

Think It.



Believe It.

Friday 13th February 2026

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

Live It.



Its half term!

It's half term, We hope you all enjoy a week filled with lie-ins, laughter, and maybe even a little adventure! Have a brilliant break, recharge those batteries, and we'll see you back on Monday 23rd—bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and ready for more fun and learning!

We've had a few sightings of nits in school—those tiny hitchhikers who love a good holiday as much as the kids do! Please give your child's hair a thorough check over the half-term break and treat if needed, so we can make sure these little beasties don't book a return trip after the holidays. With everyone's help, we can start the new half term nit-free and happy!

Children safety online

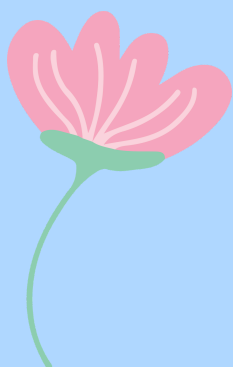
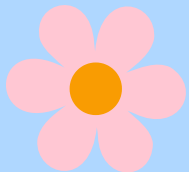
We need your help in keeping children safe online. The government are launching a new website on 16 February 2026 to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they're seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, it provides:

- tips for parents' conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child's life
- parental controls information

They are also signposting to trusted resources from charities and third parties, where parents can access other forms of support (like speaking to an expert).

The website will continue to grow and be developed this year, supporting the Online Safety Act and wider government aims.

Kids online safety



CoolMilk

We're pleased to let you know that milk will be available in school from the first week back after half term. If you'd like your child to have milk, please see the poster at the bottom of the newsletter, which includes the QR code and full booking details. All milk orders are managed directly through Cool Milk, our third-party provider, so please contact them if you have any questions.

Epilepsy Awareness day

We are pleased to let you know that we will be holding an Epilepsy Awareness Day on Thursday 26th March. To help us mark this important day, children are invited to wear a purple accessory—this could be a hat, socks, badge, scarf, hair accessory, or anything small in purple—to show their support. We are kindly asking for a £1 donation, which will go towards supporting The Rowland family's charity fundraising. Your contributions will help raise awareness and provide valuable support for those affected by epilepsy. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and community spirit.

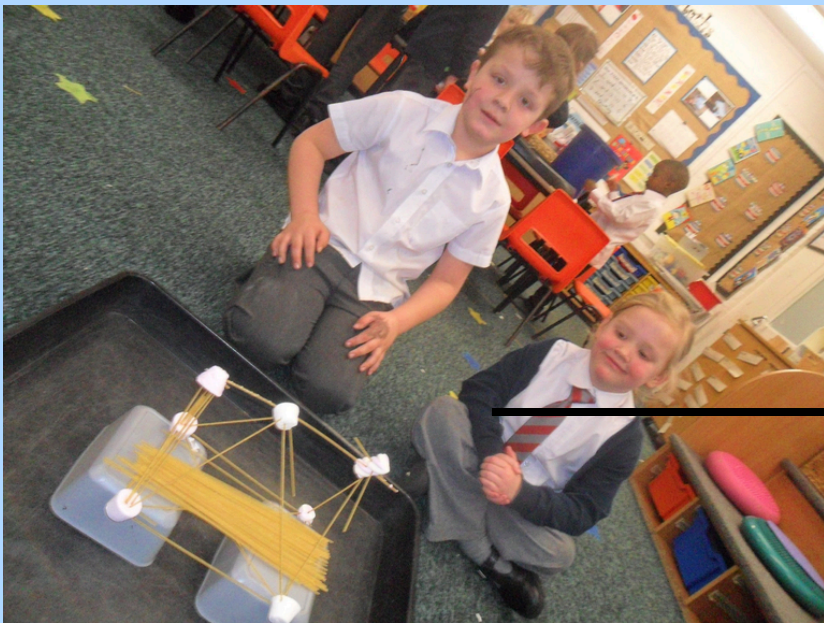
Half Term Sponsored read

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between 13th and 27th February. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Emma-Jane Page with Storytime with Molly and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books! Our target is to raise £600 in sponsor money, with Usborne donating an additional £360 of books for free. This will give us a total of £960 to spend on new books and resources for our children. Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets. Sponsorship money is all to be sent via the just giving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/buckdensponsoredread

Construction Club has been a huge success this term!

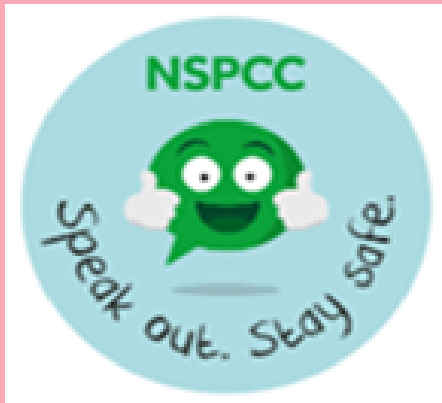
The children have thrown themselves into every session with brilliant enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork. It's been wonderful to see their ideas come to life—everything from towering structures to imaginative models and problem-solving builds. Their confidence has grown week by week, and the pride on their faces as they shared their finished creations has been fantastic to see.

We're delighted to showcase just a few of their amazing builds below. Well done to all our young constructors!



NEW! Launched this week for Safer Internet Day: The NSPCC has partnered with Vodafone to develop an online safety guide for parents and carers of children under 5. The guide contains useful information about common risks this age group face, some guidance around screen time limits and lots of practical tips for families:

Click here: [A parent's guide to online safety for children under five](#) |



NSPCC



Norfolk Lakes

Great news! We've extended the sign-up and deposit deadline for the Norfolk Lakes trip to 23rd February. Don't miss out on this brilliant adventure—there's still time to secure your child's place! We'll soon be sending our final numbers to the centre, so make sure to get signed up before the new deadline.

Year 5 are going to Bletchley Park — the famous codebreaking centre of World War II!

This July, Year 5 will be heading off on an incredible trip to Bletchley Park, the historic home of the codebreakers who helped change the course of the war. It's a fun, fascinating, and highly educational day that brings history, computing, and problem-solving to life. The trip is now available to book on Arbor, so please log in to secure your child's place.

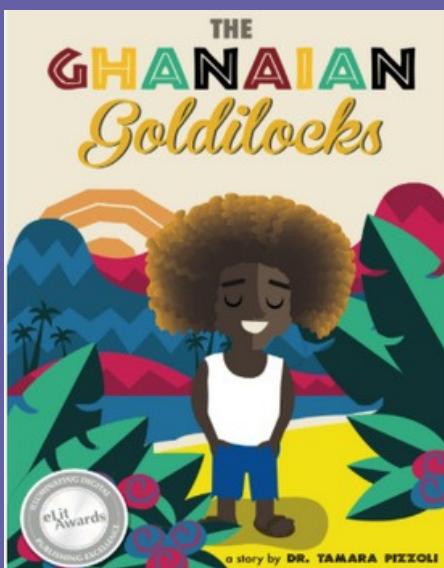
Year 4 Residential Trip - Grafham, 20th May

Our Year 4 adventure to Grafham is getting closer — 20th May will be here before we know it! Over the next term, we'll be sharing more details with you, including packing lists and reminders about final payments, which are due by the end of April.

A quick reminder that payments can be made in instalments through Arbor, and you're welcome to chip away at the balance whenever it works for you.

2026 Year of Reading

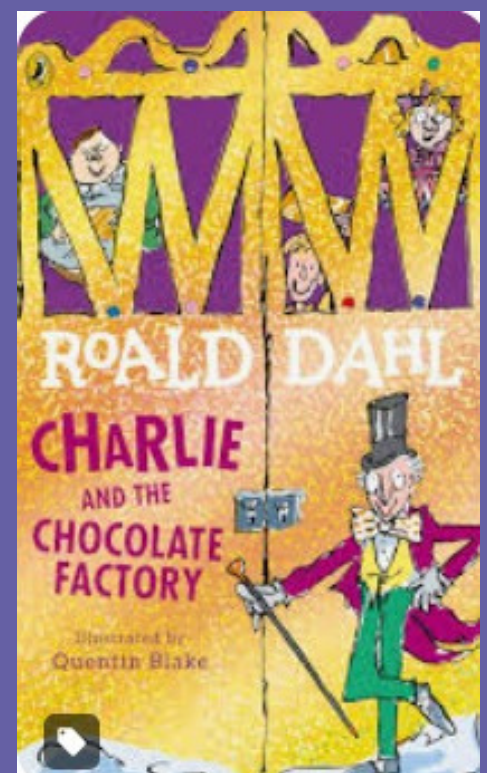
During our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrate what books we've been reading. Here's a fortnightly list of recommendations from our pupils.



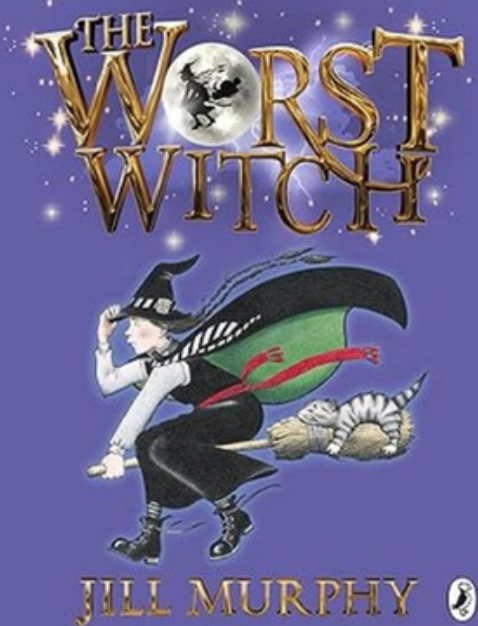
In Reception, we have been reading **The Ghanaian Goldilocks** by Tamara Pizzoli as part of our Fairy Tale topic this half term. The children in Zephaniah class like that Goldilocks in this story is a bit of a scallywag. (Not on AR, but if you like a Goldilocks story, have a look for **Goldilocks and the Pea** by Katie Dale. AR level 3.1.)

Year 1 have been reading **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl (the book is always better than the film). Chloe said her favourite bit was "When the boy fell in the chocolate river!" The children have especially enjoyed the imaginative descriptions of the chocolate factory. AR level: 4.8, points 5.0.
Available in the School Library.

***If you like Roald Dahl books, at the end of this article are suggestions of other similar books you may enjoy.**



Hold on to your broom for magical mayhem!



In Year 2, Sophie shared the book she is currently enjoying, **The Worst Witch, by Jill Murphy.** Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it.

She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...

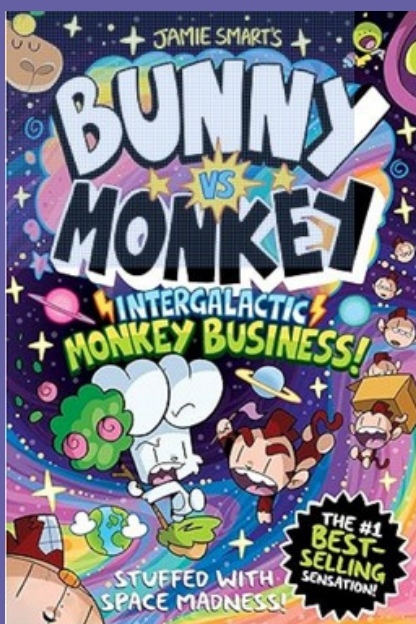
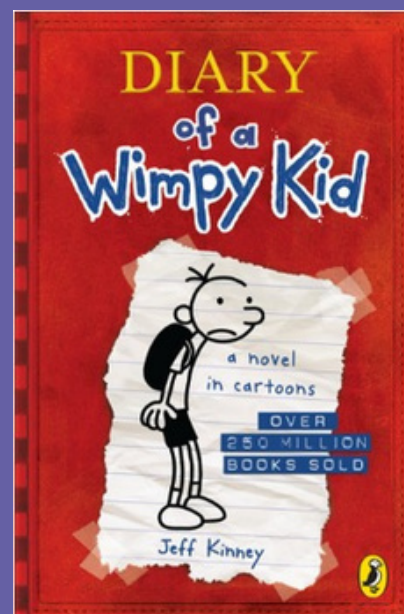
AR level: 6.5, points 3.0.

Available in the School Library.

In Year 3, Lennon told us she has read the whole **Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, by Jeff Kinney,** and she highly recommends it. In her words, "It's funny with funny pictures."

AR level: 5.4, points 3.0

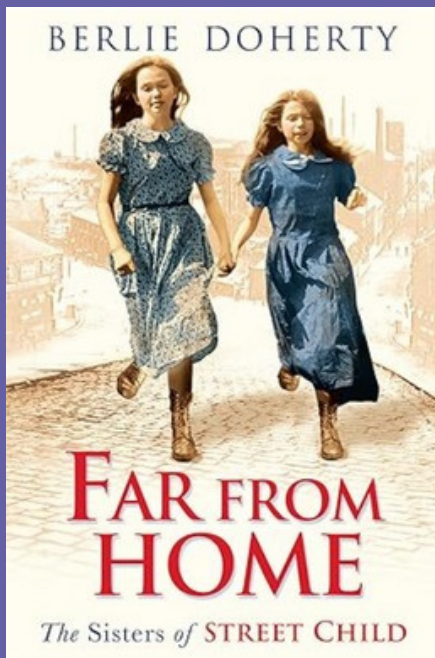
Available in the School Library.



The graphic novel **Bunny vs Monkey** by **Jamie Smart** was recommended by Alfie in Year 4. Part of a series, these books are meant to make you laugh and the illustrations leap off the page.

'Inventive, original and completely wacky' BookTrust

AR level: 2.6, points 1.0



Inspired by the class reader **Street Child**, Matilda in Year 5 shared the book she's currently enjoying: **Far From Home, by Berlie Doherty**. In Victorian London, Lizzie and Emily are left in the care of a cook but their story takes them to the mills of northern England. There, under the keen eyes of the mill owners, the girls are made to work in harsh conditions and any chance of escape is sorely tempting...

An incredible new STREET CHILD story based on the true experiences of Victorian mill girls.

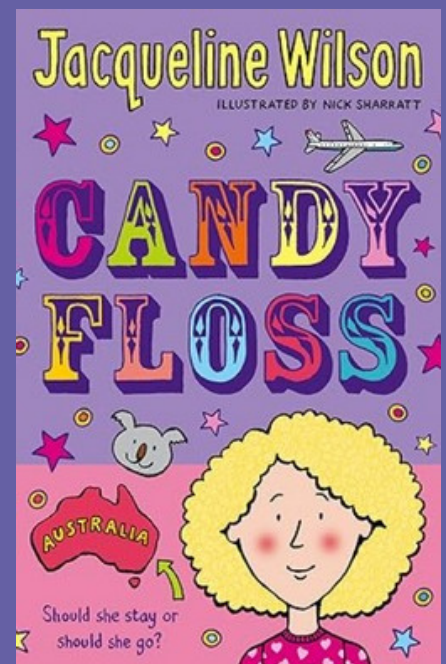
AR level: 4.9, points 9.0

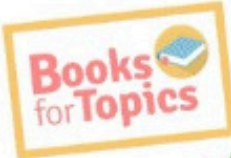
In Year 6, Ella told us about **Candy Floss by Jacqueline Wilson**.

From the back cover:

When Floss's mum and her new husband Steve move to Australia, Floss faces a difficult choice, but decides to stay at home with Dad. He's not much good at ironing school clothes or putting up garden swings, but they muddle along happily on a diet of chip butties and candyfloss from the local funfair until disaster strikes...

A wonderfully moving and brilliantly entertaining story of family life from the Children's Laureate, Jacqueline Wilson
Not on AR. This book is for our Year 6 readers because of some of its subject matter.





If you like...

Roald Dahl



...try these!





Rory's Wood Planting Programme

DEC2025 – MAR2026

35-acre woodland

In partnership with **Anglian Water** and **Grafham Water**, this project will see the planting of **31,000 trees**.

Offering a place of peace, growth, and remembrance, **Rory's Wood** will be a lasting legacy for future generations and a vibrant haven for wildlife.

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE

Donate Today: Your donation— big or small— will make a meaningful difference.

Volunteer With Us: Join us to help plant trees. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or a complete beginner, your time is invaluable.

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO HONOUR RORY'S MEMORY BY PLANTING HOPE, HEALING, AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE.



Half term fun at Buckden Library!

Keep the kids occupied this half term with two drop-in sessions of fun.

Please remember that children must always be accompanied by an adult.



Messy Makes Crafternoon

Tuesday 17 February: 2 to 4.30pm

£1 per child

No theme, no instructions, no limits! A chance to make whatever comes to mind using a wide range of craft materials. Grab a selection and glue, tape, create and colour. Just add imagination.

For children aged 3 and over (a selection of toddler bricks, games and soft toys will be available in the children's library to keep little ones busy).



Lego special

Thursday 19 February: 2 to 4.30pm

£1 per child

We have soooo much Lego at the library. Get yourself settled at one of the Lego stations spread across the library and have an afternoon of building, and that includes grown-ups too! We will display all your creations – let's cover our library in Lego builds!

Lego is suitable for the over 3s only, Duplo will be available for those under 3.

Keep them busy this half term, whatever the weather, with an afternoon of fun at your local library.

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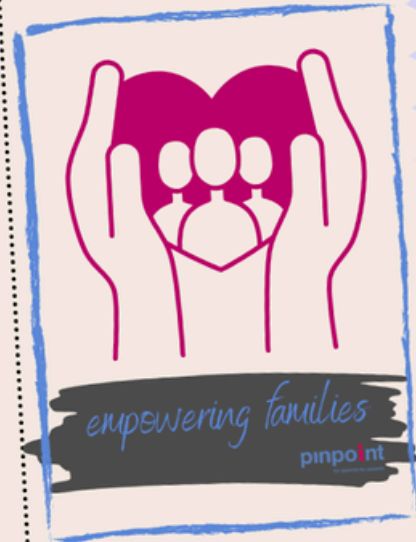
Conference

For parent carers of children and young people
with SEND, and supporting professionals

10 MARCH 2026

9:30AM TO 2:15PM

FREE
ADMISSION



✦ **The Burgess Hall**, Westwood Road St Ives,
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✦ **Marketplace (drop in)** open from **11am to 2:15pm** - support, information and advice from local services

✦ **Book** your free place: www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events or **scan the QR code**



Pinpoint Cambridgeshire's Annual Conference – a day packed with expert speakers, practical workshops and useful resources empowering families and supporting parent carers across the county.

✦ **A day to connect, learn and feel less alone.**

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child
UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child
OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



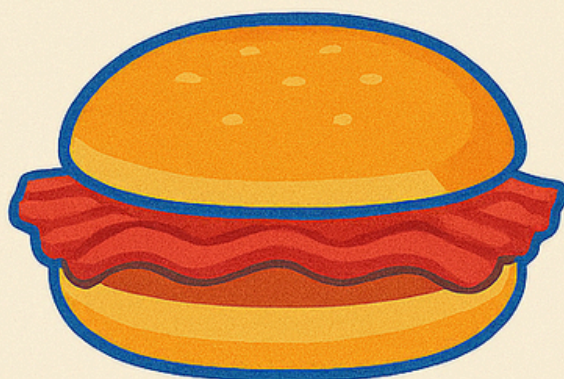
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**A TREAT FOR PARENTS
AT DROP-OFF**

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**OUTSIDE THE KITCHEN GATES
NEXT TO THE OFFICE ENTRANCE**

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**FRIDAY 20 MARCH, 7PM - LATE
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LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE ON THE THE NIGHT



**Scan the QR Code to Purchase Tickets
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All money raised goes to enhancing
the childrens education experience**





Monday 16th - Friday 20th Feb
Choose Full Course or Select Days

Blue/Red (4-7 years)
10.00am-12pm

Orange/Green (8-11 years)
12.30pm-2.30pm

Yellow (12+ years)
3pm-5pm

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 Buckden Towers, PE19 5TA



Monday 16th February 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 18th February 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 19th February 2pm-4pm

Join us for some FREE fun & active sessions for 5-11 year olds, with a range of sports on offer.



To book, please complete the following form
or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/G4DgSnSYn3>

INTO THE LAMBING SHED

Meet the team this half term!

SMALL GROUP LAMBING INSIGHTS

We're excited to share an opportunity to meet your local flock!

- Experience includes: Sheep brief, See the stock, Bottle feeding.
- 14th - 22nd Feb (Half-term), Duration: < 45Mins.
- Daily Times: 09:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30.
- (Mixed) Group Size up to 8.
- Location: Low Farm, Stirtloe, (south of Buckden)



Prices: £14 - £30, Adult and child tickets
(Children under parent/guardian supervision)

Booking & terms: <https://buytickets.at/lowfarm/1981957>

Those who are pregnant, or suspect they might be, should not attend or partake in the event.

Live it - Eco Fact

Earth's air gets cleaned by... plankton!

Tiny ocean plankton make more than half of the oxygen we breathe—way more than trees do.

Live it - Eco Fact

Flamingos aren't pink when they're born.

They turn pink because they eat algae and shrimp (nature's version of eating too many cheesy Wotsits!).



Check out 'Everything Enviromental' on the website for plant based recipe. [click here!](#)

Live it - Eco Fact

Trees talk to each other!

Trees send secret messages underground using a "wood-wide web" of fungi—kind of like nature's own Wi-Fi.

Catch Up on Past Newsletters



What's going on locally? click here to find out

Homework

Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can help to improve language and communication skills. We will continue these discussions in class next week.

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