



**Welcome to our end of term 3 newsletter!**

I am sure we are all pleased to say goodbye to January and welcome some warmer weather as Spring approaches! Despite the weather, the children have enjoyed a fun term in school with lots of exciting learning opportunities and a wonderful visit from the Pantomime! Enjoy your half term break, we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19th February. Mrs Baldwin, Headteacher

**Attendance this term**

Whole school attendance this term 94.1 %  
Best attendance this term:  
Wagtail 97.3% and Raven 97.1%  
Whole school attendance this academic year:  
94.1%

**ATTENDANCE**

Please can we ask that appointments for GP/Dentist are made out of school hours wherever possible. Collecting children before the end of the day not only disrupts their learning, but also unsettles the class too.

Therefore, with immediate effect, we will no longer release children early because their sibling has an appointment, in a bid to minimise class disruption— please support us with this.

**WORLD BOOK DAY—THURSDAY 7th MARCH**

This year we are asking children to dress as a book character—an outfit made from items at home is perfect, it doesn't need to be a shop purchased costume! We will award prizes for the best home-made costume. If parents are concerned about participation for financial reasons, please let us know and we will be happy to help. Please also encourage your child to bring in one of their favourite books (named) to share with peers. All children will receive a book token to celebrate the day.



Congratulations to Mrs Wheeler and her husband, who welcomed the safe arrival of baby "Margot" on Monday 29th January.

Mummy and Margot are doing well and we look forward to seeing them at some point soon for cuddles.

**Pop Up Shop—Run by The PTA**

*Come join us in the hall,  
For the Mothers'/Special Persons' Day stall,  
All gifts £3*

*Grab the perfect present for someone special on Mothering Sunday! Friday 8th March from 3.15pm—4.00 pm. Cash only please*



Friends of Wouldham All Saints are raising money to be re-invested into the school..... but it's also a little bit of fun for the children! Please support us! Traditionally this event was held in school time, however, this year we are running things a bit differently to minimise any distress caused to families where, for a multitude of reasons, a mother figure is absent. Gifts are available to purchase for anyone special in your family.



### Fun in term 3



Year 2 have enjoyed their first Design and Technology day. They experimented with levers and pivots to make a linkage system for a 'moving monster'. In History they learnt all about the Wright Brothers and their first engine powered flight. Here they are re-enacting it.



Jackdaw Class enjoyed a day of design technology where they made their own Bolognese sauce last week.



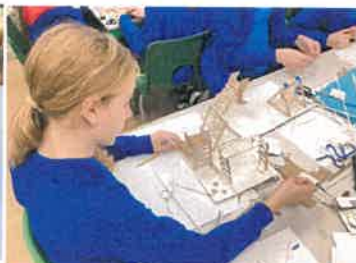
Year 4 made torches in DT



Year 1 have been junk modelling and had an amazing rocket launch this term!



Year R and KS1 continue to enjoy all the wonderful benefits of Forest School and bringing natural materials into their class based learning!



Year 6 have been designing playground equipment and "brave colour" art projects

## NEW WASPS PARENT SUPPORT GROUP!

From term 4, we are delighted to be offering a brand new monthly parent support group, led by our lovely Family Liaison Officer Mrs Hardie. This group is intended to support parents with any concerns around well-being, special educational needs and attendance. While Mrs Hardie will be leading the group, she is keen for it to be valuable to parents, therefore the first meeting will be to discuss what support parents would like moving forward. The first meeting will take place on Monday 4th March 2024 from 9am. Please let the office know if you would like to attend so that we know approximately how many parents we are accommodating.

## Healthy snacks at break time

We have decided to introduce alternative snacks for break time. As well as fresh fruit, cheese and savoury snacks will also be acceptable. Suggested items could be "babybel" type cheeses, a yoghurt, some rice cakes or breadsticks. We trust parents to make a sensible judgement, obviously we do not want the children eating chocolate, crisps or heavily processed foods with too much sugar during this time!



**RFS**  
ROYAL FORESTRY SOCIETY



The Royal Forestry Society have donated 100 trees to plant in the school grounds. These will be planted on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs George Baldwin who co-ordinates our Forest School learning will be assisting the planting of the trees on the school site and will be doing this with the help of Year 6 and Year R pupils. This is a very generous donation and this is an amazing opportunity to further develop the school grounds!

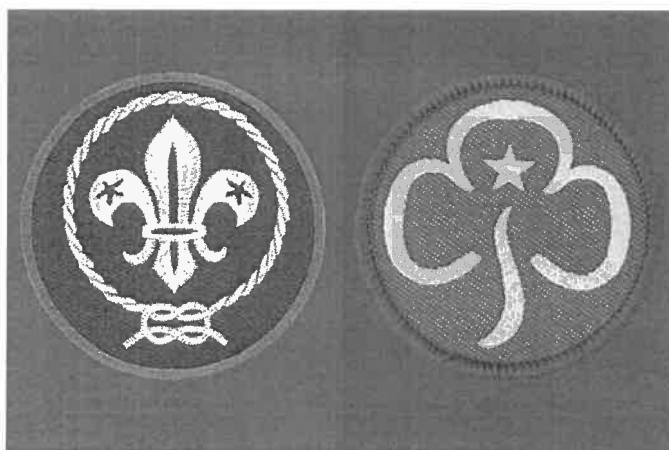
## SCHOOL TERM DATES

End of Term 3	Friday 9th February
Term 4 starts	Monday 19th February
Bowl trip for Year 5	Week commencing Monday 19th February
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Year R vision screening	Friday 8th March
Mothers'/Special Persons' Day room	Friday 8th March after school
End of Term 4	Thursday 28th March
Term 5 starts	Monday 15th April
Rising Year R offer day	Tuesday 16th April
Year 6 Project Salus	Wednesday 24th April
Class photos	Wednesday 8th May
End of Term 5	Friday 24th May
Term 6 starts	Monday 3rd June
Bikeability	Monday 3rd June, Monday 10th June and Monday 17th June
End of 6 Term	Tuesday 23rd July



## Thinking Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is World Thinking Day. This is the birthday of Baden Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement.



We are inviting everyone who takes part/competes in an organised group, club or team to come to school wearing their uniform or team kit instead of normal school uniform. This is not a 'non-uniform' day – more an alternative uniform day!

It may be that your child is part of Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade, Badgers, plays for a local Football team, gymnastics, swim team, band, baton twirlers, Irish dancing group, Highland drum and pipers! We have no idea what diversity of groups and clubs our school family are part of.

What we ask is that the children wear their usual team or group kit that shows their membership. Their teacher will ask them to be prepared to share details about what is involved and what they enjoy about it.

We aim to celebrate the many different activities and groups that your children are part of.



# Pancake Party



**Crafts**

**Story**

**Pancakes**

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

*11am start*

*The Church in Burham (Methodist)*

*29 Church Street, ME1 3SB*

*Suitable for the whole family*

**Games**

**Songs**

*Free event run by the local Messy Church team  
Voluntary cash donations box will be given to  
The Salvation Army.*

*Pancakes and toppings will be provided, but  
please bring a plate to share if you are able.*