



BWA Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we step into the first days of March, there is a real sense of energy across the school. The longer, lighter days seem to bring an extra spring to everyone's step, and this week has been full of moments that remind us of what a vibrant and creative community we have here.

One of the undoubted highlights for many pupils (and staff!) has been World Book Day. The school was transformed as characters from stories old and new appeared in classrooms and corridors. It was wonderful to see such imagination in the costumes and, more importantly, to hear so many conversations about favourite books and authors. A huge thank you to families for supporting the Book Fair this week as well; your support helps us continue to nurture a love of reading across the school.

Sporting success also deserves a special mention this week. Our Year 5/6 netball team achieved a fantastic second place in their tournament, which is a brilliant accomplishment that reflects their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We are very proud of them.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our annual Mothering Sunday event taking place next Friday and the following week. These occasions are always a lovely opportunity for pupils to share something special with the important women in their lives. We do hope that mothers and mother figures will be able to join us for this much-loved tradition. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. It makes such a difference to the experiences we are able to provide for our children.

My very best wishes,

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

- Last Day of Spring Term 2** - Friday 27 March
- School Holidays** – Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April
- English Stream Inset Day** – Monday 13 April
- Bank Holiday** – Monday 4 May. School closed.
- Full term dates for both streams are [available on our website](#).**

Important information:

- Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school**. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our [communication table](#) should help with any queries you have.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Apolline
RB	French Week
Y1	Alexander
1B	Jack
Y2	Tosia
2B	Lena
Y3	Oscar
3B	Louisa
Y4	Alex. A
4B	French Week
Y5	Milo
5B	French Week
Y6	Zaira
6B	Elanora

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Otto
RB	French Week
Y1	Helena
1B	Charlotte
Y2	Abigail
2B	Juliet
Y3	Aida
3B	Agathe
Y4	Alex T.F
4B	French Week
Y5	Linh
5B	French Week
Y6	Evie
6B	James

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have had a wonderful week full of learning and exploration. The children have now learnt their sixth phonics sound, and their growing confidence and recognition skills are really shining through in both reading and early writing. They especially enjoyed a phonics hunting game, where they searched for pictures and matched them to their initial sounds, and we've seen lots of writing practice emerging in their play.

Reception celebrated St David's Day by making daffodils. They also started their new traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. The children listened to the story and acted it out with Now Press Play.



Year 1 had a fantastic time taking part in Play in a Day, performing Rumpelstiltskin. The children loved learning the story, choosing their characters, and performing the first part of the play. They especially enjoyed making their own prompts and finished the day by performing the whole play with the other KS1 classes. It was a great experience for everyone!

1B had an exciting start to World Book Day as they took part in a "Play in a Day" inspired by the story of Rumpelstiltskin. The children worked wonderfully together to learn their parts, create their own imaginative props, and bring the story to life. They did a fantastic job displaying their hard work during their performance to the other classes.

This week in **Year 2**, the children continued learning about their new geography topic, the United Kingdom. They discovered that the United Kingdom is made up of four countries. They have been learning to name the countries, locate them on a map and recognise some of their capital cities. Pupils have enjoyed spotting the different flags and talking about what makes each country special.

2B had a fantastic week celebrating World Book Day. They took part in a fun and creative workshop, dressed up as their favourite book characters, and even acted out the story of Rumpelstiltskin, which was so much fun. As part of their learning, the pupils have also been reading about Mae Jemison, the first Black woman to travel into space. They loved discovering all about her inspiring achievements and how she followed her dreams to become an astronaut. What an exciting and inspiring week!

Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a fabulous week. A particular highlight was their class trip to the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology. The class took part in a question and answer session with the museum educator as well as a tour of the Egyptian artefacts.



This week in history, **3B** began their exciting journey into the world of the Ancient Egyptians. They explored fascinating artifacts discovered in the tomb of Tutankhamun and became history detectives, making thoughtful guesses about what these objects reveal about Ancient Egyptian life. The children noticed the incredible detail in the sarcophaguses and jewellery, leading to brilliant discussions about skilled craftsmen and workers who must have created them. They also observed how carefully the Egyptians looked after their dead, placing statues of their gods in tombs. This helped them understand how important religion and beliefs about were in their civilisation. The children also researched some famous Ancient Egyptian monuments including the Great Sphinx of Giza, the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Valley of the Kings and Luxor Temple. They discovered why they were built and what they were used for, deepening their understanding of this remarkable civilisation.

In **Year 4**, this week has been a fantastic start to assessment week. Pupils have shown great focus and determination in every test they have completed. It has been wonderful to see how all their hard work over the last few months is paying off. They should be very proud of the strong scores they are achieving and the clear, confident way they are explaining their answers. We also had a brilliant opportunity to celebrate World Book Day but performing *Macbeth* with the other Lower Key Stage 2 classes. The children worked together to practise and present their performance, and it was amazing to see their enthusiasm and teamwork. They did a fantastic job and really brought the story to life.

Year 5 have This week, Year 5 were lucky enough to take part in an exciting Shakespeare workshop, where they explored Act One of *Macbeth*. Pupils interpreted key scenes and rewrote them in their own words, developing both their understanding of the text and their confidence with language. They experimented with movement, use of space and height to create atmosphere in their performances. The workshop ended with pupils performing their scenes and enjoying watching Year 6 and 6B showcase their work as well. It was a fantastic experience for all involved.

Year 6 and Year 2 came together for World Book Day to share the books that had inspired their costumes. They read in pairs and small groups before drawing a picture of themselves in costume and explaining why that character resonated with them.

In **6B**, the pupils have been enjoying the start of their new topic in science – Electricity. They have been making circuits and recapping what they already know before building on that learning.





Sports Update

Our Year 5 and 6 boys have done us incredibly proud in the recent Wandsworth Schools Football Tournament. The competition began last month with 40 schools taking part, and our team showed fantastic determination and teamwork from the very start. Winning all six of their opening matches, the boys qualified for the final six teams in outstanding fashion.



On finals day, the team played five tough matches, winning three and losing two, which saw them finish third in their group. This earned them a place in the quarter-finals against Penwortham, where Luis scored a dramatic golden goal in extra time to secure the win! The excitement continued in the semi-finals, with another extra-time golden goal, this time from Leandro, sending us through to the final. In the final, we faced a strong side from Finton House School, who were crowned champions on the day. Although we finished as runners-up, the boys were fantastic throughout the entire tournament and should be extremely proud of their achievement.

There were plenty of goals scored by Luis, Henry and Seb, with Leandro finishing as our top goal scorer with an impressive six goals. A special mention also goes to Harvey, our Player of the Tournament. His quick footwork in defence and excellent attacking passes were crucial in setting up goals and driving the team forward. Well done to all the boys for their teamwork, resilience and superb effort — you represented the school brilliantly.

Wandsworth Music – Music Scholarships

Applications for Music Scholarships to attend the Wandsworth Music Academy are now open. These scholarships provide up to 4 years' of funding for children in Years 3 to 6 to attend Wandsworth Music Academy. The scholarship includes weekly instrumental tuition, instrument hire and ensemble membership, and can be worth up to £4,000 for the funding period. Pupils eligible for the scholarship will have been playing their instrument for a year or more and be in need of financial support to continue their music tuition. Pupils who are shortlisted will be informed in early June and may be invited to audition, where they will need to play a short piece of music of their choice.

For more information including eligibility criteria and the online application form, please go to www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships. The **deadline for applications is Friday 24 April 2026** for scholarships commencing in September 2026.

Wellbeing Resources

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to their programme of webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Rec. – Y6\)](#).

The next webinars are on **Supporting common child anxieties and worries, including around exams** on [Tues 24 March at 1pm](#) and [Thurs 26 March at 7pm](#).