

Newsletter for the week ending 28th February 2025



I hope all our families had a wonderful half-term and are ready for an exciting half-term ahead. It has been fantastic to welcome pupils back to school and see their enthusiasm for learning. Here's a look at some of the wonderful things that have been happening across the school this week.

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- of personal development fostering a sense of responsibility to self and others
- a sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service



Our Nursery pupils were very excited to be back after the half-term break, especially when they discovered their focus for the week—*Little Red Riding Hood*. After reading the story, the pupils retold the tale by acting it out with masks. They also enjoyed painting wolves, filling Little Red Riding Hood's basket with treats, and building Grandma's cottage with construction materials.

To start their new topic on *Traditional Tales*, Reception pupils went to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to watch a performance of *The Pea and the Princess*. They thoroughly enjoyed the show and were able to compare it to other traditional tales they knew.

RB pupils also had the opportunity to visit the Polka Theatre on Thursday. They enjoyed travelling together on the bus. The pupils were surprised to find that the traditional tale had been reimagined with a modern twist, featuring a princess who loved to be brave and go on adventures. A standout moment was when the cast encouraged pupils in the audience to promise they would write their own stories—an idea that sparked great excitement.

Our Year 1 pupils have had a great first week back. In their Science lesson, pupils learnt about the different seasons and how trees change throughout the year. They explored the trees outside our classroom and discussed how some are evergreen, while others are deciduous. Pupils were fascinated by these differences. They were also looking forward to spending more time outside this week during our gardening session today.



This week in 2B, pupils have been learning about poetry. They explored diamante poems, learning about their rules and structure, before writing their own to compare the seasons of the year.

Year 2 have had a superb start to this half term. They have loved starting their new topics 'Space' in Science and 'The UK' in Geography. They have been excited to find out all about the solar system, galaxy and the universe. Pupils have used their scientific enquiry skills to think of things they want to find out the answer to during this topic.

In Year 3, pupils have had a fantastic first week back. They have enjoyed exploring their new Science topic, *Rocks*. In their first lesson, pupils discovered how geodes are made and what they look like on the inside—they can't wait to learn more.

In 3B, pupils embarked on an exciting adventure as they explored a simulated tomb, stepping into the role of Egyptologists. They carefully examined clues and artefacts, such as ancient tools, scrolls, and pottery, to uncover secrets of the past. With each discovery, the class pieced together the story of ancient Egypt, learning about its rich history and culture while honing their investigative skills. It was an immersive journey into the world of archaeology that sparked curiosity and wonder about life in ancient times.



Year 4 pupils have been learning about The Vikings and their impact on Britain. They have been making connections to the Anglo-Saxons, which they studied earlier in the year. It has been fantastic to see pupils' understanding of English place names and history grow. It has also given them a greater appreciation of how growing up in today's world is just a little bit easier than it was in the time of the Vikings.

Year 5 pupils have begun exploring *biomimicry* in Science. They ventured outside to investigate how nature influences problem-solving and how the two are interconnected, enjoying the experience of acting as real scientists.

In 5B, as well as getting excited for the upcoming book fair, pupils have started learning about the Early Islamic Civilisation in History. Pupils examined a range of artefacts, including cinnamon, peppercorns, silk, and a coin stamped with both Arabic and Latin text, and discussed where in the world and when in time these might be linked to. They also began exploring the range of causes behind the rapid spread of the Early Islamic Civilisation and are looking forward to learning more this term.

In Science, Year 6 have been learning about characteristics, genes, and evolution. To bring this topic to life, pupils took part in a creative activity where they combined *Mr. Men* and *Little Miss* characters to imagine what their offspring might look like. This engaging task helped them understand how traits are passed down from parents, reinforcing the idea that offspring inherit characteristics from both parents. Through this activity, pupils made connections to real life, discussing how people often hear comments like, "You look just like your mum!" or "You have your dad's smile!"—all because of the genes they share with their family members.



Nursery had an excellent start to their Gymnastics lessons this week. The pupils began learning and memorising some key gymnastics positions like Tuck, Pike and Straddle. They even started to look at rocking and rolling. Great effort Nursery!

This term in games is the start of the netball and basketball season. Reception and Key stage 1 have focused on the basic skills of being ready to receive a ball, passing, pivoting and shooting this week. They learnt this through fun games and circuits to music, with excellent results.

Awards

Congratulations to all our Excellent Learners this week. **Are creative**

	Pupil		Pupil
RW	Florence	3B	Amaury
RB	Victoire	Y4	Freya
Y1	Bea	4B	French week
1B	French week	Y5	Duaa
Y2	Francis	5B	Victor
2B	Chiara	Y6	Chase
Y3	Alex A	6B	French week

Congratulations to all our CARE Value Stars this week. **Effort**

	Pupil		Pupil
RW	Alize	3B	Olivia
RB	Eliott	Y4	Caterina
Y1	Hamish	4B	French week
1B	French week	Y5	Adam
Y2	Matis	5B	Philippa
2B	Adessa	Y6	Mila
Y3	Leo	6B	French week



Please do use this [NHS guidance](#) to help you make decisions when your child is ill about whether they should attend school, or stay at home.



Communication

Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have, no matter how small or trivial you think they may be.



Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a Nut Free site. There are pupils onsite with allergies and we must all do our best to keep these pupils safe at all times when onsite.



Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing in school and sunscreen. Getting outside is very important at BWA and we plan to have both PE and play outside in all weathers.



Dates to Remember

Half term – week beginning 17th February

End of Spring term

- **English Stream – 4th April at 1:45pm**
- **Bilingual Stream – 4th April at 3:15pm**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead. [Miss Henry](#)