



Roots to grow,
Wings to soar

Newsletter

Spring Term

13th February 2026

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Value: Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to thank you sincerely for your continued support — particularly with school attendance. I am delighted to share that attendance has increased, and this is a real testament to the strong partnership between home and school. Good attendance makes a significant difference to children's learning. Being in school every day helps pupils build confidence, develop positive routines and maintain strong friendships. Most importantly, it reduces gaps in knowledge. When children attend regularly, they are able to build securely on prior learning, practise new skills consistently and feel more assured in lessons. This growing confidence has a direct impact on both progress and wellbeing, and we are already seeing the benefits across the school.

World Book Day

We are also looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. At a time when reading for pleasure is at its lowest since 2005, we want to encourage and build on that love and enjoyment of reading or being read to. Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character if they wish, and there will be a range of activities throughout the day in school centred around books and reading for pleasure. Following the wonderful success of our egg box characters last year, this year we would love families to design a **wooden spoon book character**. We cannot wait to see your creative ideas — enjoy getting imaginative!



We also continue to improve our learning environments to ensure they are welcoming, purposeful and inspiring spaces for our children. Over the half term break, new blinds will be fitted across the school. In addition, our outdoor classroom area is about to undergo renovation, beginning with clearing the space this week — you may have noticed that a skip has arrived! We are excited about the opportunities this refreshed space will provide for outdoor learning.

After half term, we will be launching Maths Homework Workshops after school on Mondays, beginning on **Monday 2nd March from 3:30–4:15pm**, led by Ms Todd and myself. These sessions are designed to support families with maths strategies and homework approaches. Please do come along with your child and their homework book— we would love to see you there.

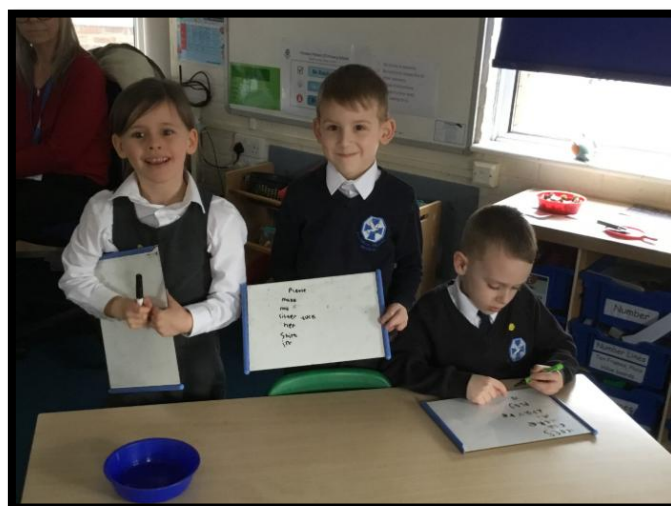
Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Cook

Woodpecker Class This week we have continued exploring the book, 'Oliver's Fruit Salad', and the children have thoroughly enjoyed bringing the story to life! We have continued investigating a variety of different fruits, talking about their colours, textures, smells and tastes. The children loved exploring the fruits using their senses and sharing their ideas with their friends. The children have also been using the story map to help retell their version of the story. A highlight of the week was making our very own fruit salad. The children practised their cutting skills and were fantastic at using knives safely and carefully. They listened closely to instructions and showed great responsibility while preparing the fruit. Of course, the best part was tasting it! The children were very excited to try their fruit salad and agreed that it was "very yummy!"



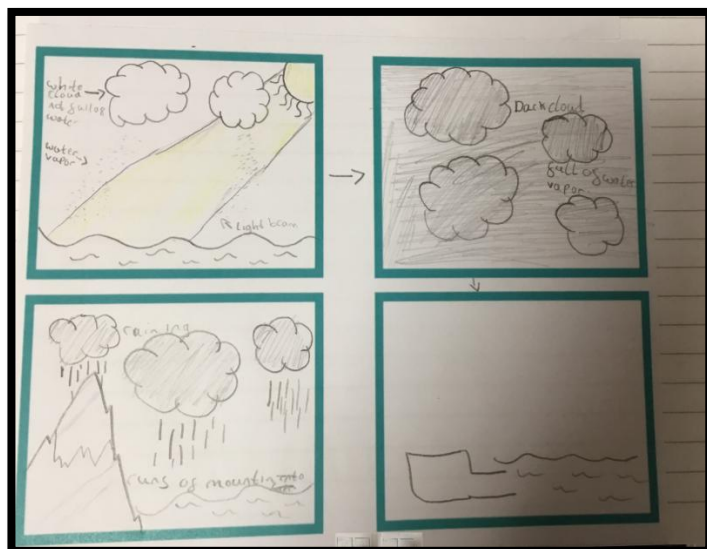
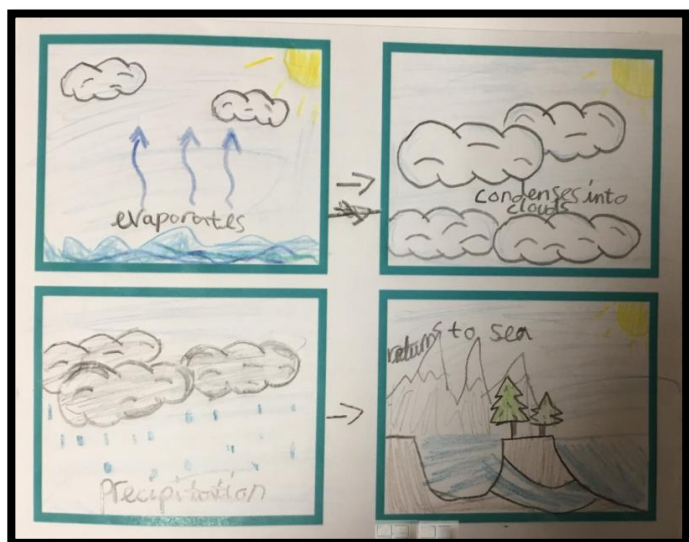
Kingfisher Class - this week, we have been looking at different ways to gather and record data in science. We conducted a survey about all the different pets that our class look after and then recorded the information using a block chart. Fish were the winner for the most popular pet with a total of 8. In RE we have been looking at the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and learning about different ways we might say Grace before a meal.



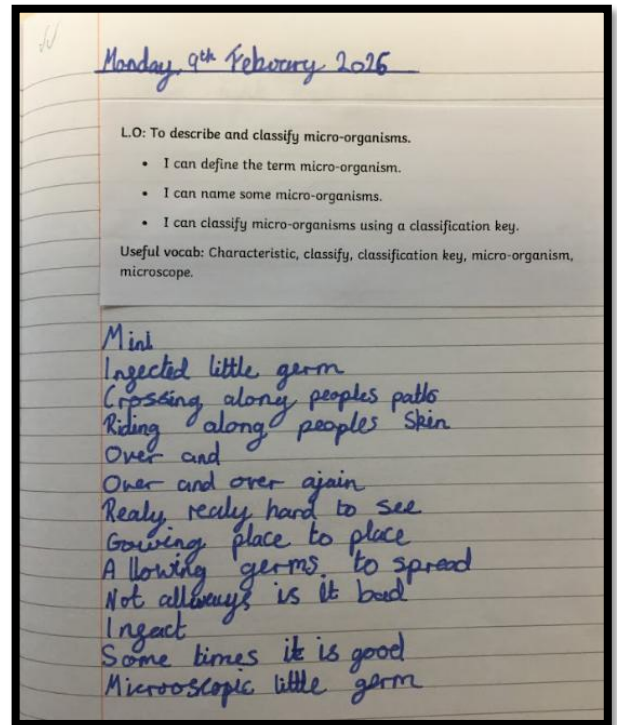
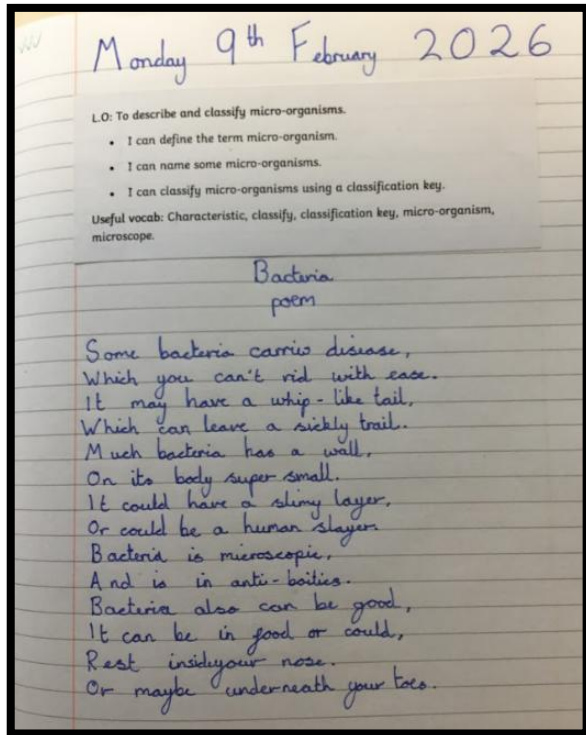
Nightingale Class In History, Nightingale class have been talking on the role of historians and archaeologists as they investigated how different life was in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. They travelled (virtually) to the Orkney Islands to look around the Neolithic village of Skara Brae, looking at evidence of homes from the Stone Age and how they differ from ours today. They have also compared their modern life to the lives of Bronze and Iron Age people and have learned how to barter and trade for everything they needed to survive. In spelling we have been learning how finding syllables can help break up longer words into smaller sounds. We have also been spelling mistakes.



Robin Class - we have been busy writing persuasive leaflets all about our school. The children thoroughly enjoyed recording their own audio guides about the playground and have been working incredibly hard on their language choices to convince others why this is the very best school to attend! In Maths, we have been calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, finding missing side lengths and using our problem-solving skills to explain our reasoning clearly. During our History lesson, the class had great fun trading and bartering to collect a full set of Iron Age items. There was lots of thoughtful discussion about strategy and tactics, and everyone fully embraced the challenge. We have also been exploring Stikbot in Computing to help us create our final stop-motion animation pieces we have been planning this half term. The creativity and teamwork on display have been fantastic!



Skylark Class -this week we finished our Science topic by finding out about Micro-organisms and learning how to classify different types of bacteria according to their characteristics. The children then worked independently or in small groups to write a poem about what they had found out. In RE, we learnt about the importance of charity in Islamic belief. We explored the Third Pillar of Islam (Zakat) and discussed the different ways that Muslims give Zakat as a form of worship. We have also been enjoying writing our own suspense narratives inspired by our reading of 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. The children have been doing a fantastic job of using 'show not tell' techniques to create tension and atmosphere in their writing.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance – **94.71%**

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



Woodpecker

Henry
Emile

Kingfisher

William

Robin

Isabella
Oliver K



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

Woodpecker

Emile for showing excellent safety skills when cutting fruit to make a fruit salad.

Ivy for being a superstar and working hard in all her lessons.

Nightingale

Finch for enthusiastic participation in our History topic work.

Kingfisher

Lio for his excellent work in gathering and recording data in science.

Logan for her work in grouping and making arrays in maths.

Robin

Will M for great progress with independent work in Maths.

Skylark

Rosa for her super progress with reading and comprehension.

Abigail for great focus and always working hard.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Beth – for her kindness and thoughtfulness towards others every day.

READING AWARDS

Woodpecker

Max

Nightingale

Chloe

Kingfisher

Tilda

Robin

Oscar

Skylark

Oliver

MENU w/c 9th February 2026		DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES	
Day	Menu		
Monday	Beef Burger (Red) Potato Frittata (v) (Green) Baked Potato with Cheese & Beans (v) (Blue)	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term
		Tuesday 24 th February	Skylark O2 Young Voices
		Monday 2 nd March	Secondary allocation day
			Maths Homework Club 3.30 – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Chicken Pie & Gravy (Red) Swedish Style Plant Based Meatballs (v) (Green) Baked Potato with Tuna Mayo (Blue)	Wednesday 4 th March	Bags2 School Collection
		Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
		Thursday 12 th March	Collective Worship St. Mary's Church 1pm – parents welcome
		Friday 13 th March	Y6 Health Questionnaires
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy (Red) Plant Based Shepherds Pie (Ve) (Green) Baked Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Blue)	Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service St. Mary's Church
		Thursday 26 th March	FPSA Easter Disco
		Friday 27 th March	End of Term
		Monday 13 th April	INSET DAY
		Tuesday 14 th April	Term starts for pupils
		Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday	Quorn Dipper Taco with Sweet Chilli Sauce (Ve) (Red) Mac n Cheese (v) (Green) Baked potato with Baked Beans (Ve) (Blue)	Monday 11 th May	SATs Week Year 6
		Monday 18 th May	Skylark Activity Week
		Tuesday 19 th May	Crucial Crew
		Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May	Half Term
		Wednesday 3 rd June	Bags2 School Collection
		Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day
		Wednesday 1 st July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday	Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) Margherita Pizza (v) (Green) Baked Potato with Grated Cheese (v) (Blue)	Tuesday 7 th July	KS2 Faith Tour
		Monday 20 th July	FPSA Summer Disco
		Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm Church
		Wednesday 22 nd July	END of TERM
		Thursday 23 rd July	INSET DAY

