

Heeley's Highlights

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Well what a fabulous book week we have had!
On Monday I launched a challenge for each class to complete related to a book. The children have done a great job of this and hopefully you have been able to share some of the work this afternoon. Each day we have had a 'Mystery Reader', with it being myself on Monday.
On Tuesday we were joined by author Ian Billings. He shared some poetry with the children and then they completed a workshop with him on settings or characters. The children really enjoyed his visit and he definitely made them laugh.
On Wednesday our Mystery Reader was Headteacher from NJS, Mrs Moody. The enjoyed listening to Giraffes can't dance' and thought about how the book teaches us about courage.
Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day with a parade of our costumes. This was wonderful to see and the children enjoyed looking at all the different costumes. Thank you for your help and creativity.
Our Mystery Reader was a daddy of one of our Reception children, Mr White, who is also an author and has four books published. He read his first children's book 'The Anxious Knight' and this taught the children the importance of speaking up when they are worried about something. In the afternoon, the children chose a story they wanted to hear and went with one of the adults to read it.
This morning we had our last Mystery Reader of the week, our Chair of Governors, Mr Titmus. He shared 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' which the children really loved. We held our Book Swap, so the children were able to swap a book and take home a different one to keep. Lots of you joined us for the end of the day to share a story with your child and see some of their work. Reading is such an important, life long skill and weeks like this really help to keep the focus on how crucial it is.
Have a super weekend and keep on reading!
Mrs Heeley, Headteacher

Author Visit with Ian Billings









Mystery Readers

Mrs Moody from NJS





Author Mr White

Governor Mr Titmus

World Book Day 2026













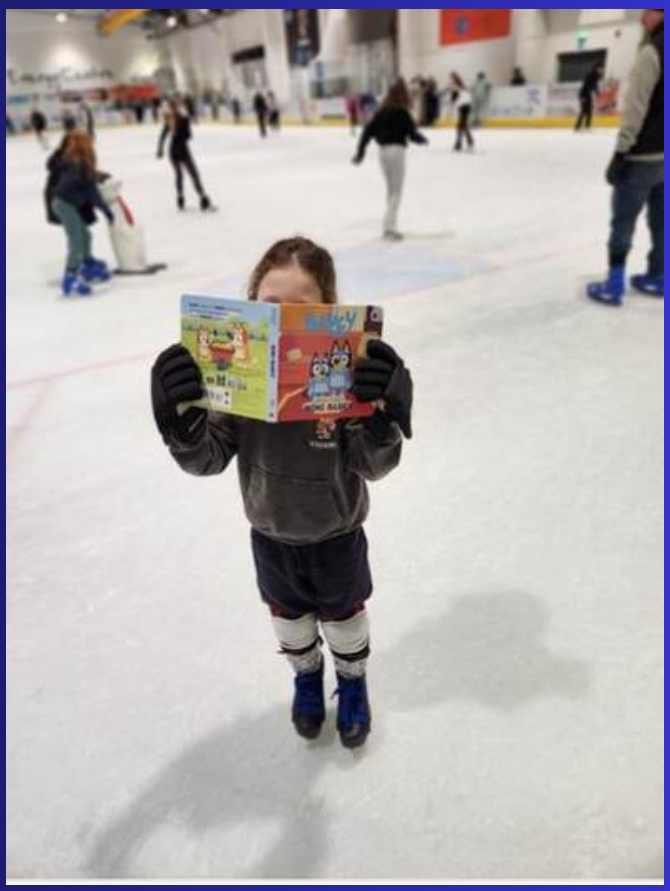




Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Get Caught Reading' Challenge. We were blown away by your amazing photos and places to read, and it made it really hard for the Reading Champions to choose our winners! However, we managed to make our choices:



Reception : Fenn reading on a tractor at the farm



Year One: Margot reading whilst ice skating



Year 2 : Albert reading to Paddington Bear

These children were rewarded with a £10 gift voucher to buy some new books



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



From everyone in school to:

Birthdays this week

Shawn in Oak Class is now 4 years old
Harry B in Fox Class is now 5 years old
Buddy in The Den is now 6 years old
Ilkay in Hedegehog Class is now 6 years old
Ava T and Layla in Deer Class are now 7 years old

Headteacher's Award



Blake in Rabbit Class for choosing to write during lunchtime playtime, sounding out words and listening well to a Y1 pupil to write about being a good friend. What a superstar Blake!

Isabelle in Badger Class for really trying hard to work independently on your Katie story. What a super book you have made and lovely handwriting!

Well done both!

Gold Star Awards

Oak Class

Evan, for a super week at Nursery and for being a kind and helpful friend.
Well done Evan, we're so proud of you!

Den Class

William, this week we have really seen your independence and determination grow. You have enjoyed Art and History, joining your Hedgehog Class friends, and have listened so well in many whole-school assemblies celebrating 'Book Week'. Well done William, you have been a star!

Fox Class

Maeve, you have loved finding out about Africa this week and have shared your brilliant ideas about the African fruits that you tasted. Great work Maeve!

Rabbit Class

Amelia, you always try your hardest. Recently you have been working hard to complete all the REACH activities – doing the very best you can and you are so proud of what you do when you keep on going! You are a super role-model, Amelia. Keep it up!

Hedgehog Class

Sienna, for working hard in your activities and writing for book week. You have shown a positive attitude towards your learning this week. You worked really hard in our author workshop and had super ideas for the settings. I am really impressed with your engagement this week Sienna, well done!

Squirrel Class

Elliot, for always trying your best with everything that you do. You are always 'locked in to your learning' and do a super job with your work. I am especially impressed with your reading as you are becoming a confident, fluent reader. Well done Elliot, keep up the great work!

Badger Class

Poppy, for a fantastic Katie story 'Katie and the Haunted House.' You wrote in the style of James Mayhew and used expanded noun phrases and a range of sentence types and punctuation! An imaginative and excellent piece of writing!

Deer Class

Albert, for his fantastic Katie story 'Katie and the Weird Weeping Woman'! You wrote clearly in the style of the author James Mayhew, used lots of expanded noun phrases, different sentence types and even started using speech marks! It was a pleasure to read.

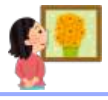
Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat

Dates for your diary



Click here to see our term dates

March

Thurs 12th	Year 2 visit to The New Arts Gallery Walsall 
Friday 13th	Wear Mufti in exchange for an Easter Egg 
Mon 16th	 Year 1 visit to Stafford Castle
Mon 23th	Year 2 Parent Consultations 1-3pm
Tues 24th	Reception Classes Parent Consultations 1-3pm
Wed 25th	Year 2 Big Sing 4-5pm Details to have been emailed 
Thurs 26th	Year 1 Parent Consultations 1-3pm
Thurs 26th	The Den Parent Consultations 1-3pm
Thurs 26th	All School Parent Consultations including The Den and Nursery 3.30 - 6.30pm
Fri 27th	Easter Egg Raffle (£1 donation) and Easter Treasure Hunt **Last Day of Term.** 

April

Mon 20th	9-10am Parent drop in to talk about our Behaviour Policy



IMPORTANT NOTICES



Please remember
Classroom Doors open from **8.45-8.55am.** After this time, children will have to come in to school through the main entrance and will be signed in as late.

If your child attends **High 5** club, Please remember that breakfast stops being served at **8.30am.**



Site Security
Each year the governors have to complete a site security audit. It is important to hear all your views. Please take a couple of minutes to complete this short survey.
https://forms.office.com/e/hzVVmKw7Zf?origin=lprLink

Parent Consultation Letters came home this week. Please return them to the teacher ASAP, as spaces get allocated on a first come, first served basis.
Many thanks

Next Friday we invite the children to come to school in Mufti (own clothes) in exchange for an Easter Egg please (any size).





Year 2 – The Big Sing

Burton Borough School

Year 2 are taking part in The Big Sing at Burton Borough School. This is a wonderful musical celebration where local schools come together to perform for each other and sing as one big choir in front of a live audience.

They have been learning the songs in their music lessons, and our Song Squad have even been doing extra lunchtime rehearsals. We would be thrilled for your child to join us for this special event. During the afternoon, staff will walk the children across the field to Burton Borough School for a rehearsal ahead of the performance.

What we need from you

Please complete the form below to let us know to let us know whether your child will be taking part, how many tickets you require
Click here to complete the form **THE BIG SING FORM**

Please do this **by midday on Monday 9th March** so that we can confirm final numbers with the Music Leader at Burton Borough and ensure tickets are organised in time.
We hope your child will be able to join us—The Big Sing is always a memorable and uplifting experience for everyone involved.

Event details

- Wednesday 25th March
- Performance starts at 4.00pm at Burton Borough School

Collection:

Children will be dismissed from the Burton Borough School Hall at the end of the performance (approximately 4.45–5.00pm)

Ticket information

Each child taking part can have **up to 2 tickets** for parents/carers. If you would like to request additional tickets, please indicate this on the form and we will do our best to help, depending on availability.
If your child is **not taking part,** they will stay at school and need to be collected as normal from the infants.



ATTENDANCE

Fox Class	98.85%
Rabbit Class	96.05%
Hedgehog Class	93.55%
Squirrel Class	97.86%
Badger Class	94.25%
Deer Class	96.30%
The Den	100%

Our whole school attendance this week is 96.71%



Mrs Heeley says: Well, done, much improved from last week, keep going!

Next week I will be staying in Den Class as they have the highest attendance this week! Well done!



Absence

Please report all absences to the school office **before 9.00am** on **01952 386610** or email **A2074@telford.gov.uk**. Thank you.

Please Read:

Attendance and punctuality are essential for every child's success in school and beyond. At an infant school, these habits are particularly important as they lay the foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. As emphasised throughout the Department for Education's 'Working Together to Improve Attendance.' regular attendance ensures that children fully benefit from high-quality teaching and the rich curriculum that we offer at Newport Infant School and Nursery.

Our Ready Eddies this week are



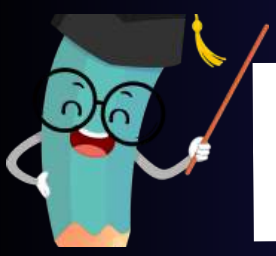
Fox Class	Harby, Harper, Finn, Andrew, Darcey, Isaac, Maeve, Nigazhini, Amelia, Hope, Isla, Jack, Joseph, Luca, Mabel, Nellie, Zayn, Angel and Tommy
Rabbit Class	Amelia, Til and Rosie
Hedgehog Class	Isaac, Mia G, Livenna, Elliott, Ilkay, Mason, Margot, Oscar, Sienna, Amritpal and Theo
Squirrel Class	Hugo T, Chloe, Harry and Will C
Badger Class	Asher, Zia, Reuben F, Isabelle, Freddie, George, Ashton and Ava T
Deer Class	Toby, Oscaar, Betsy, Taylon, Hanna, Darcie-Mai, Arthur, Isaac, Isabelle and Reign
Den Class	Buddy, McKenna





Handwriting Heroes

Fox Class	Francesca, Harry B, Harry H, Hudson, Isaac, Margot, Hope, Lyla, Maisie, Oscar, Pippin and Teddie
Rabbit Class	Grace and Mia
Hedgehog Class	Isaac, Alfie, Ava, Pragasti and Toby
Squirrel Class	Hugo H and Chloe
Deer Class	Bobby-George, Phoebe, Charlotte and Finn
Badger Class	Kane, Layla-rae, Dylan, Freddie and Jack



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Our wise owl readers this week are

Fox Class	Francesca
Rabbit Class	Fenn
Hedgehog Class	Lydia
Squirrel Class	Bradley
Badger Class	Sophia
Deer Class	Taylon



Maths Certificates
Most Improved Awards

	1	2	3
Y2	Theo	Elijah	Dylan
Y1	Hugo T	Katie	Radiyah
YR	Nigazhini	Harry B	Harby





Well done!



Lunch Menu

Week beginning: 9th March
we will be following **WEEK 1**



WEEK 1

MONDAY
Big Breakfast *Farm Assured Sausage, Bacon, Free Range Scrambled Egg*

Vegetarian Sausage, Free Range Scrambled Egg V

Hash Browns, Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Mousse or Strawberry and Vanilla Swirl Mousse

TUESDAY
Pizza bar *selection of toppings including* **Ham, Pineapple** V, **Peppers** V, **Sweetcorn** V, **Onions** V

Cheese and Tomato Pizza V

Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate Crunch

WEDNESDAY
Beef Bolognaise *Farm Assured Minced Beef in a Chef's Rich Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread*

Quorn Bolognaise V

Pasta Twists, Carrots, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Strawberry Sponge and Custard

THURSDAY
Chicken Goujons with Tomato or BBQ Sauce

Quorn Dunkers V

Boiled Rice, Jacket Wedges, Sweetcorn, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Oat and Raisin Cookie

FRIDAY
Jumbo Fish Finger *White fillet of fish coated in breadcrumbs* **or Fishcake**

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Pasta Bake V

Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream



Be Kind

WEEK 2

MONDAY
Pizza bar *selection of toppings including* **Ham, Pineapple** V, **Peppers** V, **Sweetcorn** V, **Onions** V

Cheese and Tomato Pizza V

Spaghetti in a Rich Tomato Sauce, Sweetcorn, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Mousse or Strawberry and Vanilla Swirl Mousse

TUESDAY
Wrap Day *various fillings available* **Hot Chicken, Ham or Tuna**

Cheese Wrap V

Jacket Wedges, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Fruit Muffin Selection

WEDNESDAY
Pork Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding *Farm Assured Pork Sausage*

Vegetarian Balls V

Roast Potatoes, Creamed Potato, Carrots, Cauliflower, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY
Sweet and Sour Chicken *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Sweet and Sour Sauce* **or BBQ Chicken** *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's BBQ Sauce*

Quorn Nuggets V

Boiled Rice, Noodles, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream

BE SAFE

FRIDAY
Battered Fish *White fillet of fish coated in a light batter* **or Jumbo Fish Finger** *White fillet of fish coated in breadcrumbs*

Vegetable and Mixed Bean Pasta Bake V

Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Fruity Friday – Cooks' choice of Fruit based Pudding

Sandwich Option
Packed lunch available

FUN FOOD FACT
Potatoes were the first vegetable to be grown in space.

WEEK 3

MONDAY
Hot Dog *Farm Assured Pork Sausage in a Soft Bread Roll with Tomato Ketchup*

Quorn Dog *Quorn Sausage in a Soft Bread Roll with Tomato Ketchup* V

Potato Smiles, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Cookie Selection

TUESDAY
Chicken in Tomato Sauce *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Tomato Sauce*

Macaroni Cheese *Macaroni Pasta in a Creamy Cheese Chef's Sauce* V

Pasta Twists, Big Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Iced Fruit Sponge

WEDNESDAY
Sausage Roll *Farm Assured Pork Sausage meat encased in Puff Pastry*

Quorn Vegetarian Roll V

Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Golden Shortbread

THURSDAY
Chicken Korma *Farm Assured Chicken in a Chef's Korma Sauce*

Quorn Korma Curry *Tender Quorn pieces in a Chef's Korma Sauce* V

Boiled Rice, Carrots, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad Selection, Naan Bread

Fresh Fruit Salad

FRIDAY
Battered Fish *White fillet of fish coated in a light batter* **or Jumbo Fish Finger** *White fillet of fish coated in breadcrumbs*

Quorn Dunkers V

Chips, Couscous, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Seasonal Salad Selection, Bread

Arctic Roll or Ice Cream

FUN FOOD FACT
A pomegranate can hold up to 1400 seeds.

BE READY

Spring Term 2026	
5 JAN	WK 1
12 JAN	WK 2
19 JAN	WK 3
26 JAN	WK 1
2 FEB	WK 2
9 FEB	WK 3
16 FEB - HALF TERM	
23 FEB	WK 2
2 MAR	WK 3
9 MAR	WK 1
16 MAR	WK 2
23 MAR	WK 3



Packed Lunches

Please note, lunchbox rubbish is sent home so that you can see what has been eaten. If your child brings grapes or mini eggs, please cut them in half lengthways to prevent any potential choking hazards. For healthy lunchbox ideas, follow this link:
https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Please Note

We have been asked to promote this club.

We advise you do your own checks on safeguarding

