

SMUPS Newsletter 13/2/26

Hello from Mrs Harvey

Hello all SMUPS children and families,

We have had an action packed first part of the Spring term! Although it has been a tad damp, the days are now getting longer and there is light creeping back in. NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies and workshops complemented our pastoral and safeguarding work, building on Pantosaurus, 'The Pants Rule' and our class worry boxes. NSPCC Number Day was again a wonderful way to celebrate Maths, thank you for all of your contributions and excellent number themed outfits. We have expanded our Wraparound provision so that Breakfast Club starts earlier and After School Club finishes later to further support our families. We are asking for donations to supplement our supplies so if you have a clear out over half term, please keep hold of any of the items listed below for us and bring them in after the holiday.

We said goodbye to Mrs Jarvis yesterday. Mrs Jarvis has worked at our school for over twenty years and has been a significant figure in championing singing, music, ethos, our Christian Distinctiveness and church and community links. Mrs Jarvis has ensured that groups of our children take part in Young Voices every year and she will re-join us for the last time for the postponed Young Voices event this year. We have wonderful memories of Mrs Jarvis to treasure including magnificent Easter Story performances, Performing Arts Club and not least the bible workouts during lockdown! We will continue her creative, faith based work as our strong ethos and Christian values continue.

We have a **Non-Pupil Day on Monday 23rd February so we will see you back on Tuesday 24th February** for the rest of the Spring term.

Have a wonderful half term week,

Mrs Harvey





Breakfast and After School Club

Please help...we need these items!

Please donate these items to us if you are having a clear out over half term, we will gladly take them off your hands for our Breakfast and After School Club provision.

We need:

- Playmobile

- Sylvanians
- K'nex
- My Little Ponies
- Superheroes
- Barbies
- Cars
- Tractors
- Lego
- Duplo
- Wooden train track
- Wooden garage
- Wooden doll's house
- Wooden farm
- Play mats
- Cushions
- Blankets
- Bean bags

Friday 13th February



Acorns



Wow! What a fantastic half term we have had! I am so incredibly proud of how hard all the children have worked.

Last week we had so much fun celebrating and raising money for the NSPCC Number Day! It was lovely to see all the children's creative costumes. They loved taking part in the different maths activities, and it was great to see their enthusiasm and confidence with numbers shining through.

Their showcase topic schemas have been incredible! I've been so impressed with their creativity and confidence when talking about their learning. It's very clear just how much they have been engaging in their learning! I have also been blown away with all the children's writing in Drawing Club – it has been wonderful to see their ideas becoming more detailed and their confidence in writing their magic code growing each week.

On Wednesday we had our very first bus trip to Tiverton Museum and Knightshayes National Trust! As usual Acorn's behaviour was fantastic from start to finish – they listened carefully, showed real enthusiasm and represented our school so well. It was such a lovely day, and they should all feel very proud of themselves.

They've worked incredibly hard this half term and have shown great resilience and independence. Thank you so much for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break, and I can't wait for another great half term together!

Miss Snell x





Oak



We've had a lovely end to our first spring term in Oak Class!

The children finished their cooking project by making their own sandwiches. They enjoyed eating half in class and took the other half home to share. We then used this experience in our writing by creating instruction texts and drawing pictures in sequence to help explain each step. The children took great care with their handwriting and spelling, and this work will be going up on display in the corridor. We've also completed some amazing animal portraits using a mirroring technique and oil pastels. The results are fantastic and really show how much effort everyone has put in. Everyone has worked so hard this term and should be very proud of what they've achieved.

Well done, Oak Class! We hope you all have a lovely half term.

Ash



We have a busy half term! Last Friday we celebrated Number Day and the children had great fun exploring all the Maths activities.

This last couple of weeks we have been combining a lot of our English with Science and embracing our green fingers! We have planted sweet peas and sunflowers and the children are really enjoying watching them grow. They have been completing some fabulous writing about how the sunflower grows and it's life cycle.

In Maths we are continuing with multiplication and division and as well as practicing our 2's, 5's and 10's we are moving on to our 3's. I really hope the children can work with you over half term to keep improving.

After a restful half term we will not only have World Book Day to look forward to but our trip to Arlington Court.

Have a wonderful half term and I can't wait to see you all soon!

Pine



What a fantastic end to the half term! Last Friday, we had so much fun celebrating Number Day, playing a variety of exciting games organised by each class. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and enthusiastic.

In English, we have been stretching and growing our brains by learning about significant women in history. We have written informative sentences about Gertrude Ederle and have begun researching Mary Anning. I am really looking forward to continuing our learning about these inspiring women after the half term break.

In Maths, we have been exploring length and perimeter. We enjoyed measuring ourselves and practising converting metres into centimetres. It has been a little confusing at times, but everyone has shown fantastic resilience and determination.

We have also been super scientists, investigating why soil is important and observing our plants as they grow. It has been exciting to see the changes happening over time.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and well-deserved half term break!





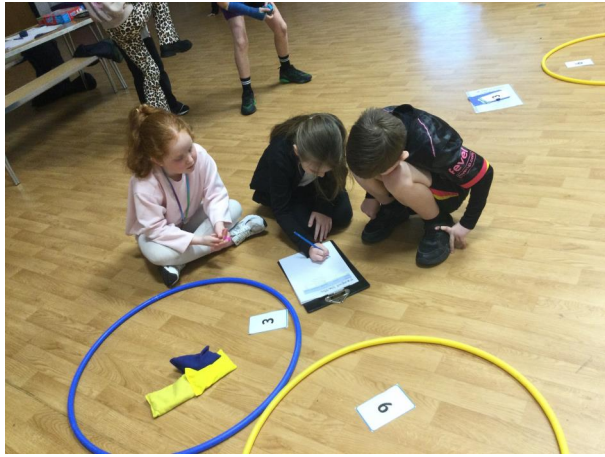


Beech

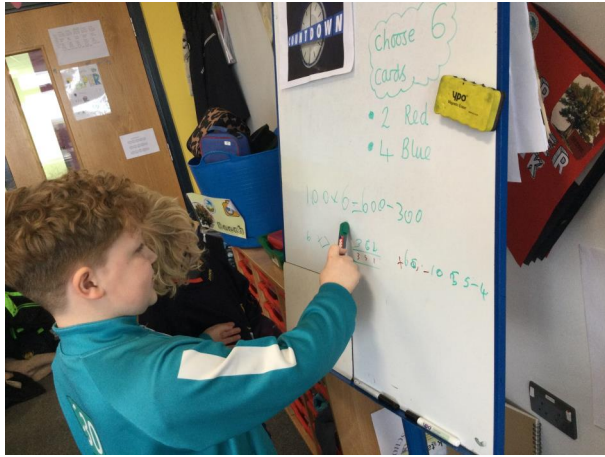
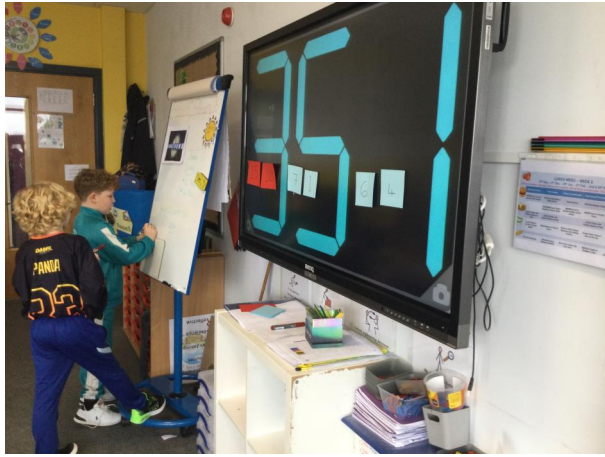














We had a fun filled Number day last Friday. The children were awesome and took part in a variety of activities working well as small groups, large groups and also individually. We played Lego challenges; countdown; made towers and patterns; threw bean bags for points; used our multiplication skills to answer questions and recognised and made sequences.

Over the past week we have also researched, designed, baked and decorated Valentine's biscuits for the whole schools enjoyment today. It has been a jam packed half-term and the children are due a well deserved break.

Holly



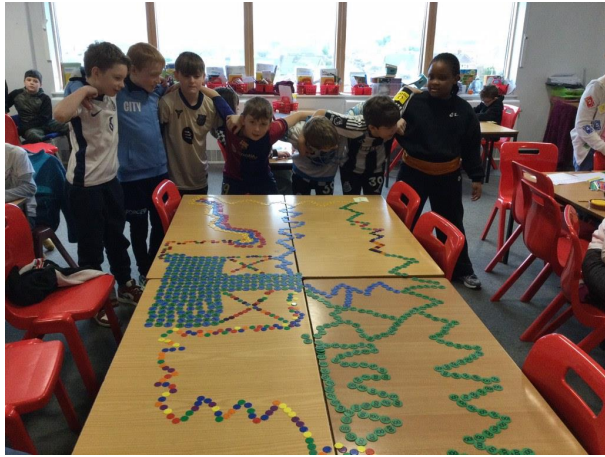
Holly class have been so motivated and hard working in the last two weeks of this half term. They have worked so diligently on their biographies about Charles Darwin. In Maths, we have been grappling with some tricky algebra and, fortunately, there have been so many light bulb moments for everyone this week, as all the children are now showing great

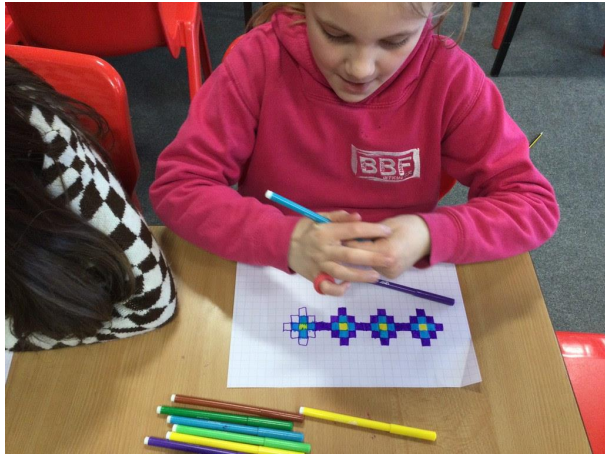
confidence with this skill. This week I have been particularly impressed with the developing scientists the whole class are becoming. Over the past two weeks, we have carefully, planned, undertaken and analysed an experiment exploring the relationship between light and shadows. The whole class produced an impressive set of graphs from their data and were very confidently able to articulate their interpretations of their results and state their conclusions. There have been many WOW moments during these science lessons and I have been so proud of what we have learnt! Holly class have definitely earned a break - have a restful and enjoyable half term everyone !

Willow



We had a wonderful day last Friday for NSPCC Number Day. Our enthusiasm for all Maths work continues to make this area of learning really impactful and we feel really successful when we secure new skills. We have blasted through some excellent fraction work and are now grappling well with long multiplication. This half term has whizzed by - we loved learning about the Mayans, dancing Bangra, and exploring materials in Science. We are looking forward to our Rivers topic, including our Exmoor Trip, and all the new learning in Spring 2. Have a super half term break, and well done for all your hard work.







Elm



Elm class have had a busy week- I have been so proud of their hard work in English this week, producing some fantastic work with excellent presentation skills. We have also been learning about street art and the work of Banksy, designing and making our own stencil using craft knives. We are hoping it is dry enough to spray paint our own 'graffiti wall' after half term. Our children have spent some time this week thinking about internet safety- especially about how to stay safe online. Our year 6 children are producing posters about internet safety to display around the school.

 Stars of the Week/s



Acorns: Louis & Grace Ayat & Archie

Oak: Lilly & Chaynee, Phoebe B, Molly & Skye

Ash: Jenson & Jay, Ava, Charlie J & Hira

Pine: Brilliant & Eryn Pippa & James

Beech: Olivia & Jaxson, Holly & Jaxon

Willow: Archie & Lily, Ryder & Aralie

Elm: Oscar and Dylan, Aria and Sophia W

Holly: Georgie and Dallas, Jack and Sophia

Collective Worship



The church team told us the story of 'The Secret Baby', spiralling back to the beginning of the life of Moses. We have learned through the church team's 'Open the Book' stories from the bible, that Moses was a brave leader chosen by God to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. As a baby, he was hidden in a basket on the Nile and raised by Pharaoh's daughter. Later, God spoke to him through a burning bush, leading to the ten plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, and receiving the Ten Commandments.





Attendance



Acorns: 91.57%

Oak: 93.7%

Ash: 92.72%

Pine: 95.56%

Beech: 90.04%

Willow: 90.32%

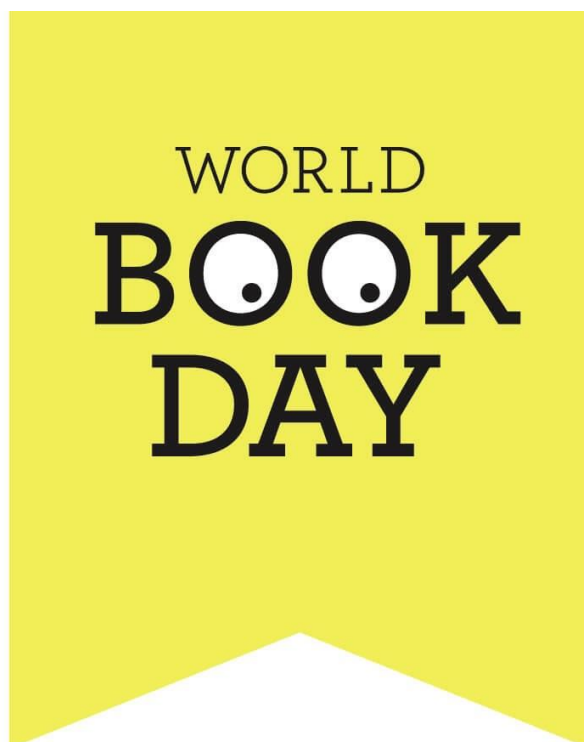
Holly: 92.31%

Elm: 87.92%



- Monday 23rd February: Non-Pupil Day
- Thursday 26th February: PTFA 'Spots and Stripes' DISCO
- Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
- Friday 20th March: Red Nose Day
- 23rd & 24th March: Parent consultations - please book via Arbor
- Family hub support drop in dates: every 2nd Tuesday of the month in term time only
9:15 - 10:30am
 - 10/3 14/4 12/5 9/6 14/7

World Book Day



World Book Day 2026 will take place on Thursday 5th **March**.

This year, our theme is '**Build Your Own Character**'. We are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character they have invented themselves. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to use their imagination and creativity. Their character could be anything at all — an alien, a spy, a monster, a brand-new superhero, or something completely unique!

Throughout the day, the children will be sharing their characters with their classmates and taking part in writing activities based on their creations.

Please note that there is no expectation to buy anything new for this event. Part of the enjoyment comes from being creative with items you already have at home.

We look forward to seeing all of their fantastic ideas!



DISCO Spots and Stripes 26th Feb. Rec, Y1, Y2 3pm-4pm

LAMBING BINGO tickets available from the office, instructions included!

EASTER BINGO-tickets on sale end of February 18th March

Staying Safe



Online Safety

[What Parents Need To Know About Roblox](#)

This week all the children in school have been learning about how to stay safe online including how to stop cyber bullying, what you can trust on the internet (including AI) and what information to share/ not share online. Please take the chance to talk to your children about online safety and check their devices regularly.