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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!

On behalf of my staff, I hope you had a restful week away from school and managed to enjoy the much-improved weather. We have an exciting half-term to look forward to, with many trips and events to enjoy, as well as exciting lessons and learning. There will be an Assessment Week this half-term where we can update progress data to ensure children are improving in their reading, phonics, maths and writing. Children will make the most progress if they are in school every day – it gives them the best chance!

World Thinking Day / Founders Day



Members of our school who also attend scouts, cubs, rainbows, brownies, guides or beavers wore their uniforms on Monday.

The reason for them having a thinking day is to honour their international friendship and reflect on global issues.

The date marks the birthday of the scouting founder, Lord Baden-Powell.

Citizens Somerset – So proud!

On Thursday, some of our children attended a **Citizens Somerset event at Richard Huish College**, along with students from The Castle Secondary School and Richard Huish College. Whilst there was considerable age difference between our children and the others, the maturity and ability to communicate effectively was admirable – great oracy skills were very evident – and some even shared their thoughts in front of the gathering!

It was a listening event to gather thoughts and opinions about Community Safety and how we may be able to present to Town Councillors proposals to help improve our communities. **Well done and thank you to Dylan and Scarlet from Red Oak Class, and Feli, Lexie, Phoebe, Toby, Aneeta, Maddie and Charlotte from Rowan Class.** They all commented how much they enjoyed the experience of working with older students and discussing issues within the local community and how things could improve.

PLEASE - Greet your child with a smile, not a phone

We kindly ask that all parents and carers refrain from using mobile phones when collecting their child. Greeting your child with a smile and your full attention is a powerful way to show them they are valued and loved.

At the end of the day, children are often eager to share their news. Please give them the opportunity to do so by fully engaging with them during pick-up time. If this is not your usual routine, it may take a little time to adjust – but the positive impact on your child will be well worth it.

Thank you for your support in helping us nurture confident, happy children.



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Recycling – it is on at school!

A visit from Gary Hunt from Carymoor Environmental Centre this week sparked much enthusiasm and excitement. Gary expressed how impressed he was with children's knowledge, understanding and their drive to 'do their bit' for the environment! It is likely children will be now badgering you all at home to reduce, reuse and recycle...and maybe they will also now help with putting the bins out! We can hope...

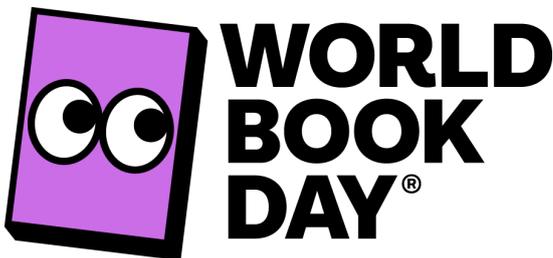
In fairness, we already do lots! We are proud of our attempts to *Reuse, Reduce and Recycle* in all we do. We have small landfill bins in each class, as well as recycling boxes. We also have all other recycling boxes for other waste. In our office, we also have a battery recycling box – for anyone to use. We also have a recycling bank for clothes for anyone to use. **Reducing food waste at lunchtime is our latest target** - and encouraging children to finish their meals! Gary was overwhelmed with how much we do, but we can always do more...that's the challenge.

Uniform Reminder

You may have seen on the News about school uniform and the cost / appropriateness of uniform, with some schools now moving away from shirt, ties and shoes in favour of polo shirts and 'black footwear'....it seems Lyngford Park are ahead of this game! **We also only ask jumpers / cardigans have logos.** Thank you for your support in ensuring children are smart, in the correct uniform.

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.



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!



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Child exploitation – Free online session – 18th or 30th March

Whilst we would all like to assume children will never become embroiled in exploitation, frighteningly it can happen and is happening in Taunton. Parents must be proactive to safeguard our children. Take advantage of this free online session coming soon...

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

18 March **30 March**



Have a lovely weekend – no rain forecast for Saturday!

Nick Arnold