



NEWSLETTER

2ND MARCH 2026

World Book Week...



Reading is central to our school curriculum. We take great pride in immersing children at SHPA with high quality texts by carefully selecting stories and non-fiction texts that cover a wide range of interests. Every class has a dedicated time to listen to the class novel or story of the day and our writing lessons are based around different texts. Our assemblies are often planned around picture books where we explore a range of themes. We aim for all children to become enthusiastic readers and support them to learn the technical aspects of reading as well as to develop their comprehension skills. Reading really does open up a whole world of learning and it is celebrated daily at our school.

We have a close partnership with Wallingford Book Shop - an independent bookshop and our fantastic PTA, through your donations, enable us to enjoy surprise packages of books for each class every month. These books arrive wrapped up in brown paper and quickly become firm favourites to borrow in the classroom. This means that we continue to have up to date books within our library stock. We have also taken great care to ensure that all our children are represented in the books that they are able to choose.

Reading Breakfasts

- **EYFS (2 Year olds, Pre-School, Reception) Wed 4th 8:40am - 9am**
- **Year 1 and 2 Fri 6th 8:40am - 9am**

Come and join your child in class this week if you can, for a reading breakfast - where the only items available for breakfast are books! Come and share a book with your child before they start their learning for the day. There will be plenty of books available to choose from - or you could bring a favourite from home. EYFS Parents are to leave through Pre-School gate at 9am on Wednesday. KS1 Parents to leave through main playground gate on Friday at 9am.

Roving Bookshop - Friday 20th March

The Roving Bookshop will be in school again on 20th March. They bring over 3000 titles for you to peruse and purchase. Every class will have the opportunity to go to the bookshop - information about this and envelopes for money will be sent out shortly. The school does receive a commission from the bookshop - enabling us to purchase even more books!

Looking ahead

4 th March	EYFS Reading Breakfast
4 th March	Reception Presentation to Parents 3pm
5 th March	World Book Day (no dress up)
5 th March	Didcot Library visit R, Y1, Y2
6 th March	KS1 Reading Breakfast
6 th March	Dress up/own clothes/PJ Day
11 th March	Y2 Presentation to Parents 3pm
18 th March	Y1 Presentation to Parents 3pm
19 th March	Y2 Elizabeth workshop@DPA
20 th March	Roving Bookshop in school



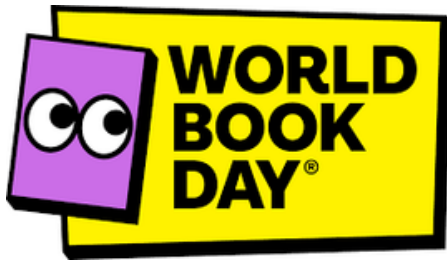
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National World Book day is actually Thursday 5th March - however we will be holding our optional dressing up day on **FRIDAY 6th MARCH**.

We invite children to come as a Reader or a book character!

This means that there is a wide choice of what to wear on this day -

- Come as a book character
- Come as a Reader - how do you like to read books? In your pyjamas, in your own clothes, in your school uniform - it is up to you.

Free book for every child



As part of World Book Day, children will be given one of these free books. These are special books that have been chosen and commissioned for World Book Day. Over the last few years, instead of giving tokens to the children to exchange for a book, we have worked with Wallingford Book Shop so the children pre-order the book that they want with their teacher and the school gives the tokens directly to the bookshop. We hope your child enjoys their selection.

Gate

The gate that leads to the office and Pre-School is no longer swinging shut, which therefore means it does not lock unless you physically close it behind you. Please make sure you are closing this gate. The reason this is no longer shutting on its own is because children have been standing and swinging on the gate. Do not allow your children to do this. The gate is being corrected but it is almost immediately altered again due to children doing this.

Outdoor Learning

Mrs Dean will be starting her outdoor learning activities this term and at some point this year all the children in the school will take part in this. Please could you ensure your child has wellies and a puddlesuit in school to allow for them to join in.

Wishlist Books

Thank you to those who have purchased a book for our growing library so far, if you would like to do this you still can. Please copy the link here into Google which will take you to Wallingford Bookshop, then click on the book you wish to donate.

<https://www.wallingfordbookshop.co.uk/sireshill?page=6>

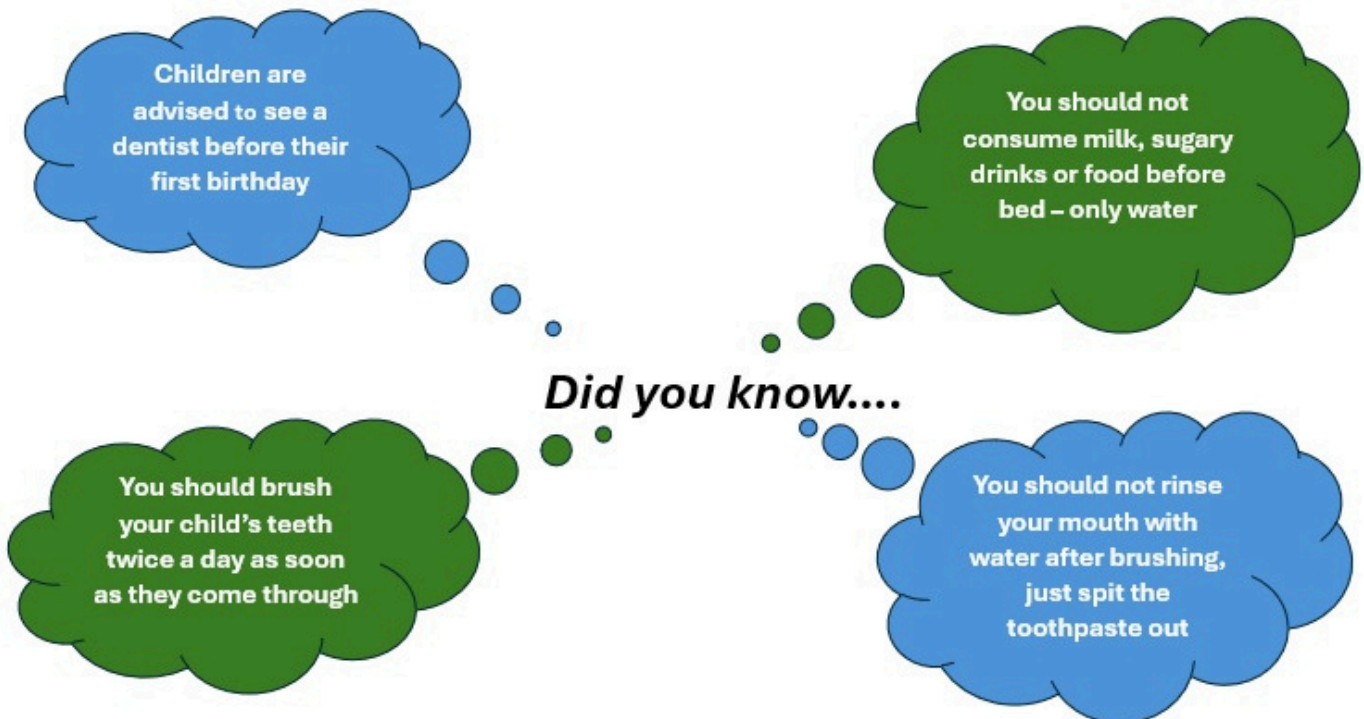
Oral Health pilot Scheme

A government pilot scheme at Busby House Dental Centre will be taking course over the next year, aimed at children aged 0-5 years.

The aim of the scheme is as follows:

- Promote good oral health in children from a very young age
- Improve access to NHS dental services for children
- Familiarise dental attendance for children from a young age
- Implement evidence-based prevention
- Work alongside other oral health schemes

The dental practice will be running NHS children's clinics twice a month, for children aged 0-5 years and their siblings.



Busby House Dental Centre are pleased to be offering NHS clinics for children aged 0-5 years



Contact us to book your child an appointment:

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2025/26 Spring Term
Dates and events are subject to changes. Correct at time of writing.

4 th March	Reception	Presentation to Parents 3pm
4 th March	EYFS	EYFS Reading Breakfast 8.40am-9.00am (2 year olds, Pre-School, Reception)
5 th March	Whole School	World Book Day (no dress up)
5 th March	R, Yr 1& 2	Didcot Library visit school
6 th March	Whole School	Dress up/own clothes/PJ Day
6 th March	KS1	KS1 Reading Breakfast 8.40am-9.00am (Y1 and Y2)
11 th March	Year 2	Presentation to Parents 3pm
18 th March	Year 1	Presentation to Parents 3pm
19 th March	Year 2	Elizabeth I workshop @DPA
20 th March	Whole School	Roving Bookshop in school
24 th March	Rocksteady performers	Rocksteady concert 9.30am
24 th March	Reception	Height and Weight Measuring
24 th March	Reception	Vision Tests

25 th March	Reception	Rescheduled to 24th: Vision Test
26 th March	Whole School	Spring Bake Sale - PTA event
26 th March	Pre-school & Owlets	Last Day of Term for Owlets & Pre-school
27 th March	Reception - Year 2	End of term at 12 noon. Gates open at 11:50am

2025/26 Summer Term Dates and events are subject to changes. Correct at time of writing.		
When	Who	What...
13 th April	Whole School	Summer Term starts at 8:40am
28 th April	Pre-school	Trip to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre
4 th May	Whole School	Bank Holiday
11 th May	Pre-school	Didcot Library Visit (In School)
12 th May	Reception	Trip to Beale Park
19 th May	Year 1	School Days Workshop
18 th - 22 nd May	Whole School	Virtual Duck Race - PTA event
20 th May	Whole School	School photos
21st May	Pre-school & Owlets	Mini Sports Morning
21st May	Reception - Year 2	Sports Afternoon
25 th - 29 th May	Whole School	Half Term

Please note dates will be added throughout the year as we continue to update the school calendar.

12th June	Whole School	Inset Day
30th June	Year 2	Beach Trip to Hengistbury Head
TBC	Whole School	Summer Fete - PTA event
16 th July	2 year olds and Preschool	Last Day
17 th July	Reception-Y2	Last Day. No 2 year old/Preschool session. Gates open at 11.50am and shut at 12pm.

Term dates this academic year:

Spring 1	5th January 2026-13th February	
Spring 2	23rd February - Friday 27th March (the school will shut at 12 noon on 27th March)	Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Friday 27th March
Summer 1	13th April-22nd May	
Summer 2	1st June- 17th July (the school will shut at 12 noon on 17th July)	Inset Day 12th June (the school will be closed to children). Pre-school and 2 year olds - there will be no session on Friday 17th July