

## Newsletter 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

### Headteacher's comments

This week we have been learning about our environment and what we can do to keep it clean. We spoke about recycling, not dropping litter and picking up any litter you may see to help the environment.

We really enjoyed seeing so many parents at the come to learn sessions and we really appreciate the feedback you provided. Further to this, please ensure you check the school website for information about what the children have been learning. We are now having discussions as a staff to see how we can improve communication about what the children are going to learn throughout the term.

Mrs Laura Fielding

### Emergency procedures

On Monday this week we had a fire drill. All of the children did so well and managed the transition to outside very well. We completed the drill in just over 5 minutes which is incredible!

In the next few weeks we will be practising our internal evacuation with the children. During this drill we use the scenario that there may be a scared dog on the playground and so we need to keep all the children in school. During this, we close the outdoor blinds and ensure all doors are locked. It may be useful for you to discuss this with your child to try and reduce any anxiety.

### Cold weather

As the weather has taken a turn, please ensure your child has suitable clothing. If the school is forced to close due to severe weather and health and safety reasons, we will endeavour to make the decision as early as possible. The school protocol is to inform all parents by email, InApp message and the website will also be updated. Please also be careful when walking around the school site. While we have gritted as much as we possibly can, please do walk with extreme caution.

### Foodbank

We understand that January is often a very difficult time financially. If you are struggling, please do come and speak to the office or Mrs Fielding and the school are able to issue foodbank vouchers.

### Walk Wheel Cycle

This year we are being supported by the charity Walk, Wheel, Cycle again. This is to support us in our aim to have every child riding a bike before they leave Spring Meadow. Next week (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February), we have Year One's learn to ride session. Please ensure you have returned the permission slip which will allow your child to participate in any future events.

Upcoming dates:

18<sup>th</sup> March- Confident riders day

29<sup>th</sup> April- Year Two learn to ride day

4<sup>th</sup> June- Obstacle course day

### **The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Fielding met with some members of the SVP to see how they can support our families and young people in a practical way. SVP is a voluntary organisation providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need. This can vary from support within the home such as providing furniture and they are sometimes able to organise short breaks for families in difficulty. If you feel you need any support, please come and speak to the school office who have their contact details or speak to Mrs Fielding and see how we can help. More information about the work SVP do can be found on their website: <https://svp.org.uk/our-work>

### **Sponsored Pancake flip**

Your child will come home with a letter regarding a sponsored pancake flip taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The children will be seeing how many flips they can do in 1 minute. We would really appreciate any parent volunteers for the morning to help count the flips which will involve being in school between 0900-1100. Please share the sponsorship form with friends and family as we are trying to raise money to replace the markings on the playground. Your child should bring the completed sponsorship form into school with them on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and we will let you know how many flips they have completed. Thank you for your support!

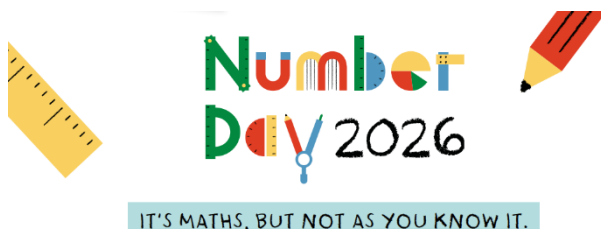
### **Scholastic book fair 5<sup>th</sup> February- 10<sup>th</sup> February**

We are holding the book fair in school again this year. Every book bought at the book fair provides the school funding to top up their books in the school. The book fair will be in the school hall from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February- 10<sup>th</sup> February 1500-1530.



### **NSPCC number day- 6<sup>th</sup> February**

We are celebrating NSPCC numbers day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Your child should come dressed up as anything to do with numbers. Please donate via the link: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/spring-meadow-infant-school?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/spring-meadow-infant-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



### **Learn with Parents – Computing**

We are holding another Learn with Parents session at the end of the half term focussed on computing. You will get to experience what the children learn in computing and there will be a short session just for parents after to speak and support parents with E-safety.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Unit and Early Years session 1400-1500 (Including nursery and Pre-school)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March- KS1 session 1400-1500.

**Friday 6 February**

## Dates for your diary

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4<sup>th</sup> February- Iris  
 11<sup>th</sup> February- Lily  
 4<sup>th</sup> March- Poppy  
 11<sup>th</sup> March- Daisy  
 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Butterfly  
 29<sup>th</sup> April- Caterpillar

February 2026	
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Iris parent lunch
6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND coffee drop in 1430
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Lily parent lunch
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Progress report home to parents
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Sponsored Pancake flip
16 <sup>th</sup> February-20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children back in school
March 2026	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents evening 1530-1730
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening 1530-1800
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Poppy parent lunch
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND coffee drop in 1430
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Daisy parent lunch
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Learn with parents- computing- Unit and Early Years 1400
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Learn with parents- KS1 1400
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring school disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1 dress rehearsal to the school
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 production to parents 1400
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 production to parents 1400
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Progress report home to parents
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring term

## What have the children been learning?

### Nursery/ Pre-school

Butterflies have been creating their own Dinosaurs using a variety of craft materials this week. We have been learning that Dinosaurs are not alive today but were alive in the past. We have also had lots of fun getting messy in the jelly filled Dinosaur swamp! Caterpillars have been reading the book 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'. The children found it funny when they came into class and saw some of the dinosaurs in the class wearing underpants. We have been talking about dinosaurs living a long, long time ago and we call this the past. We have made lots of different dinosaurs out of paper plates, collaging and painting. Children Have been designing their own pant pictures for the dinosaurs.

### Year Two

In Year 2 we have had another fantastic week!

In English we have been learning about 'The Tunnel' and we innovated parts of the story to make it our own. In Maths, we have been working on Multiplication, splitting numbers into equal groups. In PHSE we talked about our strengths and skills and, in Art we have continued painting our self-portraits!



## Reception

The excitement about this half term's topic has continued with the children finding out about the International Space Station and how the astronauts sleep, eat, drink and keep themselves clean there when there's no gravity.

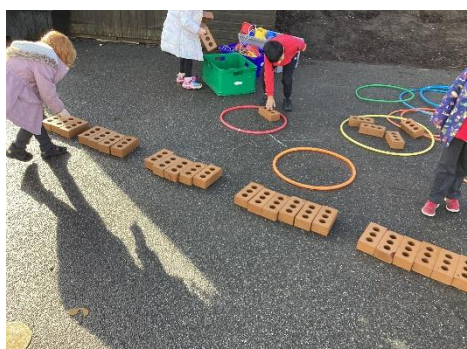
They have made discoveries about planets and our solar system which they have been demonstrating through their artwork and role play. The junk modelling workshop area has been busy with children practising their fixing and joining skills as they create rockets and spaceships of varying sizes. Some children have even made them big enough for them to sit in by joining two boxes together! The story Whatever Next has really inspired the children with their writing, and they have been applying their phonic knowledge well to create a book which tells their own version of the story, with some space facts added in. In maths, the children have been using stars and 'space rocks' to practise their subitising, counting and understanding of ways of representing and making numbers up to 8.



## Year One

Year One have had a lovely week full of exciting learning! We enjoyed exploring the Forest School area and doing maths outside on the playground, where we created our own maths games and practised addition and subtraction using chalk and playground equipment.

In DT, we have started sewing our bunting designs to raise awareness for World Wildlife Day. In writing, we began learning how to write a recount by creating story maps and ordering events. In geography, we continued learning about the UK, focusing this week on Northern Ireland.



## Clover, Iris and Lily

In the unit Clover class have been enjoying Dinosaurs Love Underpants and loved our dinosaur picnic. They also made some wonderful mosaic-style dinosaurs, carefully sticking patterns of bright tissue paper to dinosaur cut-outs. Iris class have been continuing to work around their sensory story of Whatever Next, playing in rocket-cardboard boxes and practising making sandwiches for picnics on the moon. Lily class read What the Ladybird Heard and thought about what they can learn from it about friendships and being kind to everybody. In maths they moved onto looking at doubling numbers.