

Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday 7th February



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I want to bring you up-to-date with some staffing developments this week.

Mr Protherough will be leaving us in September to take up a deputy head position. This is a much-deserved role and a natural progression for him. He has been the driver behind our curriculum progression in English and maths, and also the architect of our new nurture and behaviour policy which we will be rolling out after half term.

Mrs O'Brien will be leaving us at Easter to pursue a career in outdoor education. She has led PE in school with passion and ensured that the children had as many PE opportunities as possible, including organising the rugby trip to Twickenham. Organising these events takes a huge amount of time, and we appreciate all the extra effort that she put in.

In other news, Poppy and Madeliene have been busy organising new playground equipment as part of their role in the pupil voice leadership group. We had sponsorship money to use from our Frederick Afrifa (People Who Inspire Us) visit, and the girls presented and demonstrated to the school on Monday what they had bought. The children have been enjoying using the various games this week and it is great to see them being active in different ways. The children were also very excited to see our new maypole which we will start using next term!

As we approach the end of a very busy term, there is lots to look forward to after half-term with trips to Oxford Castle for Stingrays, the Wonderdome (an introduction to space) visiting for Tiddlers and Minnows, Sticklebacks are going out to make pizza as part of their food and nutrition topic, and we will have The Explorer Dome for whole school science enrichment.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

Stingrays

It's been a fantastic term so far, filled with exciting learning experiences! Our visit to The Sheldonian Theatre was a real highlight, as the children were captivated by the live music and inspired to bring their own creativity into our music lessons.

In class, the children have also been demonstrating our school values through the Fritwell Footstep of Imagination, particularly in our study of The Highwayman. They have asked thoughtful questions and shared insightful ideas, helping each other explore the poem's meaning and themes.

Outdoor learning has also been a highlight, with Forest School sessions being thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children have been developing resilience and problem-solving skills in a hands-on environment.

Our topic this term, Crime and Punishment, has sparked great curiosity, particularly in history, as we explore how justice has changed over time. This theme has been woven into our learning across different subjects, encouraging critical thinking and discussion. Looking ahead, we are all excited for our upcoming history trip to Oxford Castle next term, where the children will get to see this learning brought to life.

Thank you for your continued support—we are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and engagement this term!

Warmest wishes,

Miss Winstone & the Stingrays Team



Sharks

Hexagon treats

Last week the whole school had the opportunity to enjoy hexagon treats. We were creating Jackson Pollock inspired art using watercolours in the Sharks classroom.

The older children from sharks are pictured supporting the younger children. Their artwork is on display in the sharks changing room.



Sharks

Classroom

We have been poetry writing in sharks this term where we are like magpies' and borrow ideas from each other for a poem call the Zoo school inspired by pie Corbett's poem titled City jungle.

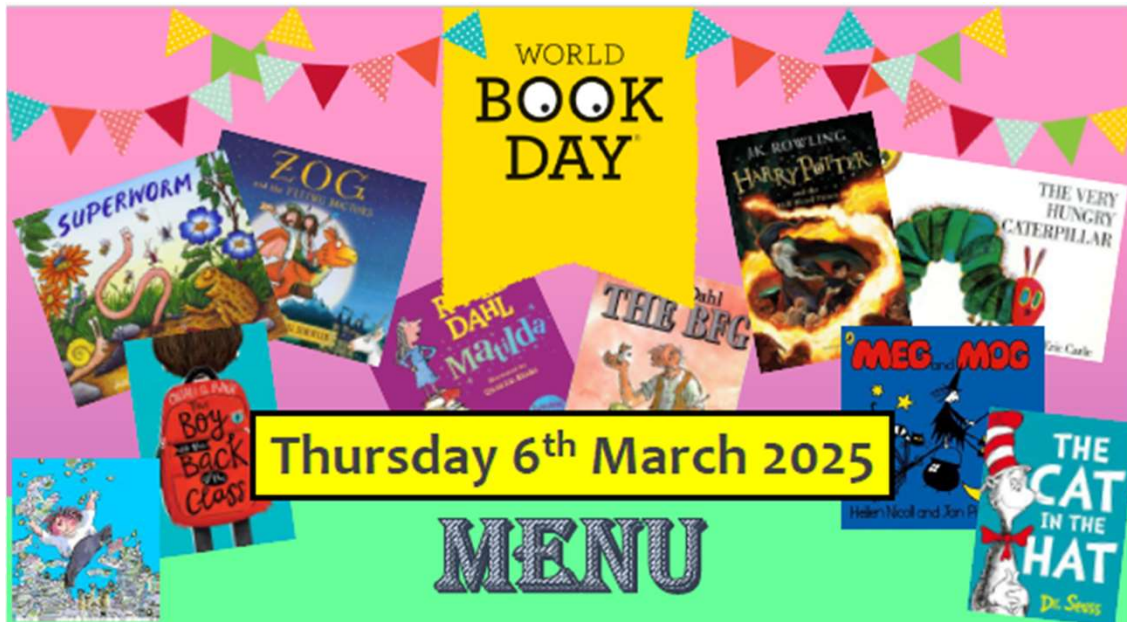


Sports hall athletics

Yesterday the children had a great time participating in sports hall athletics with other local schools. We cheered each other on and had a go at athletics events we don't often get to take part in.



Fresh Start World Book Day Theme Lunch



MENU

Billionaire Boy's burger, seasoned wedges and beans

Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 27th Feb

OR



Cheshire Cat's cheese & tomato calzone (V)

Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 27th Feb

OR



Paddington's pawsome potato with a selection of toppings

Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 6th Mar

OR

Dinosaurs love deli sandwiches with a choice of fillings

Order deadline for this meal is before 9am Thur 6th Mar



DESSERT

Charlie's chocolatey flapjack (VG)



Fresh
Start



Find the golden ticket
to win a book voucher

GOLDEN TICKET

Log into Meal Manager and order your
meal today, come and join in the fun!



This week at The Well

The Well

Would you like to meet new people?

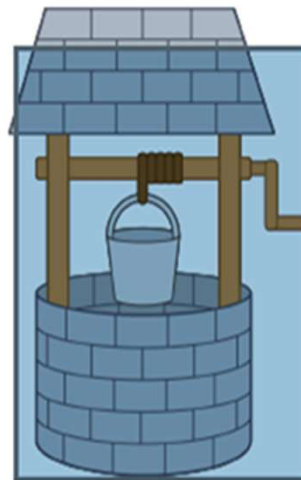
Would you like to feel listened to?

Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

You'll receive a warm welcome, a nurturing environment
and a listening ear.

Every Thursday

2.30pm-3.00pm



Dates for your diary

February

Thursday 13th – School disco

Friday 14th – End of Term

Monday 24th - Spring term 2 begins

Wednesday 26th – Space Dome - EYFS

March

Thursday 6th -Oxford castle trip - Stingrays

Monday 11th – Monday 17th – Scholastic book fair

Wednesday 5th – World Book Day – (This has changed date)

Wednesday 26th – Explorer dome visit to school
– Science Enrichment

April

Friday 4th – Last day of term finish at 1.15pm

Term 3

Forest School moves to Friday mornings EYFS & Stingrays

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30

Music for schools lessons Monday AM