



### Dates for the diary

Remember that term dates and other dates are available on the school website via the calendar.

17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> March	School book fair
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>SIAMS inspection all day</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 residential week
30 <sup>th</sup> March	NHS school health – Hearing screening for all reception classes
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Optional information session for parents about play 9am
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Easter Church service 2pm – Year 5 parents are welcome to attend.
1 <sup>st</sup> April	RE day – Easter
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I am feeling the effects of time this week more than I usually would: from an aging perspective today is my oldest child's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; from a workload perspective the week has been even fuller than the usual. Therefore, please accept my utmost apologies for the shorter than usual introduction. Viewed through a productivity lens, at least the reduced length of the opening paragraph of this newsletter will give you all more time to live your lives in a fulfilling and exciting way – who knows, some of you may achieve self-actualisation this afternoon, and all because of my fuller than usual diary.

### Book Fair



The Book Fair has arrived in school!

It will be open after school today, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the Key Stage 2 hall from 3:20pm – 3:50pm. Please come along if you can. There are lots of books available. If you would like to browse some of the books, then please look here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>.

Please bring your bank card to complete a payment online or use the card machine. We will not be taking cash.

Should there be a high demand for a particular book and we run out, then copies can be ordered. Please just speak to a member of staff at the Fair. You will need to pay when you place an order.



Children may use their **£1 World Book Day Token** towards the cost of a book if they would like to.

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Book Fair, so we hope to see you there.

## World Book Day

**“Read, Imagine, Fly” – Every book is a ticket to a new world.**

We all celebrated World Book Day last Thursday. Many of us dressed up and every child read books, whether they were well-loved, familiar favourites or brand-new books explored for the first time. In doing so, we discovered worlds of wonder and there was a lot reading for fun – a passion that can last forever.

Six classes visited Waterstones and enjoyed designing their own book as well as exchanging their World Book Day book tokens for one of the special free books.

Some classes even learned the fun and catchy World Book Day song! You too can listen to it here [🌟 WORLD BOOK DAY SONG 2026 🌟 - Read, Imagine, Fly - Lyric Video](#)



Badger Class at Waterstones

## Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Common - A message from Mr Wyke:



As some of you may know, Rusthall and Tunbridge Wells Commons are now for sale. For generations, children and families have enjoyed Wellington Rocks and the surrounding area — climbing, walking their dogs, and spending time in nature. This special place is part of our town's heritage and identity.

Now, however, it risks becoming just another asset in a distant company's property portfolio. In the future, they could seek and potentially gain permission to build on parts of the Common — land that, once lost, would be gone forever.



## What can you do to help?

The Friends of The Commons are exploring community ownership. With two weeks left to make a successful bid on the 26th of March, they are asking for a financial pledge for the Tunbridge Wells residents (no payment unless their bid is successful) using the QR code below.

**QR Code to pledge:**



Thank you and I hope we can bring our Commons into community ownership.

Website for further information and to pledge: [The Friends of The Commons](#)

## Thank you message from Mr Stevens

Just a short note to say a HUGE thank you for the incredible kindness and support that the school community, past and present, has shown me in support of my marathon challenge. The donations have been so gratefully received and have helped push me closer to the target I am aiming for. I feel incredibly lucky to be part of such a wonderful community. Your kind words, encouragement, and generosity mean a great deal and are helping to keep me motivated as I move into the most intense part of my training. Every message and contribution reminds me how supportive this community is, and I'm truly grateful for everyone cheering me on. Jez (aka Mr Stevens!)

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/running-with-love-and-gratitude-for-my-wife-leigh-and-team-bowelbabe>

## Birthday treats

In the interests of health and to reduce pressure on parents, we would like to stop the distribution of sweets in classrooms to celebrate birthdays. In some classes it seems the routine is quite embedded. If you really wish to give something out, then please do so after the class has been dismissed and has left the classroom.

## Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader Challenges

### ➤ **Winners for last week (6<sup>th</sup> March 2026):**

Individual Highest Word Count	Class Highest Word Count	Individual Most Quizzes Passed	Class Most Quizzes Passed
<b>Alex V</b> in Kestrel Class <b>254,154</b> words	<b>Kestrel Class</b> <b>1,224,133</b> words	<b>Jack</b> in Stoat Class <b>13</b> quizzes	<b>Badger Class</b> <b>73</b> quizzes

- **Chaffinch** and **Swift Classes** also read more than one million words last week.

### ➤ **Winners for this week (13<sup>th</sup> March 2026):**

Individual Highest Word Count	Class Highest Word Count	Individual Most Quizzes Passed	Class Most Quizzes Passed
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<b>Jeremy</b> in Chaffinch Class <b>290,584</b> words	<b>Swift</b> Class <b>1,425,835</b> words	<b>Joseph</b> in Chaffinch Class <b>19</b> quizzes	<b>Swift</b> Class <b>186</b> quizzes

- **Chaffinch** and **Kestrel** Classes also read more than one million words this week.

A book is a friend that waits for you! Enjoy your adventures together.

Mrs Simpson

Have a great weekend.

John Tutt  
Head Teacher

