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End of Spring Term 1

Newsletter 19

13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Halfway through the year...already!

It is remarkable we are half-way through this academic year, with many successes and many challenges addressed. Education is relentlessly challenging, but my staff team always go above and beyond to provide an excellent provision.

As parents / carers, we play such a vital part and without your support and cooperation it would be more challenging. Parents won't always agree with some of our decisions, but we make them with the best intentions, with information we have. Parenting is a non-stop challenging role and we understand. We will always try our best to support.

Rain & Leaks!

Unfortunately, we are suffering from some leaks in some ceilings. As a result, we have had to close both boys' and girls' toilets next to the dining room. All other toilets are in working order throughout the school.

Staffing News

This week, we say farewell to **Miss Shirley Stokoe**, one of our Nursery Practitioners. Shirley joined us in 2021 and immediately enrolled on an apprenticeship course, which she successfully passed and has developed into a strong Nursery Practitioner. Shirley is now moving on for family reasons, and we wish her all the best. Thank you, Shirley.

Net Wall Festival at Blackbrook – Success!

Well done to Beech and Silver Birch for a successful event on Tuesday. Well organised by the Blackbrook team and thank you to my staff who helped ensure the activities ran smoothly. An excellent event.

Golden Mile – Success!

Our 3rd Golden Mile of the year passed off successfully again – thanks to the rain holding off! Thank you to all who took part and the brilliant marshals – without these people we couldn't 'run' the event! Thanks, Mr Bawden, leading from the front again and ensuring all went smoothly. Lovely to see our Reception children taking part for the first time, and thank you to Year 6 who helped them along the way. Great job everyone!

Bikeability – Success!

After 2 groups of Year 6 completed their course in December, a 3rd group completed their course this week. Well done to those who took part this time round. **The course aims to educate children to ride as safely as possible** to minimise the risk of an accident, and children must remember to put their training into action.

Lyngford Press Release

Following a recent writing club, run by one of our LSAs, Mr Lorimer, some budding writers have produced a Newspaper full of facts, ideas and articles for you to enjoy. Congratulations to all who have worked hard to produce this excellent piece of work. This cannot be a weekly event, but hopefully another will take place later in the year. Great effort!

Administering Medication

If your child requires medication to be given at school, please request a form from the office to fill out and return it to the office. Alternatively, you can download one from our website under Health & Wellbeing (Illness) and email it in. When bringing in the medication please make sure it is labelled clearly and handed to an adult.



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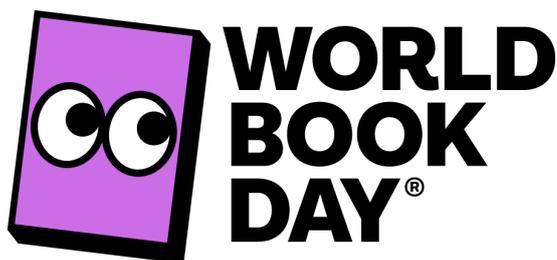
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Reminder - We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026!**

World Book Day is all about celebrating reading, encouraging children to discover new books, and sharing a love of stories.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a **book character** to enjoy a day full of reading activities.

Pupils will take part in a variety of fun, book-themed activities, story sharing, creative writing, and class reading sessions. We will also be encouraging children to talk about their favourite books and authors with their friends.

If your child would prefer not to dress up, they are very welcome to bring their favourite book to share with their class instead. We look forward to celebrating the joy of reading together!

Child exploitation

Whilst we would all like to assume children will never become embroiled in any form of exploitation, frighteningly it can happen and is happening in Taunton. Parents must be proactive to safeguard our children. This leaflet was sent to us from Avon & Somerset Police – offering free online sessions.

Could you tell if your child was being exploited?

Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm **30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm**

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

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Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform, with plain black shoes / trainers – see below.

For PE, a **plain white t-shirt** and black shorts / tracksuit bottoms. Only jumper / cardigan must have the logo. Our website is informative if you are in doubt. Thank you to those who are supportive on this, setting a great example.



Our Nursery remains open next week, as well as some staff who will also be working. If you are taking a break, may I wish you a restful week, but **please don't forget home reading, Ed Shed, TT Rockstars and Year 6 SATs preparation!** The forecast isn't great and it may get much colder, but please try to get out and about in the fresh air and enjoy a welly walk or 2!

Take care and enjoy the break!