



Weekly Update: 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

5th to 11th February

6th February

6th/7th/8th/19th February

8th February

9th February

19th February

22nd February

Friday 23rd February

1st March

7th March

7th March

8th March

8th-17th March

13th March

Friday 15th March

W/B 18th March

20th March

22nd March

28th March

23rd March

25th-28th March

26th/27th March

26th/27th March

28th March

28th March

22nd/24th April

13th-16th May

Spring term

Spring INSET Days

Spring Half Term

Summer term

Summer INSET Day

Summer Half Term

Children's Mental Health week

Safer Internet Day

Book Fair

Brighten Up Your Day Non-Uniform Day- Bring in a sweet treat or snack

Mr Silver's Sausage Sandwich 8.20am

INSET Training day- school closed

Book Fair

Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting 5pm (In person)

PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse

Ash Wednesday Service 9.15am

Sponsored Reading Bingo Launch

World Book Day

SENDSCO Cafe

PTA Mother's Day Stall

Science Week

Easter Artwork launch

Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs Parents' Information Meeting 5pm

Experience Easter Outside at St Andrew's Church

Assessment Week

No Outsiders Information Session for parents 9.00am

Spinal Muscular Atrophy non-uniform day (Wear Sky Blue)

Easter Service 9.15 am

PTA Easter Bingo in the village hall

Year 6 Bikeability

Clive Pig Storyteller

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Easter Treat Sale

Easter Service 9.15am

R and Year 1-5 Parents' Evenings

Year 6 SATs week (Key Stage 1 assessments start as well)

2 January- 28 March 2024

2 January and 9 February 2024

10 February-18 February 2024

15 April- 24 July 2024

15 April 2024

25 May- 2 June 2024

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Thank you

A big thank you to Mr Gillard, one of our parents, who has made our new playboat for the bark area- a great PTA initiative. Also, we are so grateful to the Tesco Express store in Taunton- they are donating £100 for the development of a sensory/nurture room- Mrs Laurence has been behind this funding.

Safer Internet Day: Message from Miss Carnie, Computing Lead

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on Tuesday 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

Each year, safer internet day focuses on a different online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online.

This year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

AUPs

The children have been reminded of the school's 'Acceptable Use Policy' in school and have signed a class charter to commit to these rules for keeping them safe online. The Key Stage 2 AUP says:

When I use the school's IT systems (like computers) and get onto the internet in school I will:

- Always use the school's IT systems and the internet responsibly and for educational purposes only
- Only use them when a teacher is present, or with a teacher's permission
- Keep my username and passwords safe and not share these with others
- Keep my private information safe at all times and not give my name, address or telephone number to anyone without the permission of my teacher or parent/carer
- Tell a teacher (or sensible adult) immediately if I find any material which might upset, distress or harm me or others
- Always log off or shut down a computer when I'm finished working on it

I will not:

- Access any inappropriate websites including: social networking sites, chat rooms and gaming sites unless my teacher has expressly allowed this as part of a learning activity
- Open any attachments in emails, or follow any links in emails, without first checking with a teacher
- Use any inappropriate language when communicating online, including in emails
- Log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Arrange to meet anyone offline without first consulting my parent/carer, or without adult supervision

If I bring a personal mobile phone or other personal electronic device into school:

- My parents/carers will complete a mobile phone form from the school office and will hand it into the school office.
- I agree that the school will monitor the websites I visit and that there will be consequences if I don't follow the rules.

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Primary Futures

Learning about the range of jobs and careers available to our pupils is so important and we link this to the curriculum wherever we can. Pippin have this week enjoyed meeting a female dairy farmer and have learned all about this vital industry; other classes have taken part in virtual author sessions, meeting real writers.

Children's Mental Health Week: 'My Voice Matters'

Mrs Monk, our SENDCo, is leading a special assembly on this vital issue next week. There are lots of resources and ideas on this website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

We take mental health very seriously, covering this in the curriculum and giving the children access to a daily 'Place2Be' room where they can access ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) support at lunchtimes. And, of course, they can speak to any trusted adult if they have any worries. The PTA are gifting a special key ring to every child to mark this event. Below are some conversation starters which parents/carers can use to get their children talking about mental health.

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
5-11 FEB 2024

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

- TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY
- WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?
- WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?
- WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?
- WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

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Parent/Carer Uniform Consultation

The Governors and the school staff would like to review our school uniform, in order to make it simple, practical, smart and cost-effective. We are **not** looking at major changes. We would like to move to **ONE** polo shirt colour, **ONE** style of jumper/cardigan and charcoal trousers/shorts/skirts. Points to note:

1. The current choice of white **or** purple polo shirts means that the uniform is a muddle of colour combinations.
2. The current choice of jumpers/fleeces make the choices wide ranging but confusing.
3. Having a choice of black or charcoal (for trousers, tailored shorts, skirts or pinafores) means some children wear black leggings and jean-style trousers.
4. Gingham dresses will always be a summer option.
5. No change to PE uniform: Purple PE T-shirt, Purple PE Hoody, black shorts or sports bottoms.
6. Changes would come in for September.

We would love to have your views. Please complete the survey via this link:

<https://forms.gle/HsmoVAifagDdZMPz9>

Water Street Parking

Unfortunately, Water Street neighbours are reporting that they have parents parking opposite their driveway. Although not completely obstructing the drive, as the road becomes really narrow, having cars in front of their driveway makes it impossible to get in and out. Please could parents/carers not park opposite driveways on this road where the road is narrow. Thank you.

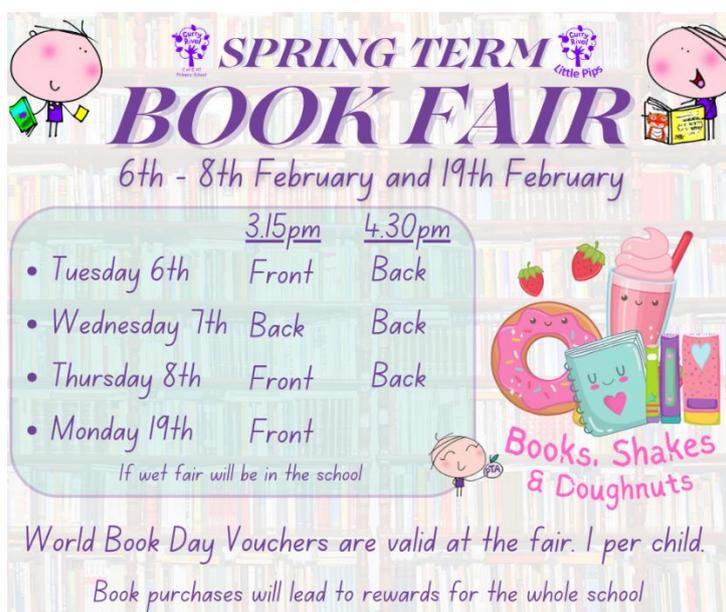
Message from the PTA

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Book Fair 6th - 8th and 19th February

Our Book Fair will be open at both the 3.15pm and 4.30pm pick up. Please note the different locations. We will have doughnuts and milkshakes available at both too. The children will be able to view the books during the school day and write their wish lists.



The poster features a light blue background with a bookshelf pattern. At the top, it says 'SPRING TERM' in purple, flanked by two cartoon children. Below that, 'BOOK FAIR' is written in large, bold, purple letters. The dates '6th - 8th February and 19th February' are written in a cursive font. A table lists the days and times: Tuesday 6th (Front at 3.15pm, Back at 4.30pm), Wednesday 7th (Back at 3.15pm, Back at 4.30pm), Thursday 8th (Front at 3.15pm, Back at 4.30pm), and Monday 19th (Front at 3.15pm, Back at 4.30pm). To the right of the table are illustrations of a donut, a milkshake, and books. Below the table, it says 'Books, Shakes & Doughnuts' in pink. At the bottom, it says 'World Book Day Vouchers are valid at the fair. 1 per child.' and 'Book purchases will lead to rewards for the whole school'.

| | 3.15pm | 4.30pm |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| • Tuesday 6th | Front | Back |
| • Wednesday 7th | Back | Back |
| • Thursday 8th | Front | Back |
| • Monday 19th | Front | Back |

If wet fair will be in the school

Books, Shakes & Doughnuts

World Book Day Vouchers are valid at the fair. 1 per child.

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Sausage Sandwiches - 8th February

Don't forget to pre-order a tasty treat for the last day of this half of term by Tuesday 6th.



Mr Siver's SAUSAGE SANDWICHES

PREORDER BY TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

£2 each

8th February

Front playground from 8.20am

Veggie sausage option available

Scan for PTA shop

The poster features a central illustration of a sausage sandwich with various fillings. To the left is a price tag icon, and to the right is a QR code. The background is a mix of dark red and orange.

Brighten Up Your Day - 8th February

Let's brighten up the day to end Mental Health Week. Kids can wear their brightest clothes in return for bringing in a treat for our Easter raffle.



8th February

Non Uniform

Brighten Up Your Day!

Dress up in your brightest clothes.

No money needed just donate sweets, chocolate, an easter egg or a snack for our Easter Raffle.

Please no make-up, face paints or hair dye.

The poster has a vibrant red background with yellow accents. It features a cartoon girl character and a large basket of colorful lollipops and sweets.

PTA Meeting - 22nd February

Come and join us for a drink to help us plan the next events.



World Book Day- Thursday 7th March 2024- Advance notice

This year's theme is all about embracing the unique reading choices of each child. With this in mind, we invite the children to come in dressed up as the character that they would most like to see in a story. We welcome them creating their own character and letting their imaginations run wild, however they can choose a pre-existing one if they prefer. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young readers to express themselves and share their interests with their class

Please can they also bring along their favourite reading material on the day- be it a book, a magazine or anything else that captivates their imagination. Let's make this World Book Day a celebration of diversity, creativity and the joy of reading.

Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

| Class | Number of lates last week | Number of lates this week |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pippin | 0 | 3 |
| Maigold | 1 | 0 |
| Gala | 3 | 4 |
| Discovery | 2 | 2 |
| Camelot | 5 | 4 |
| Blenheim | 3 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 16 |

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.

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| Minutes late per day during the school year | Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year |
|---|--|
| 5 mins | 3.4 days |
| 10 mins | 6.9 days |
| 15 mins | 10.3 days |
| 20 mins | 13.8 days |
| 30 mins | 20.7 days |

Attendance

Overall school attendance: 94.87% (Target 96%)

Class attendance award: Discovery (96.9%)

Most improved class attendance: Maigold

Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Elsie
 Maigold: Molly
 Gala: Annabelle and Ailsa
 Discovery: Anna
 Camelot: Sienna
 Blenheim: Poppy

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Delilah
 Gala: Ella
 Discovery: David
 Camelot: Miila
 Blenheim: Poppy

50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Ailsa
 Discovery: Bobbie
 Camelot: Noah, Oakley, Toby H, Ashton, Leo, Freddie, Mia-Rose, Harrison, Annmiya
 Blenheim: Dulcie, Scott, Rupert

School swimming achievement (Discovery): Lizzie, Lexi-Mae, Henry

Book Token Awards:

Pippin: Florence
 Maigold: Arthur
 Gala: Izabelle
 Discovery: Lilly-May
 Camelot: Noah
 Blenheim: Riley

Big School Bird Watch: Finlo

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Fivehead Drama group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at The Crown Inn in Fivehead. We range in age from 13 to 80(something) and do try to make our performances fun – not only for the audience, but also for the cast and crew.

We aim to present two shows a year; our famous panto in mid to late January, and a revue in summer – usually July – showcasing local talent with sketches, music and comedy.

If ever you feel like treading the boards, experienced or not, you can give us a try – we are especially keen to see young talent develop.

We are also in need of backstage support; so whether you can build, make or step up on the night as stagehands, we'd like to hear from you.

For details of our next planned meeting, or just to have a chat about how you (and/or your children) can be involved, contact

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| Director | Kevin Stevens | kevinmstevens11@gmail.com |
| Secretary | John Crossland | wildmouse@windowlive.co.uk |

Have a good weekend. Please note that there will be no Weekly Update or Celebration Assembly next week- Friday 9th February is a staff training day. We return to school on Monday 19th February, after the half-term break.

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