

7th March 2025

Dear Families,

It has certainly felt like Spring is in the air this week and the sunshine has been very welcome. The children have enjoyed playing on the field for the first time this year – and Y5 even managed a picnic lunch after our Hartismere trip! This half term is already shaping up to be a busy one with lots of exciting events and trips coming up. Please see below for some recent and upcoming highlights.

World Book Day

We had great fun celebrating World Book Day this week. We were so impressed once again with everyone's amazing costumes and we enjoyed having lots of time to share stories. I particularly enjoyed some of the Y6's recitals of 'The Book With No Pictures!' We all hope that the children enjoy spending their book tokens over the coming weeks.

A huge thank you goes to Emma Chown and FOGS for running their golden ticket event which caused great excitement at the end of school. They raised a brilliant amount of money that will go towards upcoming trips including Y3 and 4's visit to the Farm and Country Fayre.

Congratulations to the golden ticket winners: Adam (YR), Rosie (Y1), Axel (Y1), Noah (Y5) and Riley (Y6)

Reception Class Artists

Reception created a collaborative piece of art inspired by the work of the snow artist, Simon Beck. They had an enormous amount of fun, first creating repeating shape patterns by drawing around shapes with chalk, then dipping their feet into white paint and stepping along the lines they had drawn. We are planning on sending Simon a class letter and photograph of the children (those with relevant consent) and their artwork.

British Science Week 10th – 14th March 2025: a message from Mrs Dowthwaite

It's British Science Week next week and once again, we have lots of activities for the children to engage in, both in school and at home...

- Mr Snell and our Science Ambassadors will be kicking off the week with some jaw-dropping experiments.
- We will be welcoming a range of STEM experts – also known as parents – who have kindly offered to give up their time and share their expertise with the children.
- KS2 classes will be visiting KS1 classes throughout the week to share some of their scientific knowledge with the younger children.
- We will be holding a poster competition and the winners will go on to be judged by the British Science Association in a national competition.
- The children are once again being encouraged to take part in Science at home through taking a 'Science Selfie' (see separate email for details).

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm. It should be a fun week!

Easter Camp:

Please see attached for a flyer for an Easter Sports Camp run by cheerleading extraordinaire Mrs Holden along with two PE specialists and our very own Mrs Hall – what a team!

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lockyear to our school over the coming weeks and feel sure she will be impressed with how well-behaved, polite and hard-working our pupils – and staff! – are.

Wishing you all a restful weekend in the sunshine,

Mrs Fleckney