week in Robin Class, we have started our new maths unit focusing on length and perimeter. The children have been calculating perimeter using their times table knowledge and drawing their own shapes with a given perimeter. In computing, we have designed the backgrounds and characters for our stop-motion stories which has been great fun and very enjoyable. In English we have had a grammar focus this week, and we have been exploring how by using adjectives in an expanded noun phrase helps to add description for the reader.



## Skylark Class

The highlight of our week in Skylark was our Tudor history experience day. During the day we found out more about life for the people living in Tudor times. We discovered that life was very different for the rich and poor and compared their diet, clothes, houses and occupations. Throughout the day, we designed our own Tudor coat of arms, created an 'Illuminated letter', tried our hand at writing with a goose feather quill and ink, embroidered a Tudor rose, made a coin purse, tasted some 'Tudor' biscuits, listened to Tudor music and played with some Tudor toys and games. Many of the children chose to dress up as famous characters or everyday people from Tudor times and they had great fun discussing what they would have got up to and acting in role. The children behaved brilliantly throughout, and it was such a fun and memorable day of immersive learning.



## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Attendance – 95.31%**

**Whole School Target Set – 96%**

Please contact school **every day** of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 777344** and leaving a message on the absence line.

**If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office before 9.00am to ensure a meal is ordered in time.**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**No birthdays this week**



## ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

### Woodpecker

**George C** for using fantastic vocabulary to describe the different fruits.

**George V** for fantastic contributions in our maths lessons.

### Nightingale

**Evie M** for working hard on her narrative writing, using lovely sentence starters and prepositions to move the story along.

### Kingfisher

**Tilda** for her super re-writing of Rapunzel, which she did completely independently.

**Reinhardt** for his excellent attitude to learning across all subjects this week.

### Robin

**George** for his consistent hard work and focus in lessons.

### Skylark

**Sam** for his excellent work and contributions in English lessons.

**Alexa** for her fantastic spelling and progress with handwriting.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

**Sienna and Ivy W** for amazing progress in their phonics this week.

**Sam C** for thoughtfully crafted writing based on Alice in Wonderland.

**Isabella J** for all round excellence.

**Eddie and Albert** for their fantastic focus and hard work on their persuasive letters.

## READING AWARDS

<p><b>Woodpecker</b> Ivy</p> <p><b>Nightingale</b> Angel</p>	<p><b>Kingfisher</b> Margaux</p> <p><b>Robin</b> William S</p> <p><b>Skylark</b> Isla</p>
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MENU w/c 9th February 2026		DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES	
Day	Menu		
Monday	Beef Bolognese (Red) Plant Based Grill (Ve) (Green) Baked Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Blue)	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	KS2 Sharing Assembly
		<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
		<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Skylark O2 Young Voices
		<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Secondary allocation day
		<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bags2 School Collection
Tuesday	Breaded Chicken Katsu Curry (Red) Cheese Pinwheel (v) (Green) Baked Potato with Tuna Mayo (Blue)	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
		<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Collective Worship St. Mary's Church 1pm – parents welcome
		<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y6 Health Questionnaires
		<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Service St. Mary's Church
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy (Red) Plant Based Sausages & Gravy (Ve) (Green) Baked Potato with Baked Beans (v) (Blue)	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	FPSA Easter Disco
		<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
		<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
		<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Term starts for pupils
		<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
		<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATs Week Year 6
Thursday	Quorn Burger (v) (Red) Vegetarian Lasagne (v) (Green) Baked Potato with Cheese & Beans (v) (Blue)	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Skylark Activity Week
		<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Crucial Crew
		<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Half Term
		<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Bags2 School Collection
		<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day
Friday	Battered Fish Fillet (Red) Margherita Pizza (v) (Green) Baked Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Blue)	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Reserve Sports Day
		<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Faith Tour
		<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FPSA Summer Disco
		<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Leavers Service 2pm Church
		<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>END of TERM</b>
		<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	INSET DAY

## NOTICES AND INFORMATION



### HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join us for 5 hours of Fab Science fun in the holidays! Camps run 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

For more information visit the Fab Science website.

£38  
per child

Sibling  
discount  
available



### GEOLOGY ROCKS

Fossils, volcanoes, earthquakes, tectonics plates and the chocolate rock cycle... it's all going on at Geology Rocks!



Monday 16th February  
Cambridge (Queen Edith)

Tuesday 17th February  
Saffron Walden (RAB)

Wednesday 18th February  
Bishop's Stortford (Thorn Grove)

Thursday 19th February  
Hertford (St Andrew)

Friday 20th February  
St Albans (Garden Fields)

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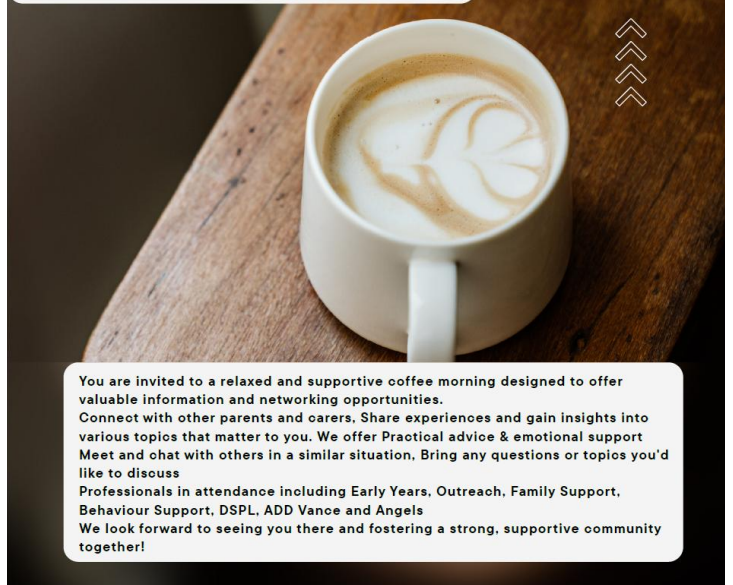
[fabscience.co.uk](http://fabscience.co.uk)   [campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk](mailto:campcoordinator@fabscience.co.uk)   01279 295669

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning, 18th March,  
St Catherines School, Ware, SG12 0AW

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10.00 - 11.30



You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. Connect with other parents and carers. Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. We offer Practical advice & emotional support Meet and chat with others in a similar situation. Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL, ADD Vance and Angels We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!