

World Book Day 2026

The children had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day yesterday. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed as a wide range of book characters, with so many creative and imaginative costumes on display.

The school arranged for over 500 World Book Day titles to be delivered. This meant that all pupils were able to take home one book in exchange for their World Book Day token.

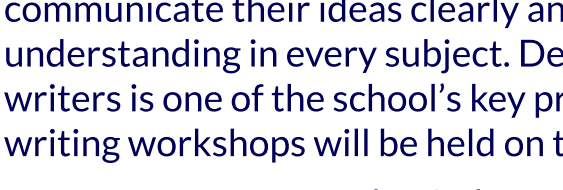
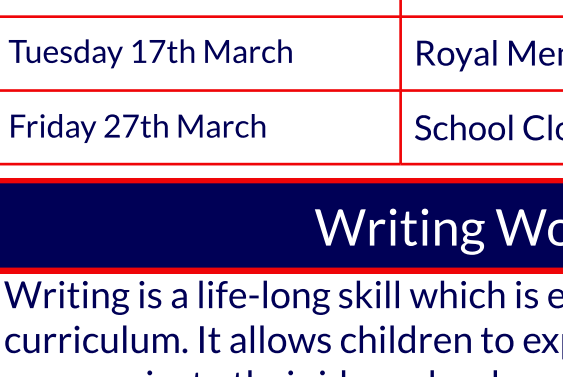
Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a variety of fun activities linked to well-known children's stories. They also had the opportunity to share their favourite book characters with one another, followed by time spent reading with their buddy classes. The whole day was a lovely way to celebrate our love of books and reading.

Best costume winners	
Evie G	RA
Cillian B	RG
Flynn R	IMM
Ada T	1B
Beau V	2K
Louie B	2H
Edwin G	3W
Vinay C	3TF
Zach M	4H
Lexi T	4W
Olivia N	5S
Yahya A	5M
Leah D	6J
Toby P	6W

Story in a Box winners

Winner: EYFS	Greysen B
Runner up: EYFS	Zackery B
Winner: KS1	Freya B
Runner up:	Eleanor T
Winner Y3&4:	Ava R
Runner up Y3&4:	Zara N
Winner Y5&6:	Sadie S
Runner up Y5&6:	Sofia M

Well done to all the children who took part in our Story in a Box competition – we were very impressed with the creativity and effort that went into all of the entries!



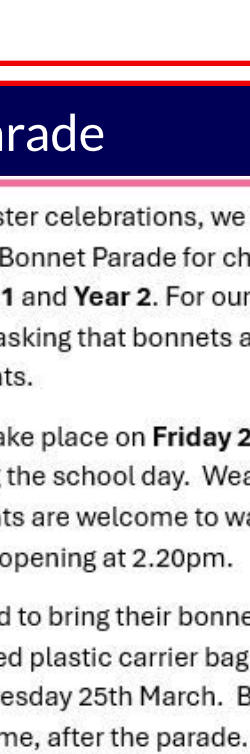
Key Dates

Monday 9th March	Reception Writing Workshop
Tuesday 10th March	Year 1 Writing Workshop
Thursday 12th March	Year 4 Writing Workshop
Friday 13th March	Compton Verney trip for Year 3
Monday 16th March	Year 2 Writing Workshop
Tuesday 17th March	Year 3 Writing Workshop
Tuesday 17th March	Royal Memorial Arboretum trip for year 5
Friday 27th March	School Closes for Easter/Spring Holiday

Writing Workshops

Writing is a life-long skill which is essential across all areas of the curriculum. It allows children to express their creativity, communicate their ideas clearly and demonstrate their understanding in every subject. Developing confident, fluent writers is one of the school's key priorities. After half-term writing workshops will be held on the following dates:

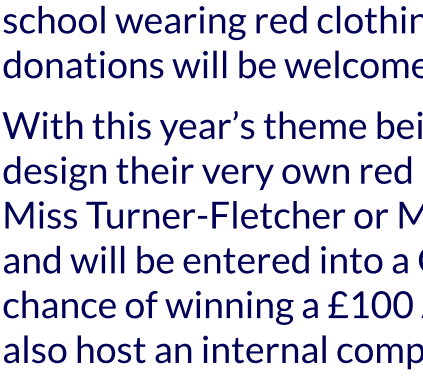
- Year 6: Tuesday 3rd March
- Year 5: Wednesday 4th March
- Reception: Monday 9th March
- Year 1: Tuesday 10th March
- Year 4: Thursday 12th March
- Year 2: Monday 16th March
- Year 3: Tuesday 17th March



The workshops represent an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to gain a greater understanding of the skills and knowledge children need to become confident and competent writers. Each session will run from 9:05am until 10:00am and will include practical activities, offering guidance on how writing can be effectively supported at home. We very much look forward to welcoming you to your child's workshop.

Mrs Kelly and Mrs McNicholas

Easter Bonnet Parade



As part of our Easter celebrations, we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For our parade this year, we are asking that bonnets are made at home, with parents.

Our parade will take place on Friday 27th March at 2.30pm during the school day. Weather permitting, parents are welcome to watch, with the school gates opening at 2.20pm.

Children will need to bring their bonnets into school, in a named plastic carrier bag, on the morning of Wednesday 25th March. Bonnets will then be taken home, after the parade.

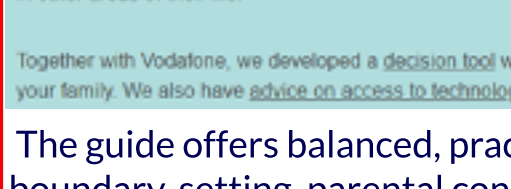
We hope you can join us!

Red Nose Day 2026

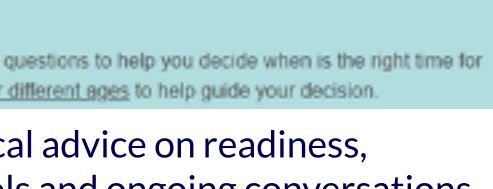


To celebrate Red Nose Day, children will be invited to attend school wearing red clothing on Friday 20th March. Any voluntary donations will be welcomed.

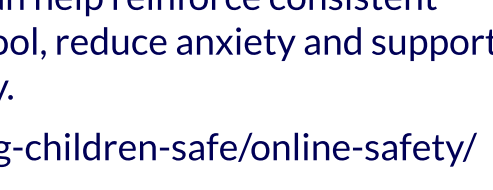
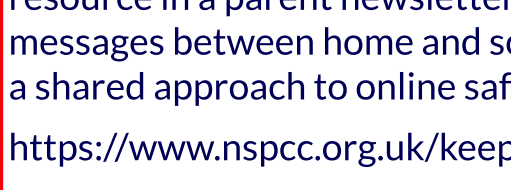
With this year's theme being 'Design-Yer Nose' children can design their very own red nose! Submissions should be brought to Miss Turner-Fletcher or Mr Woods by Wednesday 18th March and will be entered into a Comic Relief competition with the chance of winning a £100 Amazon voucher for the school! We will also host an internal competition with winners for Key Stage One and Key Stage Two!



Alex Horne



Roisin Conaty



Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for DSLs to draw on when communicating with parents. It addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: when is a child ready for a phone and how can families manage the risks?

Is my child ready for a phone?

Before giving your child a phone, consider their emotional and social maturity.

It's helpful to ask yourself whether they can follow rules and boundaries – and if they understand what's safe and unsafe online.

Consider, too, whether they are able to talk to you if something worries them, and if they show responsibility in other areas of their life.



Together with Vodafone, we developed a decision tool with 8 questions to help you decide when is the right time for your family. We also have advice on access to technology for different ages to help guide your decision.

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. Including or signposting this resource in a parent newsletter can help reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety and support a shared approach to online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Bethany Food Bank Collection



We are supporting the Bethany Food Bank again this half term. From Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March, we are asking each year group to bring in any non-perishable item or food / toiletries to donate to Bethany Food Bank and help people in the local community.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

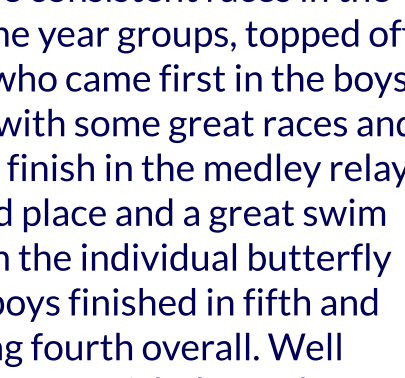
Parking for Drop-off and Collection

We would appreciate if parents dropping off or collecting their child demonstrated our BRANCH values by being considerate of the residents of the streets close to WGPS when parking.

There have been a number of complaints by residents regarding parking at these times. We understand that it can be difficult to find a space at busy times like this, but we encourage parents to park safely and in ways that do not cause problems for residents - i.e. not blocking drives or double parking.

Lost Property

The school often has items of clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles which accumulate in lost property. When items are clearly labelled, we can return these items to their rightful owner. However, this is often not the case and we are left with items which remain uncollected.



To help manage this more effectively, we will be making a change to our lost property procedures:

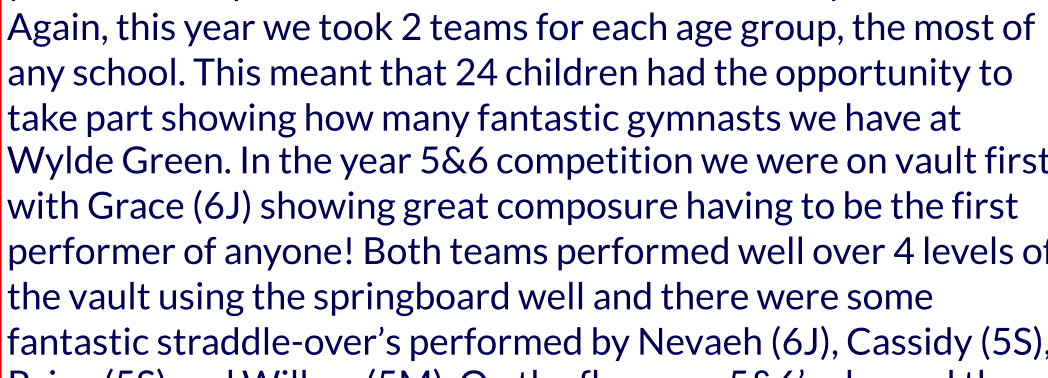
- Any items clearly labelled will be returned to your child.
- Each Friday morning, any unlabelled and unclaimed items will be placed in the tubs inside the PTFA shed (located next to the Year 6 classrooms) for families to check.
- Any remaining items unclaimed by the end of the day on Friday will be responsibly recycled.

We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that all items are clearly named, as this helps us return belongings quickly and reduces waste.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Sports at WGPS - Spring 2026

Swimming Gala



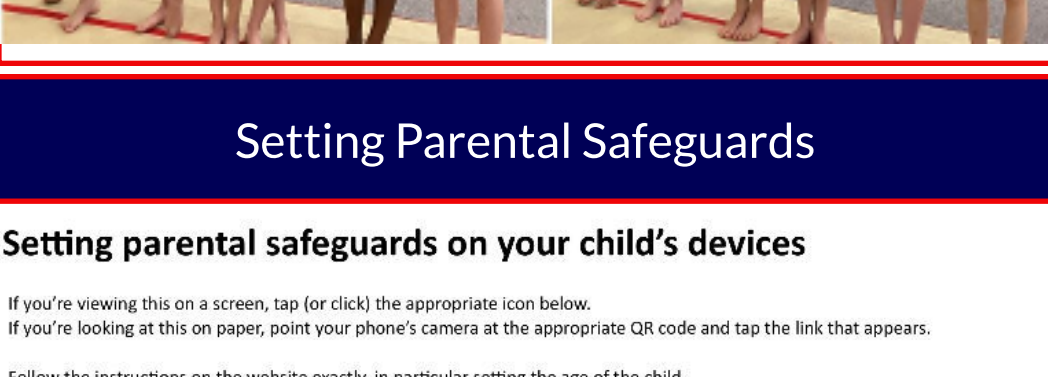
It has been a busy 7 days with 3 big sporting events taking place. On Saturday 28th February it was the Annual Swimming Gala at Wyndley Leisure Centre. The children were excited to take part and there was a great atmosphere poolside with over 300 supporters in attendance and plenty cheering on Wylde Green!

Our boys team came together with some consistent races in the relays and individual events across all the year groups, topped off with a fantastic swim from Henry (4H) who came first in the boys' freestyle. The girls' team were brilliant with some great races and effort, they were involved in an exciting finish in the medley relay to start the day, ending in a close second place and a great swim from Luisa (5M) saw her finish second in the individual butterfly race. Out of 10 competing schools our boys finished in fifth and our girls in third with Wylde Green being fourth overall. Well done everyone and a big thank you to Mrs McNicholas and Mrs Parkes for supporting during the event!

KS1 Gymnastics

Our youngest gymnasts were the first team to attend the GMAC this year for the KS1 Gymnastics competition on Wednesday 25th February. Full of excitement and a few nerves, the children were ready to put all their hard work and training into practice. They were first up on the vault and all the team were able to use the springboard well to produce some great stretch jumps with some fantastic landings. On the floor the team really came into their own, showing great composure and skill performing their routines – I could not have been more impressed! Their efforts were recognised by placing third in the team floor event. Eliza (2H) performed so well she was awarded an individual silver medal for placing second out of all the gymnasts there! A big thank you to all the parents for enabling the children to take part, I hope you enjoyed watching them as much as I did. Well done team and I look forward to seeing you continue your gymnastic journey at the KS2 competitions next year!

KS2 Gymnastics



We completed our gymnastics this year with the year 3&4 and year 5&6 competitions at the GMAC on Wednesday 4th March. Again, this year we took 2 teams for each age group, the most of any school. This meant that 24 children had the opportunity to take part showing how many fantastic gymnasts we have at Wylde Green. In the year 5&6 competition we were on vault first with Grace (6J) showing great composure having to be the first performer of anyone! Both teams performed well over 4 levels of the vault using the springboard well and there were some fantastic straddle-over's performed by Nevaeh (6J), Cassidy (5S), Paige (5S) and Willow (5M). On the floor our 5&6's showed the flair, strength and focus needed to complete a difficult routine with all of them doing themselves proud – a big shout out to Hazel (6J) who still completed the routine with an injury although it was that flawless you wouldn't have known!

Over in the year 3&4 event our teams were also starting on the vault, the teams found it more challenging to adapt to the different springboard but still managed to put together a solid sequence of vaults and were really pushing their stretch jumps for maximum height and distance. Zara (4W) even added a fourth level to the height and managed a great tuck through and landing. On the floor all 12 gymnasts were brilliant, despite a few nerves in the team (and a long wait to perform!) they all really impressed the many spectators, the judges and even staff from other schools! I was blown away with their performance and would like to say a special well done to Tobias (3W) who despite a wobble on the vault came back to perform a great floor routine, great resilience!

The results were announced and with 32 teams across both events we knew it would be tough. However one of our year 5&6 teams were awarded team silver on vault, one of our year 3&4 teams achieved a well-deserved team silver on floor and one of our gymnasts received an individual bronze on vault and silver on floor! A big thank you to the parents and supporters for your support and a huge thank you and well done to the children who took part for all the time and effort you've put into this event. You should all be very proud!

Mr Summers

Setting Parental Safeguards

Setting parental safeguards on your child's devices

If you're viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below. If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child. We recommend you set the device not to allow any apps or games to be installed without your permission. Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.

