

World Book Day

This was a huge success which saw pupils enjoy dressing up and reading for the day. Even Shelly got dressed up as the rainbow fish!



Reading is a golden thread in school and a vital life skill and there are many reasons we continue to encourage you to support reading at home:

Helps Children Learn New Words:

Reading helps children grow their vocabulary and improve their understanding of words, which makes school work easier.

Great Time to Bond: Reading together is a wonderful way for parents and children to spend quality time and share stories.

Boosts Imagination: Books take children to new worlds and help them use their imagination to create pictures in their minds, sparking creativity.

Improves Focus: Reading helps children develop better concentration and attention, skills they'll use in all areas of life.

Fosters a Love for Learning: When parents read at home, it shows children that learning is exciting and important. This can make them love reading and learning more!

Better School Success: Studies show that children who read regularly at home often do better in school. Early reading makes a big difference!

Understanding Emotions: Books often show different feelings and situations, which can help children understand their own emotions and learn empathy for others.

Sparks Curiosity: Reading opens up new ideas, places, and experiences, helping children stay curious and eager to learn more about the world.

By encouraging reading at home, parents are helping their children grow into curious, confident learners. Let's keep turning pages and exploring new adventures together!

Comic Relief

A huge thank you to all our families for their generous donations of cakes and red-themed items for our Comic Relief fundraising event. The School Council has been leading this campaign with great enthusiasm, and children across the school have been learning about Comic Relief, Red Nose Day, and how the money raised will support charities both in the UK and around the world. Children are invited to wear red to school tomorrow and bring a small cash donation (suggested £1). We hope to see as many families as possible on the top playground after school on **Friday, 21st March**, where you can buy cakes and take part in our tombola. The stalls will be cash only, with tombola tickets priced at 50p each—every ticket is a winner! Cake prices will vary. All proceeds will go directly to Comic Relief, so thank you again for your support!

Diary Dates

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day (School Council will send further details – pupils are invited to wear red clothing to school)

Tuesday 25th March: Miss Bower's class to Kirkstall Abbey

Wednesday 26th March: Miss Bower's class to Kirkstall Abbey

Friday 28th March: Year 2 to the Little Sing

Friday 4th April – Last day in school before the Easter Holiday starts.

Tuesday 22nd April – Children return to school

Uniform

Scan the QR code below to access the uniform exchange page on Facebook.



Fundraising

Reminder - If you are shopping online, please scan the QR code below and go through easyfundraising. It costs you nothing and a small percentage goes to school – every little helps.



Den Donations

A big thank you to families who have donated branches and large sticks for our den-building activities. The children are loving the opportunity to construct and play in their dens as part of our OPAL play initiative. Please continue to collect and drop off any suitable materials either at the front of the school or by one of the dens on the top or middle playground. Your contributions are helping to create exciting outdoor play spaces for all our children to enjoy!

Beep Beep! Campaign: Keeping Our Streets Safe

As you have seen in previous newsletters, staff have been out before and after school to help keep the streets around school safe during drop-off and collection. We appreciate your support in reducing congestion, parking safely, and avoiding idling engines, which can have a negative impact on air quality and health. You may have also noticed our local PCSOs assisting with this initiative, as they too are keen to ensure the safety of our school community. To further support this, children in phase 2 will be taking part in lessons about the Beep Beep! campaign, helping them understand road safety and how to navigate streets carefully. We all want to keep our children safe, and your cooperation is greatly valued.



Celebration

The girls in Year 5/6 are currently taking part in the Stanway Football League they have had an exceptional start, and they are currently at the top of the league table. The girls have shone in all areas, not just on the pitch but also in their supportive, nurturing and team focussed approach we are so proud of them!



Attendance

Our school target is 97%. At present we are behind our school target, and it stands at 95.7%.

Please help by making attendance and punctuality a priority.

To date the classes with the best attendance this year are:

- Phase 1 - Willow 3 96.55%
- Phase 2 - Rowan 4 - 97.21%

If your child is absent, please telephone the school attendance officer **as soon as possible - ideally before 9am** on the first day of absence (and each subsequent day of absence) on 0113 2686104

We will be celebrating the classes with the best attendance this half term as usual with a Pizza party at present the classes that are in the lead are:

- Phase 1 - Cherry 2 - 98.06%
- Phase 2 - Maple 6 - 98.38%

Safeguarding Team: Mr. German, Miss Hill, Miss Pattenden, Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Shaw & Mr. Arundale.