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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of Spring one term! The children have learnt so much and enjoyed the Forest school sessions, trips and workshops. It's also been great to have numerous class sharing assemblies and we have been impressed by the pride and enthusiasm the children have taken in their work.

Author visit We were thrilled to welcome **Abena Eyeson** to our school on Monday. Abena spoke to the children about why she wrote *Running My Own Race* and about her childhood. The talk was inspirational. She remained determined, ambitious and resilient to become an author. Abena read part of a chapter, and the children had an opportunity to ask her questions. Thank you to all the children who purchased her novel. We also have a few copies that can be borrowed from the school library.





We were proud to be supporting the **NSPCC Number Day**, combining maths fun with fundraising for a very important cause. The children enjoyed maths games, challenges and problem-solving activities designed to show just how exciting numbers can be. **Thank you for the £140.00 donations to help support the NSPCC's vital work.**



We will be celebrating **World Book Day** with a range of fun, book-themed activities to inspire a love of reading across the school. Mrs Keith will be sending a special letter about the events of the day including Neal Zetter visiting us and taking workshops in poetry. This will then lead to a grand Poetry Slam!

Children are invited to come in non-uniform, dressing in cosy dressed down clothes. We can't wait to promote reading for pleasure!



The Theme of **British Science Week** is Curiosity and will take place later in **March** and promises to be full of curiosity, discovery and hands-on investigations. Pupils will explore exciting experiments, take part in practical challenges and learn more about the world around them. We are looking forward to seeing our young scientists asking big questions and thinking creatively! **Our Science Ambassadors have jobs to do throughout the week too and have been planning the week with Mrs Pascutoi.** We look forward to your support and attendance to some of the events.



As we approach the spring half-term holiday, we are mindful that this period marks the beginning of several important religious and cultural observances for members of our school community.

When we return, some of our pupils and staff will be observing Ramadan. The Christian season of Lent will also be underway, and families celebrating the Lunar New Year will be marking this special time together.

We value the rich diversity within our school and look forward to recognising and celebrating these occasions, while continuing to promote understanding, respect, and appreciation for everyone’s faiths and cultural traditions. If you would like to support our celebrations by leading or contributing to a talk linked to a particular event, we would warmly welcome your involvement. Your contributions help enrich school life for all of our children.


We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February for what promises to be another busy and exciting half term.

Kind Regards

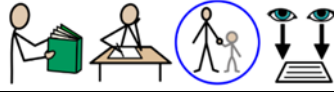
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Diary Dates for the Spring term

13/02/26	Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly 9.15am	
13/02/26	Break up Half term Holiday	
17/02/26	Ramadan begins (provisional date)	
17/02/26	Shrove Tuesday	
17/02/26	Happy Lunar New Year. Year of the Fire Horse Warm wishes to those marking this special Occasion.	
23/02/26	Pupils return to school	

24/02/26	Science Ambassadors visit to the Science Museum
25/02/26	Re-scheduled Year 6 Palaeontology Workshop
26/02/26	Portal to the Past Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop
<p>March and April</p> 	<p>Waste Week led by Eco Committee and School Council – details will be shared nearer the time.</p> <p>It's a great way to get the whole school working together, behind an environmental caring project.</p> <p>We will be discussing and checking the food waste created at snack time and lunchtime.</p> <p>We will be involved in getting our school grounds tidy and litter-free.</p>
03/03/26	Year 4 Verulamium Trip
04/03/26	Year 2 Florence Nightengale Workshop
05/03/26	World Book Day
05/03/26	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
06/03/26	Elm 1 Sharing Assembly at 2:45pm
09/03/26	British Science Week – further details to be sent
11/03/26	Cedar 3 Sharing Assembly
12/03/26	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
	<p>Our debut Music Concert</p> <p>There is no charge for tickets but there will be a collection for New Hope Charity in recognition of the theme of the song, 'Streets of London.' The PTA Friends of Highwood are also supporting the event by selling refreshments such as tea, coffee and cakes.</p> 
13/03/26	Friends of Highwood Mothers, Mum's and Other Lass' Pop up Shop
	

16/03/26	Bikeability lessons all week for some Year 5 pupils
17/03/26	St Patricks Day – Patron Saint of Ireland
19/03/26	Poplar 5 Sharing Assembly
20/03/26	Pine 1 Sharing Assembly 2.55pm
20/03/26	Eid ul-Fitr (provisional date) Warm wishes to those marking this special occasion.
24/03/26	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel fortnight 24 – 4th April
24/03/26	Parent Consultation Meetings
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27/03/26	Pupils break up. School Ends at 2.00pm Warm wishes to those marking the Easter special occasion.
13/04/26	Start of summer term
13/04/26	INSET Day – school closed to pupils. Staff training day
14/04/26	Pupils return
23/04/26	St George’s Day – Patron Saint of England
27/04/26	Book Look Day after school
	
	<p>Further events will be added</p> <p>We look forward to you helping and joining us at many of these events.</p>