



6 Feb 2026

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Headteacher's insight



As we reach the end of another wonderfully full week, it feels like there has been a real sense of energy and togetherness across our school. It has been one of those weeks that perfectly captures what makes our community so special — rich learning experiences, creativity in abundance and a shared focus on wellbeing, fun and fundraising.

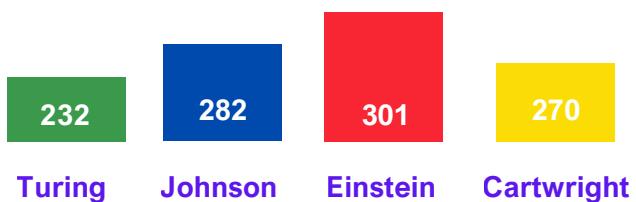
Today, the school was buzzing with excitement as we took part in NSPCC Number Day. Children across all year groups immersed themselves in number-related learning, exploring maths in imaginative, practical and engaging ways. From problem-solving to games and challenges, it was a pleasure to see enthusiasm and confidence growing as the day went on. With a rather big birthday of my own coming up over the half-term break, I'll confess that I've had numbers on the brain recently — making today's focus feel especially fitting! Age is just a number, right?

Alongside our mathematical celebrations, we have thoroughly enjoyed marking National Storytelling Week. Each class took part in storytelling workshops that sparked imagination, developed language skills and encouraged children to share ideas and creativity. There has been a real buzz around books and stories this week, and it has been wonderful to see children so engaged — listening, performing, creating and, most importantly, enjoying the magic of stories.

This week has also been an important one for wellbeing as we recognised Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme of belonging. Through thoughtful discussions and activities, children have been encouraged to reflect on what belonging means to them and how we can all play our part in making our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued and included. These conversations sit at the very heart of our school values and are a powerful reminder of the importance of kindness, understanding and connection.



House Point Totals



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Looking ahead to next week, there is still plenty to be excited about as we round off the half term in style. Please do support our [virtual duck race if you can by buying a duck](#) — it's a fun and simple way to get involved while helping us raise valuable funds for the school. Please do spread the word to friends and family. The anticipation is already building, and we're looking forward to seeing which duck crosses the finish line first!

We will also be ending the half term next Friday with some colour and creativity as children are invited to come to school with wild and funky hairstyles and wearing non-uniform, all in support of fundraising for our fantastic PTFA. What better way to celebrate the halfway point of the academic year than by coming together for a good cause and having fun.

In amongst the fun, assessments in core subjects will be taking place across the school next week. These outcomes will be shared with parents at the Learner Review meetings next half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life. We look forward to finishing the half term on a high and returning refreshed and ready for the exciting learning still to come.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Evie - Squirrels
Anushka - Owls





Fundraising News & Updates

Our Virtual Duck Race is LIVE!

Get ready for some quacking good fun with our Virtual Duck Race!

For just £3, you can enter a duck into the race for a chance to win a **£50 Amazon voucher** plus runner-up prizes!

- Race runs: Monday 2 March – Friday 6 March. Ducks to be purchased by Sunday 1 March.
- Ducks move randomly every hour – it really is anyone's race!
- Track your duck all the way to the finish line!

Enter here and buy your duck: <https://www.balloonrace.net/mpax>

Perfect for families, friends, & supporters – pick a duck, add a message, and cheer it on. Go, go, go!



Funky Hair Day!

Get ready for a day of **colour, creativity and fun** as the **PTFA** invites all pupils to take part in our **Funky Hair Day** on **Friday 13th February**.

On this day, children are welcome to come to school in **non-uniform** and show off their wildest and most wonderful hairstyles. Think big hair, bold colours, wigs, crazy hair-dos and plenty of hairspray — the wilder, the better!

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Butterflies Class

What a busy and exciting week it has been in Butterflies Class! The children have taken part in a wide range of fun and meaningful activities, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

Some of our children had a fantastic time attending the sports festival this week. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying being active and trying their best.

All children have also taken part in **Children's Mental Health Week**, where we explored the importance of feelings, kindness and looking after ourselves and others. The children engaged thoughtfully in discussions and activities, showing great empathy.

We also celebrated **NSPCC Number Day**, which was a big hit! The children loved dressing up as numbers and taking part in lots of exciting maths activities. A highlight was our number hunt with our Year 6 Buddies, where the children used their number recognition skills while exploring the school environment.

Our focus text this week has been *My Most Exciting Eid*. The children have really enjoyed learning about different celebrations and cultures, and they impressed us with their thoughtful recounts inspired by the story. It has been lovely to see them reflect on events and express their ideas through writing.

Next week for Show and Tell in class (Friday 13th February) it would be lovely if the children could bring in a picture of somebody who is special to them, ready to share with the class. This will link with our learning for next week as we find out about Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day.

Thank you for your continued support. We have had such a positive week, and we look forward to sharing more learning with you.

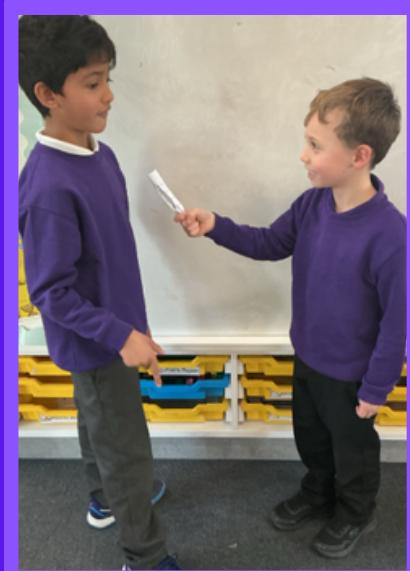




Dragonflies Class

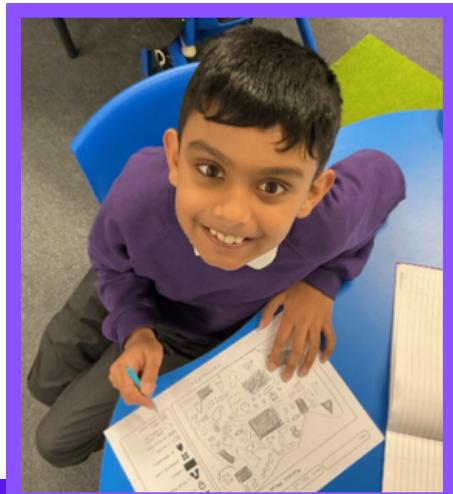
This week in Dragonflies we've been enjoying lots of creative learning. We have been learning about Amelia Earhart and imagined what it might have been like to be eyewitnesses to her landing in Northern Ireland, interviewing each other in role.

In art we've been preparing for our collage work by exploring ideas and materials. We also took part in a special seminar with author Annemarie as part of National Storytelling Week, which the children really enjoyed.





Owls Class



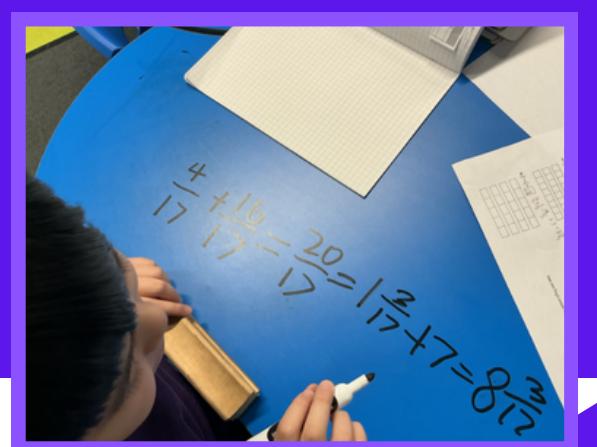
Another busy week has flown by in our classrooms, here's what the Owls have been up to:

In maths, we are becoming more fluent in solving addition and subtraction fractions with different denominators - including mixed fractions. There are lots of steps to remember but the Owls have been focused and resilient. We even wrote on our tables to show and check our workings.

In English, we had an online workshop led by the Alim Kamara who is a rapper/author for National Storytelling Week 2026. He showed us how rap stands for 'rhythm and poetry' and we even had a go at making our own raps about what superpower we would like. The Owls were very creative with their rhymes, rhyming 'flexibility' with 'invisibility'

In History, we became archaeologists for a day and planned our own Maya civilisation city complete with features discovered in Ancient Maya ruins. Some of us placed lots of markets others drew rivers to help with trade. We discussed what was challenging about organising our own city and a few pupils presented their maps to the whole class.

Another fulfilling week at Owls class!



Key dates 2025-26

Wed, 11 Feb	Squirrels and Owls Sports event
Fri, 13 Feb	Funky Hair Day - PTFA Fundraiser. Donate .
Wed, 25 Feb	Sports event EYFS
Wed, 4 Mar	ALPSA Swimming Gala KS2 (selected children)
Thurs, 5 Mar	World Book Day - Dress as a word for 'Words Come to Life'
Wed, 11 Mar	Sports event Year 5 and 6
Wed, 18 Mar	Sports event Years 3 and 4
Wed, 25 Mar	ALPSA Festival Friendship games KS1 (selected children)
Mon, 20 Apr	National Child Measurement Programme
Wed, 22 Apr	ALPSA League Girls Football KS2 (selected children)
Mon, 27 Apr	Reception Vision Screening
Wed, 6 May	Sports event Years 3 and 4
Wed, 13 May	ALPSA Tournament Netball Years 5 and 6 (selected children)
Wed, 20 May	Sports event for Years 1 and 2
Thurs, 21 May	Class photos
Wed, 3 Jun	Sports event EYFS
Wed, 10 Jun	ALPSA Tournament
Wed, 17 Jun	Sports event Year 5
Wed, 24 Jun	ALPSA Tournament Golf Years 5 and 6 (selected children)
Wed, 1 Jul	Sports event Year 6
Wed, 8 Jul	ALPSA Festival Multi Skills KS1 (selected children)
Wed, 15 Jul	ALPSA Tournament Athletics KS2 (selected children)



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Sunday

8 February 2026
10.30am - 4pm

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Cambridge Museum
of Technology

New Year 意

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Event highlight:

- Printing New Year Red Envelope Covers
- 3D-Printing New Year Themed Chocolate
- Festive Handcraft – Paper cutting and Chinese Calligraphy



Please fill the form

Marleigh Primary PTFA presents:

Colourful hair

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Accessories

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Wacky styles

On Friday 13th February

Get creative!

Prizes to be won for the “funkiest” hairstyle!

Help fundraise new classroom play resources
for indoor playtime on rainy days.

Donate here



Did you know??

Each class will get involved and choose what resources to buy with the money raised!



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Term Dates 2025/26

[For 2026/27 dates see our website](#)

Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October
Half term: Monday 27th October – 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December
Christmas holidays: Monday 22nd December to
Tuesday 6th Jan

Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February
Half Term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20
February
Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March
Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday
10th April

Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May
Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July
Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July onwards

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Monday 1st September
Tuesday 2nd September
Wednesday 3rd September
Monday 3rd November
Monday 5th January
Monday 20th July