



On Thursday, we celebrated world book day. Our children enjoyed receiving a mystery novel to explore. Please have a look on our website to see some of the wonderful reading and writing opportunities. Our children really do enjoy reading and this was shown across the whole academy.

On Thursday, our reception children enjoyed a fabulous day at Playtropolis. Take a look on Twitter to see some of the activities the children participated in.

Thank you for attending the year phonics workshop this week. I hope that you found it really informative. It was great to hear that so many families were able to attend. It's important that you have a full understanding as parents about the phonics screen in June so that you are able to support your child at home. We often send home short video clips, and homework to support children with early reading.

Well done to our Y5/6 Girls football team who played after school matches on Wednesday. They won one, lost one and drew one. Well done girls!

Attendance has been much improved over the last couple of weeks I'm pleased to announce that we are above the local law authority average and also for the first time this year we are in line with the national average. Thank you for continuing to support improving our school attendance. Finally, wishing all of our families that are observing Ramadan from Sunday well in your challenge.

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox

Our book fayre will be available during both of our parent evenings on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March and also after school 3.30-4pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March. You can pay via your mobile phone using the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online  
or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

Friday 15 March will be a non uniform day in support of Comic Relief. Any amount of monetry donations however small will be gratefully received. Mrs Ray will be selling raffle tickets for 20p each to win a mystery prize box. They will go on sale next week.

## DIARY DATES

11<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day Assembly for Reception  
12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 ‘Times Tables Test’ parent meeting 3.15pm  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings  
18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March – Book Fayre  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bonnet Parade – Reception & Year 1  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Egg Competition – Years 2 to 6  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Odd Socks Day – Down Syndrome awareness  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Break up for Easter

## **NSPCC’s SPEAK OUT.STAY SAFE.PROGRAMME**

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC’s *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

### **Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe**

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p><b>Parent/Carer support</b></p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents">www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</a></p>	<p><b>Activities to extend learning at home</b></p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities">www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</a></p>
<p><b>Online Safety Hub</b></p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety">www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</a></p>	<p><b>Childline – under 12’s</b></p> <p>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p> <p><a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy">www.childline.org.uk/buddy</a> (5-7) <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/kids">www.childline.org.uk/kids</a> (7-11)</p>
<p><b>Talk PANTS with your children</b></p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants">www.nspcc.org.uk/pants</a>.</p>	

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

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**Week ending**  
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