

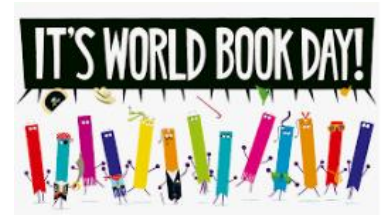


Together in love we learn with

Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Spring Term

Friday 27th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope everyone enjoyed their half-term break and families, who are celebrating, have enjoyed a good start to the holy month of Ramadan. It has been another wonderfully busy and successful week in school. After a slightly delayed start, our **pop-up swimming pool** has now launched brilliantly. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first sessions, showing great confidence and enthusiasm in the water. We are very much looking forward to seeing their progress over the coming weeks as they continue to build their swimming skills.

Across the school, children have also been engaging in their new units of learning, exploring the curriculum in a variety of exciting and creative ways. It has been a great start, and it is lovely to see pupils settling quickly into their new topics with curiosity and energy.

A special well done to all the children who represented our school at the recent **gymnastics** event with Mrs Wood and Mrs Karani. We are so proud of your efforts, determination and sportsmanship while competing. You demonstrated our school values brilliantly.

Attendance this week is 95.53%. A good start to the new half-term, can we increase to 96% next week?

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable week ahead.

Kind regards,
Mr Blackburn.

Dates for your diaries:

World Book Day –
Dress as a word –
Thursday 5th March

School closes for end
of term – Friday 27th
March

School reopens –
Monday 13th April

School Closed for
Bank Holiday –
Monday 4th May

School closes for half
term – Friday 22nd
May

School reopens –
Tuesday 2nd June

School closes for end
of term – Friday 17th
July

Reading Books:

We are increasingly noticing that some of our school books are being treated without the care and respect they deserve, resulting in a number of items being returned damaged or not returned at all. As books are an important and costly resource for our classrooms, we will now need to charge £5 for any lost or damaged books so that they can be replaced. We kindly ask for your support in talking to your child about looking after their school books and helping them understand the importance of respecting shared resources. Together, we can ensure that our book stock remains in good condition for all children to enjoy.

Mother's Day:

On **Thursday 12th March**, we will be holding a Mother's Day service in church. If you are a parent and carer of a child in Key Stage 2 then please feel free to come along and join us at 2.15pm. We would love to invite all parents and carers but unfortunately current pupil numbers don't allow this.

Attendance:

At our school, we place a strong emphasis on the importance of good attendance. To make the most of every learning opportunity, children should be in school **at least 96% of the time**.

Why 96% Matters

Even small amounts of absence quickly add up. For example:

- **95% attendance = 10 days of learning lost** in a school year
- **90% attendance = almost four weeks lost**
- **85% attendance = over five weeks lost**

Attendance Matters



Missing lessons can make it harder for children to keep up with classwork, build confidence, and make steady progress.

How We Monitor Attendance

Attendance is **monitored daily**, and overall figures are reviewed **each week**.

If your child's attendance falls **below 96%**, school will get in touch to offer support and work with you to address any issues that may be affecting attendance. Our aim is always to help, not to judge—we want every child to thrive.

Working Together

We appreciate the efforts families make to ensure children arrive on time and attend regularly. By working together, we can give every pupil the best chance to succeed.

If you have any concerns or need support with attendance, please speak to the school office. We are here to help.

Lateness - Many of our staff are expressing the frustrations of children continually been late to school. Lost learning time for your child is not acceptable and as parents and carers you have that duty of care to get them to school on time. Please can everyone make an extra special effort to lower the number of lats on a daily basis.

Recycling Competition:

We are excited to share that our school has been invited to take part in a special recycling initiative linked to Huddersfield Town. From now until the 12th March, pupils are encouraged to collect and bring in as many empty plastic bottles as they can, helping us highlight the importance of recycling and environmental responsibility. All bottles will be bagged and collected from school on **Friday 13th March** by Huddersfield Town staff, who will then weigh each school's total to determine the winner. The school that recycles the most plastic bottles will receive a state-of-the-art bug hotel and be featured in Huddersfield Town's matchday programme and on the club's website. This fun, simple challenge aims to help pupils learn more about the impact of plastic waste while supporting the football club's ongoing sustainability efforts.



Kirklees Catering Competition:

Kirklees catering are running a competition asking you to design a healthy meal/lunchbox. Tell us what it is in it and why.. Draw some pictures and make it look outstanding. The lucky winner will be able to see their lunch being provided by schools.

Munch Kirklees Purple Dragon will be visiting in March to announce the winner. The closing date **Monday 2nd March 9am! Please** hand in you designs into the school office.

World Book Day:

World Book Day – Dressing Up & “Book in a Box/Jar” Competition

As part of our World Book Day celebrations on **Thursday 5th March**, we are inviting children to join in with two fun activities: **Dress as a Word Day** and our **Book in a Box/Book in a Jar competition**.

Dress as a Word!

This year, children can come to school **dressed as a word**.

This is a simple, creative alternative to full costumes and **does not require buying anything new**. Children are very welcome to wear **their normal clothes** and simply accessorise or add a label with their chosen word.

Here are some easy ideas:

- **Sparkly** – wear something glittery.
- **Bright** – colourful top or accessories.
- **Cosy** – hoodie or comfy jumper.
- **Sleepy** – onesie or pyjamas (if allowed), or just relaxed clothing.
- **Brave** – cape made from a towel or blanket.
- **Sporty** – PE kit.
- **Wild** – animal print or a headband.
- **Creative** – paint splodges, pencils in pockets.
- **Kind** – a heart sticker or badge.
- **Explorer** – coat, boots, or binoculars made from toilet-roll tubes.

Children can be **any word** they like—abstract, descriptive or literal. Imagination is encouraged!

World Book Day Competition: “Book in a Box” or “Book in a Jar”

To celebrate reading, we invite all children to take part in our **Book in a Box** (shoe box/cereal box) or **Book in a Jar** (any clear jar) competition.

★ **What to do:**

Create **your favourite scene** or **the front cover** from a children’s book **inside a box or jar**.

★ **Each entry must include:**

- Child’s name
- Class
- Title of the book

★ **Prizes:**

There will be **one winner per class**.

Winning entries will get to **choose a book from our Reading Vending Machine** and enjoy a **hot chocolate treat** (taking place after Eid).

If you’d like inspiration, searching **“Book in a Box”** or **“Book in a Jar”** online will bring up plenty of creative examples.

We can’t wait to see your fantastic designs!

Deadline

All entries must be brought into school **by the end of the day on Tuesday 3rd March**.

ParentPay:

Please keep on top of ParentPay payments. School dinners, breakfast club, rainbow club, trips and other clubs are all paid via this system and it is imperative that these payments are made as soon as you can. Thank you.



Can you be an attendance hero?



Here

Everyday

Ready

On Time!



St John's Stars



Red	Aymah-Noor
Orange	Zahra
Yellow	Safyaan
Green	Eshaal
Blue	Isla
Purple	Rahim
Brown	Haaris
Grey	Zaynab



Weekly Attendance

Red	94%
Orange	97%
Yellow	97%
Green	92%
Blue	96%
Purple	96%
Brown	94%
Grey	98%