



IMPORTANT DATES:

February

Tuesday 24th—Puffins to the Food Museum

Thursday 26th—Grebes Class Assembly

Friday 27th—Tattingstone's Got Talent!

March

Monday 3.30—5.30—Puffins Parent Consultations

Tuesday 8.30—10.30—Kingfishers & Grebes Parent Consultations

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Thursday 5th—Dress as a book character

Thursday 5th, 2.50—Puffins Class Assembly

Tuesday 10th - Dress as a Scientist day

Wednesday 11th—Bring in Science Experiments

Wednesday 11th—Year 5 Handball Coach and mini-tournament at Holbrook Academy

Thursday 12th—2.50—Kingfishers Class Assembly

Friday 13th—School Disco

Monday 16th—2.30—FoTS meeting

Tuesday 17th—KS2 visiting the Hindu Mandir

Friday 20th—Red Nose Day

Friday 20th—PM—Swimming Gala at Crown Pools

Monday 23rd—2pm—Celebration of Achievement

Wednesday 25th—PM—Cross Country at RHS

Thursday 26th—2.50—Show & Share

Friday 27th—2pm—Easter Service

Monday 30th—Easter Holiday commences

April

Monday 13th—Children return to school

Tuesday 14th—Swimming starts

February 2026



Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the half-term holiday.

Before the break, we had a wonderful time celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Our School Council took a leading role by delivering a PowerPoint during Collective Worship, sharing important messages about how we can all look after our mental health and wellbeing. Congratulations to Poppy P, who was the winner of our poster competition.

We are also very grateful to Rev Chris, who visits school each month to lead Collective Worship, singing along to his guitar is always a highlight for the children.

It has already been a busy start to the half term. Puffins enjoyed an exciting visit to the Food Museum at Stowmarket, Key Stage 2 pupils had a fantastic time at the Star Gazing evening and we held our Tattingstone's Got Talent Contest.



We are looking forward to many exciting events in the coming weeks, including:

- Dressing up as book characters for World Book Day next Thursday
- A visit to the Hindu Mandir later this term
- The upcoming swimming gala
- Entering competitors into the Cross-Country event at RHS
- Celebrating Science Week, where pupils will dress as scientists and share their experiments around this year's theme of *Curiosity*.

Although this is a short half term, there is certainly a great deal to look forward to.

While I aim to be on the playground most days, this is not always possible. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do come and speak with me — your comments and views are always welcomed.

Kind regards,

Beverley Derrett





Puffins

Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Spring 2 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and had a good February half term. I certainly feel the children deserved their break as they have been extremely busy with new learning. Now we have to hope that the weather improves and we can start to enjoy some spring like weather.

I look forward to catching up with you at gate and if you do need to pass on a message or speak to me in person please pop in and see Mrs Bartlett in the school office.

Mrs Cocksedge

Our Learning this Half Term

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about Multiplication and Division, Length and Height and finally Statistics.

English

Our learning in English will continue to be centred around the story 'Claude in the City' by Alex T.Smith . The children are really enjoying this story and we have produced some amazing writing along the way. We have a few more weeks of lessons which will take us up to Easter nicely.

Foundation Subjects

We are also going to be learning about the following :-

Science—Animal including Humans—Lifecycles

PSHE— How I feel & Being Healthy

Music— Exploring sounds

History - Childhood now and then

Geography—Animals around the world

Art— Animal Art / Art with Julia Temple our visiting artist.

R.E—Christianity: Resurrection and Joy. What are the best symbols of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter?



Puffins

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- * Read with your child on a regular basis.
- * Number and Letter formation
- * Work with us on any of the areas within 'Our learning section' above that you think your child might need extra support on.

On-going Learning for the Term for Puffins

Spellings	Read Write Inc or SPAG
Handwriting	Regular Reading
Cross-Curricular Activities	

Routines to Remember

Wednesday and Friday- P.E - P.E kits do need to be in school at all times.

Spellings will be tested on a Friday each week. It would be appreciated if children could learn their spellings as we are noticing that many children are not learning them.



Kingfishers

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Our Learning this Half Term

Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Spring (2) 2026

Dear Parents, as we approach a shorter half term, there is still plenty to look forward to. While we enjoy the many enrichment opportunities ahead, our focus remains firmly on the fundamentals of learning, and I am particularly looking forward to teaching maths with Kingfishers each morning. Although I am not always able to be at the gate every day, I am available after school if you would like to discuss anything, and I look forward to speaking with many of you during the forthcoming Parent Consultations.

Our Learning

English

Pupils are currently using a music video (Titanium) as inspiration for their writing, which has a theme of science fiction. They will learn about how newspaper reports are created and then write their own, along with diary entries and a prequel to Titanium. They are still reading *Letters From A Lighthouse*, which has everyone gripped! The grammar and comprehension lessons are based on that book. They will learn more about verb tenses, using paragraphs (year 3, 4 and 5) and how to use conjunctions effectively.

Maths

To understand and represent unit fractions by recognising that a whole is divided into equal parts and identifying the denominator as the number of equal parts.

Science

Animals including humans. Pupils will learn about the heart and circulatory system, blood vessels and the effect of exercise, drugs and alcohol on the human body.

Geography

The United Kingdom, exploring the counties and cities, rivers and seas and the physical landscape.

Art

Sketching and painting landscapes.

PSHE

Following on from Mental Health Week, topics will be incorporated that the children have asked for help with, So the topic is emotional literacy, during which everyone will explore their emotions, what they mean and strategies to cope with different emotions.

RE

How does the Triple Refuge help Buddhists in their journey through life?

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- Read with your child daily—five minutes a day is better than one sustained period of time. If they don't want to read to you, ask them about the book, this will improve their comprehension skills. Encourage them to read independently every day and remind them to take quizzes at school as this will help improve their comprehension skills.
- Pupils need to practise their timestables—there is not a set table each week as pupils are trying to improve their own best score. They can use TT Rockstars to help rapid recall.
- Help your child practice their spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday. Remind your child to use Spelling Shed. Log ins are stuck in their reading records. This will help them learn their spellings for the tests on Friday.
- Turn off **all** electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime for a good night's sleep.

Key dates and routines to remember:

Tuesday 3rd March – Parent Consultations.

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day—dress as a book character

Tuesday 10th / Wednesday 11th—Dress as a scientist and bring in your science experiment

Violin lessons—every Wednesday

Every Wednesday and Friday—make sure your PE kit is in school.

Spellings are tested and new spellings given out every Friday!

New spellings are stuck into pupil's reading records.

Timetables are also tested every Friday.

Please can children bring in their reading book and reading diary

every day so we can listen to them read.



Grebes

Grebes

Our Learning this Half Term

Grebes Class Parent Newsletter Spring (2) 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely break for you all. We have had a great start back to school this week. We have made sun dials and tested them out and then of course, we had our moon gazing evening on Thursday. I was so proud of the children's behaviour with our visitor and he also commented on how enthusiastic they were to find out more about space. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces when they saw Jupiter and the moon on the telescope, it is what learning is all about!

I am looking forward to meeting with you all at Parents' Consultation, but if you would like to talk to me beforehand, please feel free to chat with me after school.

Mrs McCulloch

Our Learning

English

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Maths

We have nearly finished our study of fractions and then we are moving onto decimal numbers, including: what each digit is worth, rounding them and then adding, subtracting and multiplying them.

Science

Our new topic will be Animals including humans. We will be learning about the heart and circulatory system, blood vessels and the effect of exercise, drugs and alcohol on the human body.

Geography

We will be moving onto The United Kingdom, exploring the counties and cities, rivers and seas and the physical landscape.

Art

We will be moving onto sketching and painting landscapes.

PSHE

Following on from Mental Health Week, we will be incorporating topics the children have asked for help with, So our topic is emotional literacy, during which we will be exploring our emotions, what they mean and strategies to cope with different emotions.

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How does the Triple Refuge help Buddhists in their journey through life?

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- Please read with your child on a regular basis. Encourage them to read independently every day and remind them to take quizzes at school as this will help improve their comprehension skills. **Thank you to everyone who has done this; those children who have increased their reading at home have made really good progress.**
- Please encourage your child to practise their times tables every day for 10 minutes. They can use TT Rockstars and write out the times tables repeatedly. Quick fire questions are also good but remember to ask the questions out of chronological order. **Quick recall of times tables will help your child access the Maths curriculum more easily.**
- Remind your child to use Spelling Shed. Log ins are stuck in their reading records.
- Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.
- Turn off **all** electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime for a good night’s sleep.
- **Year 6 children**— CGP publish books for SATs practise which include short ten minute tests they can do at home. Answers are also included!

Key dates and routines to remember:

Tuesday 3rd March – parent consultations.

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

County Music lesson

(bring instrument if it has been loaned to you)

PE (PE kit)

Friday:

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New spellings are stuck into their reading records.

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School Groups

Eco-Council

Tub2Pub campaign

We would like to thank all staff and parents for bringing in tubs over the last few weeks. These were delivered to The Crown pub at Claydon last Sunday.

All tubs will be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. Tub2Pub 2025 collected over 240,000 tubs raising £10,916 for Macmillan Cancer Support so hopefully this year will be even greater.



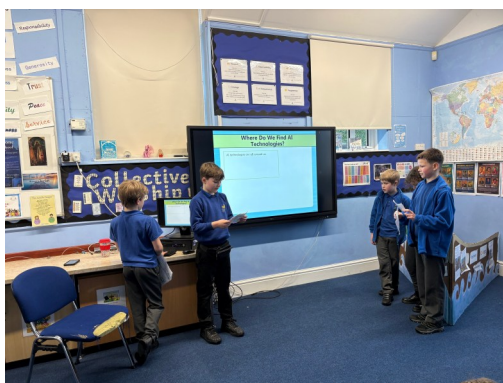
Recycled Book Fair on Thursday 5th March (World Book Day)

We look forward to receiving you donations.



E-Safety Ambassadors

On Tuesday 10th February 2026 it was Internet Safety Day and we presented an assembly to the whole school about how to keep safe online. Our particular focus was AI and was teaching everybody how to be aware of AI and not everything they see if true.



Mrs Derrett’s Philosophical thought for the month



Would you rather

- A) live in a world where you know the answer to every scientific question but can never ask another question,
or
B) live in a world where you can ask any question, but science never provides a final answer?

because ...

Remember your reasons are more important
than your answer!

Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this half term is: Hope – *Christians see their hope in God’s promise “that love and goodness have, and will ultimately, overcome all evil.” This hope is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

