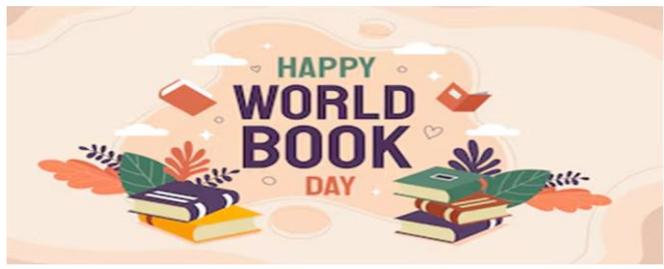


RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy World Book Day! What a brilliant day the children had and such glorious weather too. All sorts of characters were spotted roaming around the school! You did a fantastic job getting the children dressed up as their favourite book personalities, well done! The year 5 & 6 reading ambassadors had a tough job selecting the best dressed children from each class, but they managed it and they chose...



Turtle - Joelle
Jellyfish - Lucas
Whale - Dolly
Octopus - Talia
Eden - Karin
Tyne - Ronnie
Peck - Alfie
Effra - Amarni
Avon - Issa
Lea - Mark
Brent - Smithy
Thames -
Skylah-Rae



On Friday, children from years 3 to 6 attended a World Book Day workshop delivered by Emily (from Millwall) as part of the Primary Stars support for schools. She taught the children the difference between skimming and scanning: **Skimming** involves quickly running eyes over text to grasp the main ideas, gist, or overview. **Scanning** is a targeted search for specific facts, keywords, names, or numbers. She played a football related game with the children encouraging them to identify whether they would use skimming or scanning skills. She also taught them the '5 finger rule'. If you read a book and you find it hard to read 5 words on a page, the book is likely to be too difficult. She then donated a free book to every child in the workshop! We would like to say a huge thank you but sadly a goodbye to Emily, as it was her last day working for Millwall FC.

Have a fantastic week. Lisa (HoS)

Year 2 Book Characters meet the author Frann Preston-Gannon



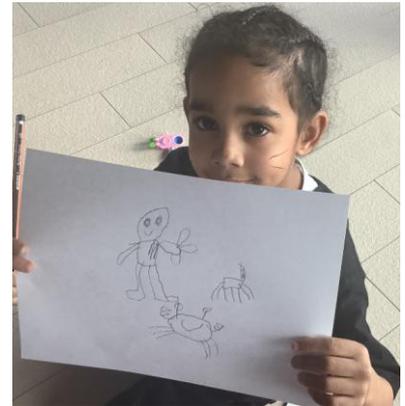
Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day activities and especially their author workshop delivered by Frann Preston Gannon.



Frann read some of her books to children across the school and talked about the inspiration for some of her characters.



She modelled how she illustrated her books and the children had a go themselves at designing their own book characters.



Year 5 & 6 children visited year 1 to 4 classes to lead storytelling activities with the children. I think Frann is now one of our favourite authors!





On Tuesday, Kerry from the charity 'Breck Foundation' delivered 2 workshops, one for years 3 & 4 and one for Years 5 & 6. The focus of these workshops was online safety. Years 5 & 6 heard the true story about Breck. A child groomed online who was persuaded to go and meet a stranger and was then killed. They heard his friends talk about how this communication with a stranger started through gaming online. The parents of Breck have set up this foundation in an effort to try and prevent this happening to other children.

During the workshop the children were taught about '**catfishing**', when somebody creates a fake online profile in order to trick another person. They also learned about '**online grooming**', when someone pretends to be your friend in order to trick you. Also, that online groomers will try to persuade you to do something that's not good for you and that online groomers are not always strangers.

They were taught to recognise the signs of grooming behaviour.

Recognising the signs of grooming

 Being overly friendly	 Pulling you away from your friends	 Asking for photos and videos	 Making threats
 Telling you to keep it a secret	 Asking you to meet up	 Offering gifts or freebies	

All were reminded how to stay safe online and how to seek help if anyone made them feel sad or uncomfortable.

Finger Power!



Swipe → **REPORT**

Don't share personal information



HELLO
MY NAME IS

SCHOOL

Feeling sad or uncomfortable?
You can LEAVE. Tell someone you TRUST.





I would like to say a huge thank you to Kerry and the Breck Foundation for providing this valuable workshop. I encourage all parents to monitor your children's online behaviour carefully and prompt children to discuss what they learned during this presentation.

Year 6 Learn the Importance of Recycling

This week, Year 6 took part in a hands-on investigation to deepen their understanding of what recycling really means and why it matters. As part of their learning, pupils examined the contents of the classroom bin and carefully sorted each item into categories of what can be recycled and what cannot.

Working together, they considered the materials we use every day and discussed how simple choices—such as recycling paper, plastic and cardboard—can make a significant difference. The activity sparked thoughtful conversations about how much waste is unnecessarily sent to landfill and what actions we can take to reduce it.

The pupils then went on to explore practical ways the whole school can cut down on waste, including reducing single-use plastics, reusing resources where possible, and making sure recycling bins are used correctly. Their ideas showed great initiative and a strong sense of responsibility for protecting the environment.

Year 6 demonstrated excellent teamwork and a growing awareness of how small changes in our daily routines can contribute to a greener, more sustainable school community.



Science Workshop for EYFS children WITH their parents

What makes you sick? Why do you, I, and every other human on the planet get ill? Join our presenter as they dive deep into your very own cells to see how bacteria and viruses invade our bodies and try to take over, and more importantly what can we do to fight back

'Super Cells'

Friday 20th March
2 – 3pm
Main Hall

Ri The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

What makes children's lives good?

To get children thinking about this question, you could talk together using some of these prompts:

- What do you like about being a child?
- Do you have any favourite people, objects or places?
- What do your friends enjoy?
Ask children in your class or family.

NAMED entries due to **your class Art Ambassadors** on **Thursday 19th March**. PRIZES will be GIVEN at the STEAM fair on Friday 20th March (large hall 3:30-4pm)

Explore these questions with your adults then create your own poster to present your ideas. Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and 2D. You can use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage and pens to create your posters. Digitally created posters are also allowed.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

What makes children's lives positive?
What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

To get pupils exploring the questions, they could think about:

- What things make your life positive now?
- You could ask other children in your class or school about what they enjoy and what makes their life good/positive. You might like to think about people, places, things, occasions, interests and activities.
- What did a good/positive childhood look like in the past? Ask some grown-ups to tell you about what made their life good when they were children.
- Imagine your own children, if you have them, in the future. What would a positive childhood look like for them? What will they be playing / doing / eating / learning / thinking? Who will they be doing these things with?
- What do children in other countries around the world enjoy? How is this the same or different to what makes your life positive?

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In this issue:
 • Art and Design
 • Science
 • Mathematics
 • Technology



Mathematics

In Brent Class, the children were using the "part-part-whole" method to calculate sums that use fractions and flipping them.

Art

This week, Thames class have been using inspiration from Chia Butman Singh and Fiona Rae here are some work that you can see on the display.

I enjoyed making this collage. Learning about all the artists this term.
 —ANNABEL

This artwork turned out beautiful and I loved making it.
 —KLOE

Science

This week, year 6 have been creating recyclable and non-recyclable labels and have been putting rubbish in the right

RECYCLE

Computing

Oracy Matters

Our whole school debate topic this week is...

The spelling of words which make no sense, e.g. 'know', should be changed.

- I disagree with ... because ...
- To build on what... said...
- That reminds me of...
- Could you clarify what you meant by...?
- I have changed my mind because...
- In my opinion...
- I think we all agree that...
- To sum up what has been said...
- I partly agree with... but I also think that...

Each class debated this statement in their classroom this week using their oracy skills. Please ask your child about the discussion and what was presented for each side of the argument. You could even hold a mini debate at home!

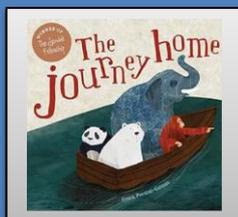
Dates for your Diary

2.3.26	Yr 1 Mock phonics check School council visit to Rosecourt – led by a choir master
3.3.26	Tyne class trip to the National Gallery Parents evening individual meetings BRECK Workshops
5.3.26	World Book Day Frann Preston-Gannon author visit
6.3.26	SEND festival at Grove School World Book Day workshop delivered by Millwall
9.3.26 week	Yr 6 Mock SATS Avon & Peck trip to the National Gallery
13.3.26	Rock Steady Band performance for parents
16.3.26 week	Steam Week Parents meetings for children with SEND
16.3.26	Artist and Vet visit
16.3.26-18.3.26	Book Fair after school
18.3.26	Children visit to Rod Kitson's art studio
19.3.26	Owl Experience for year 2
20.3.26	Royal Institute Science Workshops STEAM Fair After school
21.3.26	World Poetry Day
23.3.26	Effra class trip - Royal Festival Hall
24.3.26	Banji Alexander – author visit
26.3.26	Achievement Awards KS1 & KS2 Pioneer Dance finishes
27.3.26	Easter Bonnet Parade Children break up for Easter

Book Recommendation

Title: The Journey Home

Author: Frann Preston-Gannon



The ice is melting so Polar Bear sets off in search of a new home. Join him on his adventures across the seas and discover the many friends he meets along the way. This beautifully illustrated story has a powerful message of conservation and is perfect for parents and teachers to gently introduce children to global warming and environmental issues. Frann Preston-Gannon was the winner of an amazing Sendak Fellowship and spent a month living with the great Maurice Sendak himself, at his home in Connecticut, USA. She worked on The Journey Home during her stay.

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	93.7%	
Jellyfish	98.6%	
Octopus	92%	
Whale	95.2%	
Eden	93.6%	
Tyne	95.9%	
Avon	93%	
Peck	92.3%	
Effra	95.9%	
Brent	92.7%	
Lea	92.9%	
Thames	89.1%	

Please help us to improve our school attendance. Currently we fall below national expectations for attendance- 96%.



Attendance Week to Date

For All Pupils



Attendance School Year to Date

For All Pupils

If children are unwell they should remain at home, but please **do not book holidays** during term time! This may lead to a penalty notice.

Reminder: Parents need to contact the school and let us know each day that a child is absent. If you have the Study bugs app, this makes it far easier for you to let us know. So, if you have not already signed up to study bugs, please do so by following this link:

Studybugs

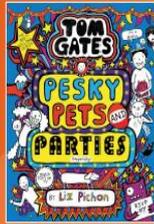
Star of the Week

Octopus	Leo	Leo has made a fantastic start at Rotherhithe. He always tries his best and is always engaged in his learning. Keep up the fantastic work!
Tyne	The Whole Class	This week, every single member of Year 2 Tyne Class has earned Star of the Week for being truly amazing on our school trip! Staff members at the National Gallery were quick to comment on how polite, curious, and well-behaved the children were throughout the day. They were especially impressed by how confidently the class asked thoughtful questions, how kindly they worked together, and how brilliantly they represented our school.
Eden	Karim	Karim has made an excellent start to this term with his learning and behaviour. He has really tried his best in all his lessons with his engagement and asking questions if he is not sure what something means. I want you to keep this up Karim!
Avon	Sapphire	Sapphire has shown an excellent attitude towards learning this week. She has been focused, motivated and willing to try new challenges. She has also successfully complete Diamond level on Numbots. Keep up the great work!
Peck	Jesse	Jesse has shown real commitment to his behaviour targets this week, using his own strategies or those suggested by an adult to return to the 'green zone'. As a result, his work was great and he helped others within the year group and completed jobs for adults! Keep it up!
Effra	Amari	Amari has shown fantastic improvement in his maths this week, working with great focus and determination. I am so proud of his high assessment score. Keep aiming high!
Brent	Ayub	Ayub worked hard to produce his own version of the book cover of the class read: Beowulf, using oil pastels during the WBD art lesson. Well done Ayub!!
Lea	Abu	Abu had some excellent ideas for how to lower the school's carbon footprint in this week's Science lesson. He offered his ideas so articulately, I was very impressed!
Thames	Chelsea	For demonstrating outstanding skill in writing a newspaper report that appropriately blends the formal and informal register. Well done!

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EASTER BONNET COMPETITION



Design an Easter Bonnet at home and bring it in to school.

Bonnets will be judge by the Art Ambassadors and a PRIZE (for each class) will be given to the best bonnets in the following categories:

- * Most Vibrant
- * Most Home-made
- * Most Durable

The children will parade their creations in a special parade assembly on

Friday 27th MARCH.

Parents welcome to attend!

KS1 @ 9:15 am in the large hall

KS2 @ 9:45 am in the large hall

Nursery morning children @ 11:45am in class

Nursery afternoon and full time children @ 2:45pm in class

Reception @ 2:45pm in class

THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK

“The Saturday club has been a lifeline for my son. He has many friends and looks forward to going. He also uses the trampoline as a release of tension.”

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The club currently run in 4 different sessions:

Session 1: 10:30 - 11:30
Session 2: 11:30 - 12:30
Session 3: 12:30 - 13:30
Session 4: 14:00 - 15:00

Venue:
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 Rotherhithe, London
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Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills

Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of **independent** toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and **how to make** reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

Free Training Online Dates:

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| • 21 st October | 9.45 – 11.45 2025 |
| • 15 th December 2025 | 12.30 – 2.30 2025 |
| • 9 th February | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd March | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 18 th May | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd July | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 6 th August | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
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