

St Mike's

Shoutout

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Diary Dates March

- Tuesday 17th - Year 1 Castles & Maths Parent Maths Cafe, 9.30 - 11am
- Wednesday 18th - Wednesday 25th - Bookfair in school
- Thursday 19th - Rocksteady Concert to Parents, 9.30 - 10.30am
- Thursday 19th - Year 3/4 Football Match home against Orton St John's, 2 - 3pm
- Friday 20th - EYFS Parent Reading Cafe, 9.30 - 11am
- Friday 20th - Red Nose Day - come dressed/accessorize in red for a coin donation!
- Monday 23rd - Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 5.30pm
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th - National Football Week
- Wednesday 25th - Dress as a Footballer Day
- Wednesday 25th - Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 7pm
- Thursday 26th - Year 1 Rockingham Castle Trip, 9.15am - 3.15pm
- Thursday 26th - Football Fun Day in school
- Friday 27th - Year 4 Parent Reading Cafe, 9.30 - 11am
- Friday 27th - Football Fete, 3 - 4pm
- Monday 30th - Friday 10th April - Easter Holiday - School Closed

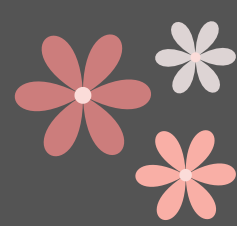
Safety on School Site

Please can we remind parents that when on school site, that they are vigilant of others, especially children. Recently there have been some near misses, where adults have been distracted and children bumped into. Thank you for working with us to ensure our school site is a safe and happy one.

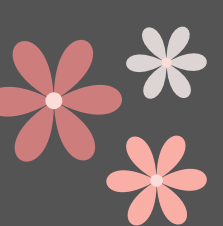
Phones on School Site

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life; however, we kindly ask that you are mindful of others when using them on the school site during drop-off and pick-up times. Please help us to create a welcoming and safe environment by staying present, being aware of those around you, and greeting your children with a smile rather than being distracted by your phone.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community connected and focused.



Mother's Day Lunch



WOW! What a lovely atmosphere we've had here in school this week. We've really enjoyed celebrating the ladies in our lives in the run up to Mothering Sunday.

This week saw the start of our Mother's Day lunches with mum's being invited to have lunch with their children. The children absolutely loved the event and the smiles on their faces were beautiful.

Our mum's said that they really enjoyed it too! Our lunches continue next week with Year's 4, 5 & 6 taking their turn to enjoy this special occasion.



Mother's Day Shop



The children were very eager to spend their pennies this week. They came to school proudly gripping their change and were very excited about choosing the ladies in their lives a gift for Mother's Day.

The PTA did an amazing job purchasing some beautiful items for the children to choose from.

There will be some very lucky mummies on Sunday.

We hope you have a very happy Mother's Day!!

Out of school awards and achievements



Well done to Sofia this week, for her medal!
Don't forget to keep sending in awards and celebrations from outside of school. You never know, you might inspire someone else to join your hobby/interest!



TTR Rockstars!!

Top 3 classes who have earned the most coins collectively on TTRS.

- 1st Place - Ravens - 35,854 coins
- 2nd Place - Swallows - 23,722 coins
- 3rd Place - Puffins - 23,123 coins

Please encourage your child to log in and use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly. It's a fantastic tool that really helps develop fluency and confidence with multiplication facts. If you are having any trouble logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher for support.

Fineshade Woods



Year 2's Wonderful Woodland Adventure at Fineshade Wood!

What an amazing day our Year 2 children had on their trip to Fineshade Wood! The weather was dry, spirits were high, and the woods were full of discoveries waiting to be made.

Morning: Exploring Nature Up Close

We began our adventure with a forest walk, where the children were brilliant little explorers! They searched for natural treasures like pinecones, wild plants, and interesting textures hidden around the woodland floor.

The highlight of the morning was stopping to build mini habitats for woodland creatures. Using sticks, leaves, moss, and plenty of imagination, the children worked together to create cosy homes for tiny animals. Their teamwork and curiosity were fantastic to see!

Lunchtime: A Relaxing Picnic

Next, we headed to the courtyard for a lovely outdoor picnic. It was the perfect chance for smiles, snacks, and chats with friends before our afternoon adventures.

Afternoon: Sensory Fun & Gruffalo Magic

The afternoon was packed full of excitement! We explored the sensory garden, where the children loved touching, smelling, and noticing all the different features. Then came some high-energy fun on the wooden climbing frame, with lots of confident climbing and big grins.

And finally... the Gruffalo Trail!

The children couldn't wait to hunt for the characters, and each discovery was met with cheers and excitement. We found all 6 Gruffalo characters – and the children were so proud of themselves!



Year 1 Maths

This week in maths, we have been working on **place value to 50**. We have especially focused on recognising and understanding **multiples of 10**. The children have been practising saying, reading, and making numbers such as **10, 20, 30, 40, and 50**.

A big part of our learning has been understanding that: **Each multiple of 10 has x tens and 0 ones.**

For example:

- 20 has **2 tens and 0 ones**
- 40 has **4 tens and 0 ones**

To help us build this understanding, we used lots of **practical manipulatives**. The children really enjoyed:

- **making bundles of ten** using straws
- building numbers on **tens frames**
- grouping objects into sets of ten
- practising counting in 10s aloud

These hands-on activities helped the children clearly see how groups of ten combine to make larger numbers.

Year 4 update

Our school was filled with colour and creativity as the children arrived in their wonderful World Book Day costumes! From classic storybook characters to modern favourites, they all looked delightful. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for the time, effort, and imagination that went into each outfit. Your support truly helped make the day special, and the children looked awesome.



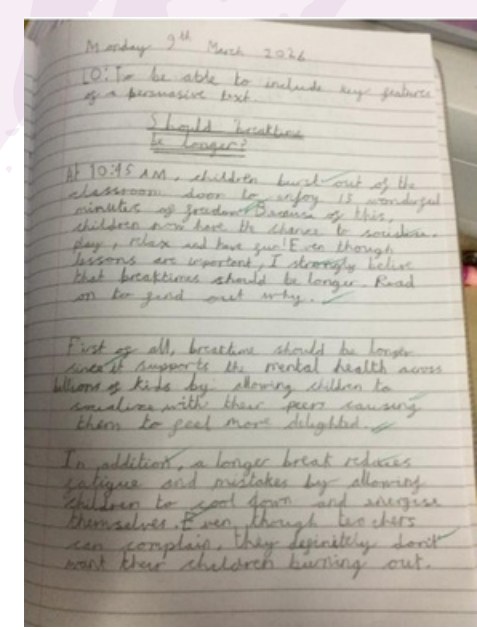
This week, Year 4 put their persuasive writing skills to the test by tackling a topic very close to their hearts:

Should break time be longer?

The children created convincing pieces designed to lure Miss Hussain and Mrs McMullon into agreeing with them.

We have to admit... we were tempted! Their arguments were thoughtful, creative, and impressively persuasive.

Well done, Year 4!



Year 4 have been busy sharpening their multiplication skills this week by using the grid method to tackle larger numbers.

Well done, Year 4 – keep up the brilliant maths work!

