



13 Feb 2026

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Headteacher's insight

As we come to the end of Spring 1, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a full and rewarding half term for our school community.

This week, the children have completed their assessments in the core subjects. I have been so impressed by the mature attitude and perseverance they have shown. These assessments are an important part of helping us understand each child's progress and next steps in learning. They also give us a valuable opportunity to celebrate how far the children have come since the start of the academic year. Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you during next half term's Learner Review meetings, where we can share successes, discuss progress in more detail and continue working together to support every child to thrive. Please see the section in the newsletter below to book your appointment.

Today's newsletter is being published on our much-anticipated Funky Hair Day! It has been wonderful to see the creativity, colour and confidence on display from both children and staff. Events like this bring such joy to our school and remind us how special our community is. Thank you sincerely for your generous donations. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our PTFA for organising such a fun and inclusive event. Their hard work not only raises valuable funds for the school but also strengthens the connections between families and school.

A gentle reminder as well that there are just two weeks to go until our **Virtual Duck Race**. If you haven't yet purchased your duck, there is still time to take part and support this exciting event. For £3 you can purchase a duck to enter the race, using this link <https://www.balloonrace.net/mpax>. We are looking forward to enjoying the race together and seeing which duck will cross the finish line first!

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued partnership and support this half term. I hope you are able to enjoy a peaceful, restful and enjoyable break with your families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Spring 2 on Monday 23rd February, ready for another busy and successful half term.

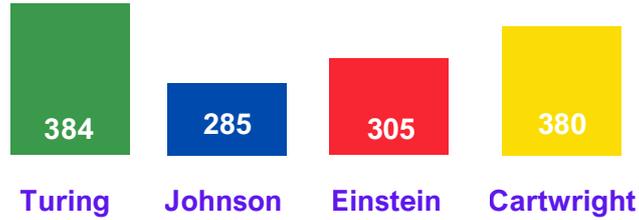
Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





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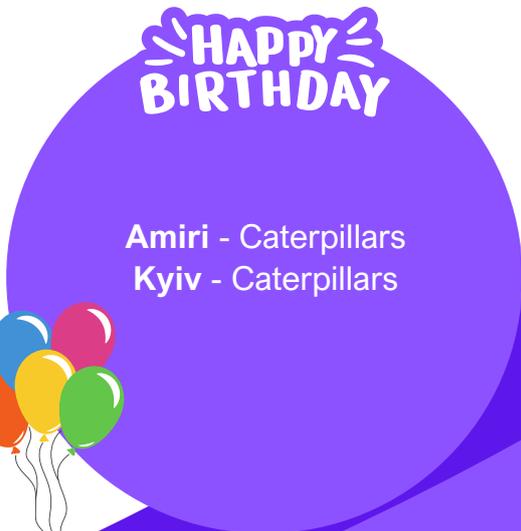


Are you feeling ducky? Enter to win!

Enter 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>





Caterpillars Class



Caterpillars have been enjoying our Animal topic. They had a visit from Molly, our school dog for Pets Week and have been busy in our role play vets surgery.

We have been celebrating Valentines Day with lots of craft activities, messy play and playdough baking. These are improving our fine motor skills as we get ready to write. Our phonics sound this week is the digraph "ai" which is in "train", "snail" and "paint." How many more words can you think of with "ai"?

We look forward to sharing our holiday news on our return to school.





Ladybirds Class

What a busy and brilliant end to the half term in Ladybirds Class! Last week, we enjoyed our trip to the **Museum of Cambridge**, where we were fascinated by the range of historical objects that all came from our local area. The children loved spotting how everyday items such as televisions, prams and vacuum cleaners have changed over time. In art, we completed our painting unit with a final piece inspired by the theme of belonging, linking beautifully with Children's Mental Health Week. In English, we have been writing poems based on **The Great Fire of London**, and in maths we have finished our unit on addition and subtraction, showing great confidence in using different strategies to solve problems.

In science, we carried out another investigation using our senses — this time focusing on hearing. We explored whether we could still hear a sound when we were far away from its source, and had some interesting discussions about how sound travels.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful half term break





Squirrels Class

Squirrels Class have been enjoying their history topic on the **Roman invasion of Britain**. We learned about the Roman army and how skilled and disciplined they were. We also learned about their armour and weapons and tried on replica helmets and shields. They were bigger and heavier than we thought!

In **English** we have been continuing our focus on the book 'Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species' but have turned our attention to writing biographies on the life of Charles Darwin. We learned about his voyages and discoveries and created fact files about him. This week we planned and wrote our biographies and applied the skills of using past tense and writing in the third person to our work.





Badgers Class

As we come to the end of this half term, Year 6 have had a fantastic final week of learning. In science, pupils applied their understanding of the Earth and Sun by designing and creating their own sundials, carefully observing how shadows change throughout the day.

In maths, we rounded off our algebra unit, consolidating key concepts and building confidence in working with expressions and equations.

Our history lessons took us back to Tudor times, where we explored Tudor inventories and learned how historians use these detailed records to gain an insight into everyday life in the past.

In art, we proudly completed our Platform 26 identity project, using edited self-portraits and illustrations to reflect who we are as individuals. We are incredibly proud of the creativity and thought that went into these pieces.

We're now looking ahead to the next half term and are excited to continue our journey as we venture further into Year 6.



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News and information

Learner Reviews ready to book

Book a slot on MCAS for your child's Learner Review meeting next term, if you'd like an online meeting please book first on MCAS then email the office.

Celebrations!

There will be much to celebrate next week with the start of the holy month of Ramadan and the Lunar New Year. We wish our Muslim families **Ramadan Mubarak**, and hope you enjoy quality time with family and friends.

We also send our best wishes to all families celebrating the **Lunar New Year** and welcoming the **Year of the Horse**, a symbol of vitality, energy, hard work, endurance, success, and ambition.



Reminder: KS2 Spark Tank Innovation Challenge

A quick reminder that our **Spark Tank Innovation Challenge** is open to all **KS2 pupils**. Children are invited to design an invention that could help make the world better by reducing waste, saving energy, or helping people feel safe and included.

This is an optional homework challenge, and entries can be presented as a poster, drawing, diagram or model. Children can work alone or with one friend.

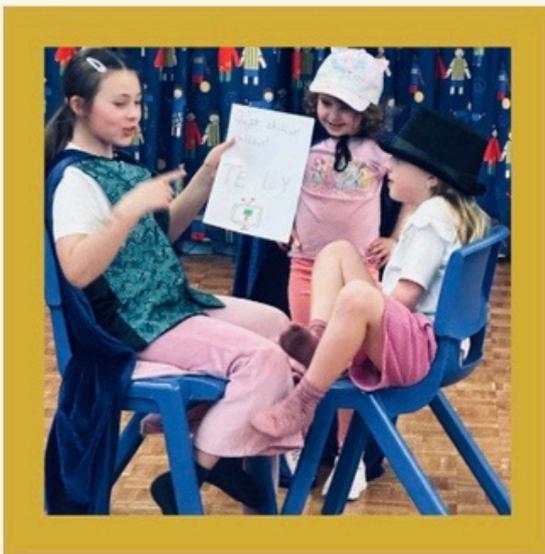
Entries are due by Tuesday 25 February.

Three winning ideas will be selected, and those pupils will then work with real engineers to develop their inventions further and take part in a showcase event in March.

We can't wait to see the children's creative and innovative ideas!

Drama Club

Build confidence, creativity and communication through fun, high-energy drama games. Children will make new friends, grow in self-belief and explore acting, movement and imagination in a supportive, playful environment.



Book Here

- Reception - Year 6

Fridays after February half term: 15:20-16:20

- Cost: £10 per session (booked termly)

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MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Where every child steps into the spotlight! Each term we explore a new hit musical through fun drama games, singing, dancing, and acting. Children build confidence, learn new skills, and have loads of fun with friends!



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Reception - Year 6

Wednesdays after February Half Term: 3:20-4:20

• **Cost: £10 per session (booked termly)**

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- Best Caffe
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Key dates 2025-26

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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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