



Year R Newsletter Spring 2 2026

This half term



What a fantastic start to 2026 we've had! The children have loved diving into our *Once Upon a Story* topic. We had to make and find a missing Gingerbread man, build a house for the Three little pigs that was huff and puff proof and we have planted seeds to see what magic might grow! It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for storytelling and creative learning.



Half term project



As a continuation of this half term, the children will have brought home a magic bean that has been planted at school this week. We have been learning all about how to look after the plant to help it grow. Using your Tapestry account, we would love to see some uploaded videos of the children at home looking after their plant and spotting any growth. We will be sharing these videos in the first week back to school after the half term break. Watch out for the teachers uploading theirs too!

Next half term

Our Topic next half term will be called Unplugged based on the book by Steve Antony. The story follows Blip who loves her computer, using it to help her learn, play and see the world- all day long. One day, a power cut leads her to leave the house where she discovers the joy of being outside. 'Unplugged' is a tale about the joy of disconnecting from technology and embracing the great outdoors. Blip will join the children at school as a character who knows nothing about the great outdoors. We will be encouraging the children to teach her all about plants and animals and how great it is to enjoy the seasons and being outside.



Upcoming events

Next half term is very busy for such a short term! Below is a list and some information about events and activities.

Monday 23rd February- Term starts

Welly Walks- Next half term welly walks will begin! They will be on Thursday 26th February and Thursday 12th March. A separate letter has gone out about this. If you are able to support on the walk, please remember to return your slip to either the office or your child's class teacher as soon as possible.



Parents evening- Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March. Please see Arbor to book your appointments. This appointment is a great check in where we will be celebrating your child's journey at school so far, discussing their progress and what might happen next. Bookings will go live on Monday 23rd February.

World book day- Thursday 5th March- In year R we would like to extend the celebration of stories beyond the dress up day on Thursday 5th March. We would like to see if we can add to the pleasure of reading books by inviting parents/carers/ grandparents in across some of the afternoons that week to be a mystery reader! If you could come to school between 1.30-2.30 on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday of the week commencing Monday 2nd March, then please speak to your child's class teacher to let us know when you might be able to come in and share stories with groups of children. It would be great to be able to surprise the children with some V.I.P visitors!



British Science Week Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March- Across the week the children will be enjoying taking part in different investigations each afternoon. We will be learning about different scientists, how birds make their nests, materials we can use to look after important things, similarities and differences between animals and making posters about exciting things we have learnt.



Ducklings! On Monday 16th March we have a very special delivery. We will be looking after some eggs and watching the magic of what happens when the ducklings hatch. We will learn how to look after them and watch them grow. The ducklings will be staying with us for 2 weeks and we can't wait!

Eid- Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March- This year we will be exploring the celebration of Eid. If anyone can support us with some items to show the children or any traditions we can share, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Easter Bonnet Parade Thursday 26th March- Please see separate letter for event information.

Sponsored Bounce- Friday 27th March- Please see separate letter for event information.

End of Term Friday 27th March