

# Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, Infant children wore their pyjamas to school to signify the importance of engaging in a bedtime story and enjoyed sharing their favourite story with their friends!

We were delighted to see so many family members attend the reading sessions at each school – there was a lovely atmosphere in classrooms as adults and children were engaged in book sharing. We know how much the children love having relatives visit them in their familiar school environment and we hope you enjoyed it too!



## SHARING STORIES TOGETHER

It's never too early to read stories with your child and spending just ten minutes every day enjoying books together can make a BIG difference to their development. Sharing stories boost creativity, imagination, improves wellbeing and is a positive experience for all!

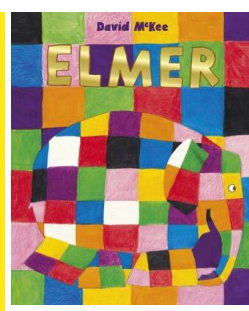
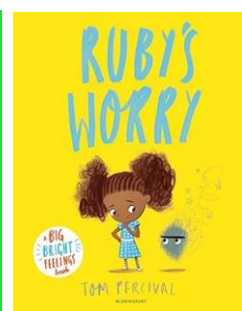
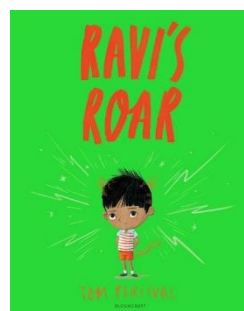
Download the [Sharing Stories Together](#) PDF for tips on how to enjoy books together.



There are 15 stories available to watch together on the following website, with follow up activity ideas.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

The stories include [Elmer](#), [Ruby's Worry](#) and [Ravi's Roar](#).



## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Peacock Class** with 97% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Well done to Flamingo and Nightingale Classes who also achieved over 96%.

Congratulations to **Starling Class** with 98.4% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Kestrel, Magpie, Kingfisher and Chaffinch Classes who also achieved over 96%.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars	
Flamingo Class	Lotty
Toucan Class	Noah
Nightingale Class	Maggie
Peacock Class	Niamh
Dove Class	Zack
Puffin Class	Lisette

## INFANT VALUE STARS – HONESTY

The value stars were awarded to Florence, Ivy, Jacob, Freddie, Mia and Kian

Junior School Stars	
Chaffinch Class	Isabel
Woodpecker Class	Dahlia
Kestrel Class	Aviella
Starling Class	Alfie
Kingfisher Class	Freddie
Magpie Class	Ava P
Red Kite Class	Tymon
Robin Class	Nokutenda

## JUNIOR VALUE STARS - FORGIVENESS

The value stars nominated by the children, were awarded to Maciek, Oscar, Rocco, Miki, Samuel, Amelia, Toby and Theo.

## ATTENDANCE

As part of our work to improve attendance, we are starting to email out attendance information to all families on a fortnightly basis.

The majority of children have good attendance, and we hope that the emails will celebrate that with families as well as draw awareness to any dipping attendance.

The email will include:

- The percentage attendance to date for this academic year
- The percentage attendance for the previous two weeks
- The number of instances of late arrival to school this academic year

You should receive your first email today!

## RECEPTION NURSE VISIT

As part of Reception's 'People who help us' topic, they had a visit from nurse Hannah today! She answered the children's questions about being a nurse and working in a hospital and showed the children some of her equipment. Some children pretended to be Hannah's patients! A huge thank you to Hannah for volunteering her time and providing the children with such a great learning opportunity.





## WONDERFUL WOMEN

Thank you to FoFS who organised the 'Wonderful Women' present room fundraiser. The children really enjoyed selecting a gift from a range of beautifully presented items in 'the shop'. We hope you enjoy receiving the gift.

A huge thank you to everybody who bought gifts - we will let you know how much was raised in the newsletter next week.

## PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you to everybody who completed our parent surveys at the parent/teacher consultation appointments. We really value your feedback.

If you did not get the opportunity to complete a survey, they remain open until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - please scan the relevant school's QR code to complete the survey.



## CLASS PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** to take this year's class photos.

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## YEAR THREE STRINGS PROJECT

We're halfway through the Strings First Access Project in Year 3! If your child would like to continue their learning with NMPAT next term, then don't forget to register by 17<sup>th</sup> March – see email for details.



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March the Year 3 children are putting on an end of project performance for their parents and carers.

It is a great opportunity for them to demonstrate the skills they have learnt to an audience.

The performance starts at 9:15 a.m. and will take place in the hall at the Junior School.

## RED NOSE DAY

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** we are taking part in Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in something **red**, for a suggested donation of £1.

We also invite your child to come to school with a **crazy hair style** if they want to.

Donations can be paid via the Arbor Parent Portal or by cash on the day.

If your child has PE on Friday, their clothing should be suitable for their lesson.



## WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of our 'Design a Book Character' competition: Hudson, Maisy, Rex, Eloise and Adriana. They won £5 vouchers to spend at this week's book fair. Well done to all of the children who entered – it was a challenge for Mrs Jewell to choose the winning designs.

Thank you to everybody who attended the Book Fair at the Infant School this week. We will let you know how much commission your purchases have earned the school, next week.



## CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thank you to everybody who attended the recent Chocolate Bingo evening organised by FoFS. It raised a very impressive total of £444.00 which will support the enhancement of learning for pupils.

Thank you to our team of FoFS volunteers who invest so much of their time to make the events a great success.



## YEAR FOUR SWIMMING

Children are expected to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year Six. To support them to achieve this goal, children from year four will be attending swimming lessons next term. The swimming lessons will start on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** and end on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at Waendel Leisure Centre.

## COOKING ON A BUDGET WEBINAR

The Northamptonshire Healthy Schools Campaign will be holding a free webinar for families on **16<sup>th</sup> March** to find out how to create healthy, affordable meals on a budget.

You will receive tips to help make budgets go further when planning what to eat, shopping and cooking and you will also look at some nutritious foods that are low in cost. Click [here](#) to book your place.

## APPLE TREE CLUB

Booking is open for the Easter holiday at Apple Tree Club.

You are able to book 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £23.50 which includes breakfast or 8:50 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £20.00. Half day places are also available.

If you would like more details about our Club, then please contact the club manager, Caralyn Cox on 07766 978374.



## SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams	<a href="mailto:head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk">head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk</a>
Mrs Caroline Jewell	<a href="mailto:caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk">caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk</a>
Miss Lucy Sadler	<a href="mailto:lucy.sadler@iflt.org.uk">lucy.sadler@iflt.org.uk</a>
Miss Felicity Pettitt	<a href="mailto:felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk">felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk</a>
Mrs Jen Reed	<a href="mailto:jen.reed@iflt.org.uk">jen.reed@iflt.org.uk</a>

Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	<a href="mailto:caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk">caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk</a>
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- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs, be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see key dates for you to be aware of. **New dates in red font.**

Date	What's on
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photo Day - Class Photo's
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 9:15 am	Performance for Y3 parents of stringed instrument playing
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30 am</b>	<b>Easter Church Service – children from both schools attending</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Sheringham