

BUNNY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

30th January 2026 Newsletter

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Headteacher update

This term is really whizzing by and I can't believe we only have a couple of weeks left before half term.

It was really lovely to have Bible club at Chat in church on Wednesday. They enjoyed spending time in church, chatting to everyone and eating lots of cake!

This week the staff have been very busy taking part in a huge writing moderation with other teachers from the Rushcliffe Maintained Schools Alliance (RMSA) which we are part of. There were 146 teachers all comparing writing samples in childrens books and moderating the teachers judgements. We were delighted to see the high quality of writing from children in our school and it validated that our judgements are sound.

This week we have also had a QA visit from Jayne Bartlett -a school improvement advisor from the local authority, as we are in the OFSTED window this year. She was very impressed by what she saw as we did a learning walk around school and she commented on just how focussed the children were, the high quality of teaching the children receive and what a terrific school we have. We are having a number of visits from the local authority over the next few weeks as we prepare for our OFSTED inspection and next week we have a visit from Deepa Vasudevan to look at Diversity, equality, inclusion and belonging in our school. Again, we will be doing a learning walk, looking in childrens books and talking to the children about diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging at our school.

This week, we also did our first lockdown practice and I have to say just how amazing the children were. It was so calm, everyone reacted really quickly and the children followed the instructions to the letter! Next time we will practice a lockdown during a playtime so they can practice how to come inside quickly and safely. It is worth noting that it is useful if the children don't come to school in shoes that flash though, as these are easy to spot in darkened classrooms.

Just a reminder that on Tuesday Oak and Hawthorn classes will be going on their Magna science trip so need to be in school at 8.15am ready for the bus which leaves promptly at 8.30am. Don't be late!

NSPCC Number day is next Friday so children can come to school dressed in numbers ready to have a day of number fun!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

V. White

Victoria White, Head Teacher

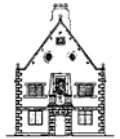


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Willow Class



This week in Willow we have had a fantastic week learning about zoo animals. We learnt why some animals are in zoo and how it can help the species if there aren't many left in the wild. We completed some descriptive writing based on the Brown Bear. In maths, reception have been practicing their subitising and explored what 1 more and 1 less looks like in numerals and on tens frames. Nursery have been exploring shapes and looking at jigsaws, moving pieces round to find the right shape. This week reception finished learning all their reception phonics GCP and have started reading and writing longer words. In SCARF the children discussed what a healthy mind might be like and talked about how mental health is as important as physical health.

Chestnut Class



Chestnut Class have begun exploring *The Dragon Machine* by Helen Ward, and the children are already captivated by the magical story. We had lots of fun searching for hidden dragons around the classroom and spotting the clever places they were hiding. The children then enjoyed drawing their own imaginative dragons and giving them creative names. Using our storytelling skills, we also invented our own whole class version of the Chinese zodiac tale, *The Great Race*. Everyone contributed wonderful ideas to retell the story with excuses from each animal for why they had not won the race. To finish the week, we took part in a special DT day where the children completed their very own moving dragon models.

Oak Class



In English, we finished publishing our adventure stories, with some children also designing the book cover and blurb. In Geography, we learned about the different types of mountains and how they are formed. In RE, we went on a virtual tour of a mosque, with a particular focus on the role of prayer in Muslim daily life. In maths, we have started our new unit on length and perimeter and have been looking at different measurement units. In Art, we began to design and make a collagraph printing plate with a focus on Mount Snowdon, we used a range of different materials to create our design and thought about how the textures might look once printed. We're looking forward to using these to print with in the next couple of weeks.

Hawthorn Class



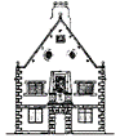
The children have enjoyed a productive week across the curriculum. In geography, they explored weather and climate, analysing climate graphs to compare rainfall and temperature patterns in different regions of Brazil before making comparisons with the UK. In English, they proudly published their impressive non-chronological reports on rainforest animals, showcasing their research and writing skills. In mathematics, the children developed their understanding of fractions by learning how to divide them, applying clear reasoning and problem-solving strategies. During tennis, they practised key skills including the forehand, backhand and volley. In design and technology, the children investigated the use of motors and experimented with creating wobble bots using a range of components. They examined the engineering behind Dyson vacuum cleaners and, through trial and error, explored how modifications to their designs affected movement.

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Celebrations and successes!

 STAR assembly S - Sensational effort T - Terrific teamwork A - Achievement R - Remarkable reasoning/ Remarkable writing	S	Albi - Oak Macie - Chestnut Maddie - Willow
	T	
	A	
	R	Isabella - Hawthorn
Class Recognition Award 	Willow	Bethany - Aspiration
	Chestnut	Isla - Aspiration
	Oak	Ettienne - Aspiration
	Hawthorn	Maddie - Respect
Headteacher award 	This week my award goes to Beatrice for being so resilient and aspirational with her learning. Bea is always smiling, happy and positive around school and is a joy to be around. Well done.	
Lunchtime award - Top Table 	This week the midday staff have chosen Amelia, Bethany, Ivy, Amelia, Thomas, Lillian, Darcey and India to be on the top table. Well done.	

School disco Friday 13th February 2026

At Bunny Village Hall from 5:30-7pm!

We really hope to see lots of the children there. It's a great way to start half term whilst raising money for our school.

Please book on via the link below to ensure we know how many children we have coming. Please ensure you put your child's name in the name reference box.

Thank you for your support!"

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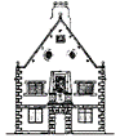


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Spring Diary dates

3/2/26	Oak and Hawthorn educational visit to Magna Science centre
4/2/26	Small Schools Athletics - 4-5.30 Invitation only
6/2/26	NSPCC Number day in school – Further information to follow
6/2/26	Rushcliffe Primary Schools Pupil Parliament – Invitation only
9/2/26	Children's mental health week
13/2/26	Wear your SCARF day
13/2/26	Last day of term
13/2/26	FOBS Disco – 5pm Village Hall
16/2/26	Half term
23/2/26	INSET DAY – School closed
25/2/26	Swimming gala – Invitation only
27/2/26	Team GB athlete visit, assembly and fitness sessions
2/3/26	Parents evening – Further information to follow
3/3/26	Parents evening – Further information to follow
9/3/26	Science week in school
23/3/26	Chestnut class - Mini time travelling to Keyworth Methodist church
24/3/26	AM- Willow Easter craft morning for Grandparents
27/3/26	Last day of term
30/3/26	Easter holidays
13/4/26	Return to school for summer term

Please note these dates may be added to over the term.



Finally...



Chestnut class are going to be very busy raising money for "Safe families" one of our chosen charities next Thursday after school.

They will be selling little resin/ glass animals in the discovery den so please do come along. They are very excited about it!