Mrs Wolfe's Weekly Update

6th March 2026

Coming Soon!

Letters about these events that require additional information for parents will be sent prior to the date via Arbor and also uploaded onto the Letters page of the website

Please visit the Calendar page on the website for all dates - visit Letters & News and then select Calendar

Spring Term

10th Mar - Kite Class Bethel Church Workshop @ the Village Hall
11th March - Y1 Parents Phonics Screening Check Information Session
12th Mar - Yorkshire Cricket Engagement Day
13th Mar - Book Look (No Church) - Pupils to share their learning with their families in their classes
wb 16th Mar - Kite Class Bewerley Park Residential
19th Mar - Mobile Library Visit for Owls & Merlins
20th Mar - Red Nose Day (Owls & Merlins)
wb 23rd Mar - Parent Teacher Consultations (booking slots went live last week!)
23rd Mar - Make a Difference Day
23rd March - Deadline for Bea's Easter Egg competition
24h Mar - Cross Country (new date - details TBC)
25th Mar - Owl Class Trip to Eureka!
26th Mar - Y2-Y4 Roman Day
27th Mar - Our final Celebration with Rev Robb @9:15am
27th Mar - Finish for Easter Break

Weekly Enrichment

Mondays
Y2/3 Swimming
Y3/Y4 Times Table Club with Mr Doohan

Tuesdays
Sporting Influence PM
Miss Pullan-Peripaatetic Music
Y6 SATS Club with Mr Doohan
Multi-skills Club with Miss M

Wednesdays
Lunchtime Library with our Library Grannies
Knitting Club with Granny Lesley

Thursdays
Forest School with Madeleine (Outdoor Adventures) AM
Yoga with Karen PM
Mandarin Club with Mrs Cummings

Fridays
Mr Timmis Peripatetic Guitar

Before School Provision from 8am Mon-Fri
After-school Provision from 3:30-6pm Mon-Fri

Vision & Values

To love our neighbour, enabling everyone to shine and make a difference in the world.
'Love your neighbour as yourself'
Luke 10:27 Parable of the Good Samaritan

Big Question of the Week

If you could go into any book for World Book Day, whicih one would you choose and why?

This week, our big question has been linked to World Book Day. Sometimes the best thing about books is that we don't actually need to go anywhere at all. When we read, we can lose ourselves in a story and let our imaginations take us to new places.
Getting lost in a book is a wonderful feeling. For a little while, the world around us fades away and we become part of the story. We might explore magical lands, solve mysteries, travel through history, or meet unforgettable characters. Books allow us to experience adventures that we could never have in real life.
Reading also helps us relax, think more deeply, and understand other people's lives and feelings. Each page opens a door to a new idea or a different world. That's why losing ourselves in a good book is such a powerful and special thing.
So not just this World Book Day, but everyday, it's worth remembering that every time we open a book, we already have the chance to step into another world. All we need to do is start reading.

This Week's News

CCWC & Reading Ambassador News

This week, we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of reading as part of World Book Day. Throughout the week, the Children's Collective Worship Committee and Reading Ambassadors led reflections on the importance of books in our lives and how reading can open the door to imagination, adventure and new ideas.

A key message shared with the children was that reading becomes truly enjoyable when you find the kinds of books that you love. Everyone has different interests, and discovering stories, topics or characters that excite you can make reading a real pleasure. We also reflected on how reading can happen anywhere – at home, in the classroom, on the playground, or before bedtime. Books can travel with us wherever we go!

Our Reading Ambassadors played an important role in promoting the joy of reading and encouraging children to think about different ways to overcome barriers to reading. They reminded us that reading might look different for everyone and that stories can be enjoyed in many ways, from sharing books together to exploring comics, magazines or audiobooks.

The Reading Ambassadors also organised a fantastic 'Design a Potato' competition inspired by books and characters. The entries were truly incredible and showed amazing creativity. Reading Ambassadors who did not enter the competition helped judge the potatoes alongside some of the adults in school. The winners were announced during our Celebration at Church today, and we were delighted that every child who entered received a prize in recognition of their brilliant efforts.

Congratulations to the overall winners in each class, who received a £5.00 book token each! The winners were: Ava in Owl Class, Henry in Merlins and Millie S in Kite Class. A huge well done to all who entered.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations we designed a book token and we have selected some designs to enter into a national competition – for those that are selected teachers will contact parents for permission to enter.

World Book Day itself was filled with excitement, with children and staff arriving in an amazing range of book-themed costumes. It was wonderful to see so many favourite characters brought to life around the school.
It has been a joyful and memorable week, full of creativity, imagination and a shared love of books! A huge thank you to our fabulous reading ambassadors for all that you do and to our families for supporting the brilliant fundraising that they do.

Final reminder…don't forget to spend your book token before the 15th March!

Mrs Cummings' Choir

This week we shared our first new Choir performance in Church. Mrs Cummings has begun a lunchtime Choir Club, who meet twice a week to practice the song we have been learning in our Singing Worship. Children have the option to come along for the song they really enjoy, so they can opt in and our over time – this way everyone gets the chance to perform. It was a wonderful performance today and we were so proud of them all for learning the words and sharing some wonderful actions. A special well done to Olive, who performed a solo at the end of the song – you were amazing!

Climate Ambassadors

This week we selected our new Climate Ambassadors! Our ambassadors have a very important job to fulfill in school and we are looking forward to watching our school become cleaner and greener! A warm welcome to our new climate leaders…

Aoife C, Lucy O, Wilf, Bea, Isla S, Isla H, Henry & Rafferty

Easter Egg Design Competition

I am pleased to announce a very exciting art competition, organised by Bea. Bea is a very talented artist and wants to inspire others to develop their talents in art too! Well done for living out our school vision with this brilliant idea! Bea also wants to raise funds for FOBLS…prizes include an Easter Egg for the winner, runner-up prizes and dojos for your team. To take part, children are invited to create an Easter Egg design no larger than an A4 piece of paper for a donation between 50p and £1. All entries to go to Bea no later than 23rd March. Please support Bea in making a difference for our school.

Red Nose Day – 20th March

As Kite Class prepare for Bewerley Park the excitement is mounting in school! Whilst our Y4, 5s and 6s are exploring and adventuring adventures will also be occurring back here at school. I met with our Owl & Merlin School Councillors today and they have a great day planned for those in school, including wearing something red for the day, alongside lots of 'Take Yourself Funny for Money' throughout the day!

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

On Tuesday 10th March Reception & Y6 children are invited to participate in the NCMP. The programme measures the height and weight of children aged 4 to 5 and aged 10 to 11. The measurement process is overseen by trained healthcare professionals, who will be in school from 1:30pm. Parents will have received a letter from the NCMP offering the option to opt out of involvement in this programme.

Owl Class

This week, Owl Class have been thinking carefully about our favourite books as we celebrated World Book Day! The children had a wonderful time dressing up, and we saw a fantastic range of costumes – everything from Captain Underpants to Christopher Robin.

The classroom was buzzing with excitement as everyone shared their favourite stories with their friends. Some of our most popular books included The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Rhyme Crime, Winnie the Pooh, and Isadora Moon. It was lovely to hear the children talking about why they enjoy these stories and recommending them to others.

We also had great fun taking part in our World Book Day quiz, where the children worked brilliantly in their teams to solve riddles and clues about different book characters. There was lots of fantastic teamwork and some very impressive detective work!

To finish the day, we designed our own National Book Tokens. The children enjoyed thinking about their interests and the kinds of books they like to read, creating some imaginative and colourful designs.

It has been a joyful week celebrating stories and sharing our love of reading!

Merlin Class

Our History topic this half term is all about Romans. This week, we have looked at how big the Roman empire is and learned about why the Romans came to Britain.

We found out that the Romans wanted to invade Britain to get the resources that were here. Resources included tin, silver and wool. They also wanted to show their power and spread the Roman way of life.

In Science this week, we have continued our topic on Light and shadows by looking at reflection. We found out that all surfaces reflect light, but some reflect it better than others. We found out that the reflected light from objects is what helps us to see.

In PSHE we thought about the benefits of recycling. Did you know that every year the UK throws away over 7 billion plastic bottles?

And did you know that every tonne of paper recycled saves 17 trees? We used facts like these to create posters to encourage people to recycle more.

We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day dressed as our favourite book characters. We took part in the Great Big Footy and Booky Quiz. Some questions were about football, some about books, and some about both. We also entered a competition to design our own national book token. Here are our designs.

Kite Class

Kites shared some of the activities they completed for World Book Day! We saw some entries for their design a book token competition which will be submitted and will hopefully win the school some prizes! They also entered another competition that meant the whole class have to submit a list of 25-30 books and justify across multiple mediums why these books are needed and desperately wanted in school. They created animations, videoed themselves presenting creative arguments, and written to give our class the best chance of winning those books! The World Book Day 'Footy and Booky' quiz was a huge success! Some of the boys shared some questions in church - Haaland is in fact from Norway even though the boys hopefully wished he was English.

This week's Headteacher Shine Award is awarded

to

Bea

for consistently demonstrating our school values and

living out our school vision and making a difference.

You are a shining star!

House Cup

This week's team with the most house points is **Pankhurst Blues**

Attendance & Punctuality

Our average whole school attendance so far this year is 97.5% – we are improvig every week – let's keep it up! Thank you for recognising the importance of attendance – every day counts!

Well done R, Y4, Y5 & Y6 for achieving 100% this week!

Every lesson counts and good attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing, and friendships, as every day in school helps them grow in confidence, knowledge, and a sense of belonging. We ask parents and carers to support and promote good attendance for their child. Time away from school disrupts learning and progress. Under current government regulations, schools cannot authorise term-time holidays, and families may receive a penalty notice if children are absent without permission. We urge families to respect the importance of attendance and to NOT take holidays during term time.

Mrs Wolfe's Recommended Read of the Week...

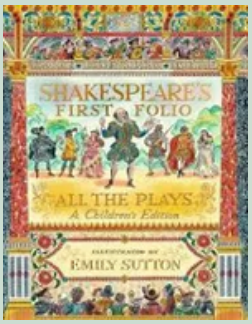
This brightly illustrated adventure story is perfect for children who claim to hate reading, as the enchanting narrative opens their eyes to a fantasy world created by words on a page.

In this spellbinding story, we meet a little girl excited for the end of term. No more school! However, she's given the very unreasonable task of reading a whole book over the holidays. A whole book? But she HATES books. But her sister takes her to the library – she says she has just the thing.

Slowly, the little girl is drawn into a world of adventure: a little fennec fox leads her to meet fairytale witches and creatures, as they find ingredients to cast a special spell at the end of her book. At first, the little girl is dismayed to learn that this spell seemingly hasn't changed a thing . . . however, the little fox points out that she HAS transformed: discovering the power of her imagination has changed her forever.

This charming, engaging picture book shows children how wonderful books can really be, to encourage a lifelong love of reading. Discover adventure on every page – and turn I Hate Books into I Love Books!

Mrs Wolfe's Recommended Read of the Month...



The first-ever illustrated children's edition of William Shakespeare's First Folio is a must-have for children meeting Shakespeare for the first time. Published in association with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Shakespeare's Plays is the first-ever illustrated children's edition of the First Folio, one of the greatest books ever published which celebrated its 400th anniversary in 2023. This sumptuously illustrated book, with luminous and detailed artwork by Emily Sutton, includes all 36 plays in the original volume, in the same order. The plays preserve Shakespeare's original dramatic language, but have been abridged so they can be performed by a minimum of eight children in under twenty minutes. The perfect accessible introduction to Shakespeare in his own words for a child, this is a very special gift book that will be returned to time and time again.

FOBLS & Community News

Our aims:

We encourage our siblings to be independent, confident and unapologetically themselves.

Experience the outside world via group trips by public transport.

To create friendships with those of similar age and circumstance. and develop a community.

To sign up your child contact us

Contact info

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Find us on facebook and Instagram too

The sibling group

About us:

The Sibling Group was founded by our CEO Grace. Grace who was born in Harrogate, North Yorkshire had two siblings an elder sister and younger brother Oscar. Oscar was diagnosed with severe learning disabilities and Autism at the age of 3. At this time like many others, Grace's family were unsure what this meant for their future. Grace and her elder sister struggled with the many challenges of having a sibling with SEN and felt isolated and misunderstood by the world around them. They felt lucky to have each other to talk to but wished they could have known others in similar positions as them, as they didn't want to burden their parents with their concerns and feelings surrounding their brother's needs. Grace and her sister feel that siblings of SEN children are often overlooked or discredited as they are not the ones with the needs so therefore are expected to be fine. Often children take on the worries or concerns surrounding the welfare of their SEN sibling which can lead to their own mental health issues.

Grace went on to gain a first degree in Special Education and a distinction in her PGCE & qualified teaching status and worked as a SEN teacher in London. She is currently studying her masters in Autism and Inclusion. Whilst writing her dissertation she based it on the affect a child with special needs has on their sibling, to which she found herself interviewing her sister and revisiting their shared experience growing up with a sibling with special needs and the emotional effects this had on them. Reminding her of their lack of support.

These events inspired the creation of The Sibling Group Charity.

What we do

We run groups for children aged 5-11 years old who have a sibling with additional needs but do not have these needs themselves. Our groups allow children to meet others of similar age and circumstance encouraging them to create friendships and build support networks to last a life time. Our groups take place in Harrogate.

Some things we do at our groups

- Games
- Crafts
- Cooking/baking
- Themed days
- Trips
- Lots of fun!

See for your self!