

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th February

Wear your scarf to school day

Monday 14th February

PTA - Wear Pink/Red for
valentine's day

Friday 18th February

End of Spring Term 1

Monday 28th February

Spring Term 2 Begins

28.02.22-04.03.22

World Book Week

Wednesday 2nd March

Y1 visit from Quirks Animal
Roadshow

Wednesday 16th March

Yr R visit to Rushell Farm

Friday 18th March

Red Nose Day

Saturday 2nd April

Love your school day 9am to
3pm (see PTA page for more
details)

Tuesday 5th April

Parent consultations (TBC)

Wednesday 6th April

Parent consultations (TBC)

School News



We hope the children have enjoyed Mental Health in Children Week and the activities they have been involved in. It was wonderful to see so many brightly coloured scarves in school today.



Love Your School Day - Saturday 2nd April 9am-3pm
We love our school and hope that you all do too. We are always striving to make improvements to our facilities, but our budget doesn't always stretch as far as we would like it to.... That's where you come in. We are looking for volunteers to come and help us to sand and repaint our log cabin, help to clear the pond area and assist with some general gardening. In return we will provide refreshments and that warm glowing feeling that you get in your stomach when you know you have done a good turn! 😊 Interested? Please sign up via the office for as little as an hour – many hands make light work! Thank you in advance.



On the subject of love, please remember that that PTA are raising funds for the repair of the EYFS pagoda, as well as new software for our library. They have asked for a donation of £1 on **Monday 14th February**, in return for the children wearing something **pink/red** for the day.



Some of you may have noticed a new book in your child's book bags this week. Mrs Tanner has been working tirelessly to get our library up and running again, and now we can keep a computerised record the books that are taken home, which makes the library much more accessible to classes as it is much less time consuming. Keep an eye out for details of your child's library day and ensure that books are returned in good condition and promptly.



It seems we have some unwanted visitors in school this week – head lice! Please can we ask everyone to check their child's hair this weekend and treat as necessary so we can all come back nit free next week!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

PTA AGM Dates - TBC

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,
Sian Killen, Charmaine
Kelly**

Monday 14th February



Wear **Pink/Red** for valentine's day

Saturday 2nd April, 9am – 3pm

LOVE YOUR SCHOOL

In order to improve the use of the outdoor learning areas, we'd like some volunteers to assist in:

- Sanding and repaint the outdoor learning cabin
- Clear/ridy the pond
- General gardening

To offer assistance, whether an hour or more, please sign up via the office.

Refreshments provided!

A week of love in Little Acorns! We have fully embraced Valentine's Day and the children have enjoyed making cards for someone special using their painting skills. The children have independently drawn on heart shaped pieces of paper using different colour felt tip pens- allowing their fine motor and focusing skills to develop.

During our weekly Friday yoga session we all took a moment of thoughtfulness to pause and think about how we were feeling. Some children were able to expression their emotions such as "happy" whilst others could show their emotions with a smile.

During the week the children have been able to explore how different emotions might look by putting together different facial features with our emotion blocks.

In maths we talked about positional language, and we challenged the children to place different items- 'on top of' 'next to' 'under' or 'inside'.

The children enjoyed exploring in the 'The dinosaur that pooped a Rainbow' activity tray. Some children were able to sort the dinosaurs in big, medium, and small independently which is brilliant.

We read the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'- the children were fascinated to discover what the brown bear could see. We went on our own walk into the big school playground to discover what we could see! Walking independently is a really important skill. The children are taught to walk at a safe speed whilst holding onto the safety rope as a group. Maybe this weekend you can practise holding your child's hand whilst going for a little walk.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

Well done to Acorns for learning so much about The Very Hungry Caterpillar and how he changed this week! We have enjoyed learning about the changes in the life cycle of a caterpillar, and how they change. We have talked about and sorted healthy and not so healthy foods. We have loved role playing in our 'Cafe', and have enjoyed weighing food to cook, being chefs and serving food to the customers! We have enjoyed making caterpillars and butterflies in the art area.

Next week, we will be reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and Elmer stories thinking about the different colours they are.

On Wednesdays for Outdoor Learning, please can your child wear shoes or boots that are easy for them to take on and off to aid the children's independence when they are changing into their wellie boots.

Maple and Beech class (Reception)

In Reception this week we have been reading and learning the story of, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We retold the story with puppets; we made trolls and tried to write sentences about them.

In maths, we have been playing games with one more and one less. We have also been playing memory games and spotting 6, 7 and 8 in different ways.

In outdoor learning we worked on our team skills trying to cross a 'river' with hoops. We also worked together to make bridges using crates and planks.

We have read different stories about feelings each day as part of children's Mental Health Week.

A reminder our walk in the local area is next Wednesday, please make sure children are in shoes suitable for walking and have a coat.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year One we have read and started to learn the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. See if your child can recall the main characters, the African animals and fruits in the story. Some of us have made our own story maps and some of us have answered comprehension questions about the story. We all enjoyed sampling some of the delicious fruits in our snack time.

In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of number bonds to 10 / 20 using counters and 'tens frames' and 'numicon' to help us. We have then used our knowledge of number bonds to record addition sentences. We have also learnt that we can partition numbers (split them into two smaller numbers) to make addition easier. (for example to work out $8 + 5$, we can split the 5 into $2 + 3$, then do $8 + 2$ first in our head (since we know this makes 10) then add on the 3)

In D.T. we have used the skills built up over the last few weeks to design our own moving 'fairytale' pictures. We were able to choose our own mechanisms, 'levers', 'sliders' or 'pivots' or a combination of any of these. See if your child can explain how they intend for their pictures to move. Perhaps also see if they can tell you the directions on a compass, because we all made our own pretend compasses and used these to follow directions in the playground.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in year 2, we've been very busy as always!

In English, we've been reading the book, 'Journey', by Aaron Becker. As it's just a picture book, the children have had to come up with their own ideas and vocabulary to re-write the story. They've done a super job, and have even thought about the different emotions which the main character experiences as the story progresses.



In maths, we're back to looking at 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been counting sides, faces and vertices, plus using shapes to make repeating patterns. Ask your child how many 2D and 3D shape names they can remember, and whether they can describe them to you using mathematical language.

We've done lots of ICT too this week, using Ipads to take photographs. The children have been thinking about what makes a good photograph and having a go at using a frame to take their own pictures.

We've continued to work through the Great Grimms bundle with Sir Linkalot.

And finally, some exciting news for after half term - Ms Duncan will be starting a choir after school on a Tuesday! The first session will be a taster session, so children can try it out just to see if it's for them. Who knows, we might discover the next Ariana Grande or Justin Bieber!! More details to follow...

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have been learning all about the Winter Olympics. We have discussed the different events that they take part in and some of the children said they have been watching at home too!

We have tried lots of the events ourselves.... we tried skiing, ice hockey, curling and the tobogganing. The children really enjoyed trying these games and then watching some of the real life events!

We also had fun finding out which materials slid across the ice the best. Well done to all our Bees this week.

Friend



Dani Yr1

Dinner



Elliott Yr1

Playtime



Dylan T Yr2



Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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