



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see the children dressed up for World Book Day this week. Their enthusiasm for reading and interest in books is clear to see. We are working hard to promote a love of reading and we are very proud of our amazing library. Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Head, our librarians, work so hard to continuously improve the range of literature available to the children. Mrs Vaughan informed me that we have 10,616 books just in our school library! Every child benefits from visiting the library on a weekly basis to read books and choose one to take home and share with their family. In addition, older and younger classes meet up to enjoy reading together as class buddies. On a weekly basis, we also celebrate reading in school by nominating reading ambassadors to talk about books they are enjoying reading and this is inspiring other children to try out new authors and genres.

In EYFS and KS1, our new phonics and reading programme 'Little Wandle' is improving the fluency of our readers and this has been noticed in our assessments and also by visitors to the school. Thank you for your support with reading.

Kind regards, Holly Marchand, Headteacher

Y3 Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 4th March, eight Y3 children took part in a friendly competitive tournament of Kwik Cricket against 6 other teams. They had great fun batting and scoring lots of runs between them, and they fielded well as a team. They finished in 3rd place overall, and received a team trophy for completing a team challenge in the quickest time. Well done!



Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our forthcoming parents' evening consultations are being held on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd April. Please note that the Wagtails class and Year 3/4 consultations will be held on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April.

Our booking system on ParentMail will go live on Monday 17th March at 8.00am.

Wagtails Parent Lunch

A reminder that, due to an audit taking place in the school kitchen, the Wagtails class parent lunch will now be on Wednesday 21st May at 11.45am.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 21st March, we will be supporting this worthwhile cause by inviting the children to dress from red-to-toe in as much or as little red clothing as they wish. Please feel free to keep it simple - this could mean wearing red socks or a red hair bobble.

We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 per child.



World Book Day 2025



On Thursday 6th March, the school was a riot of colour as we celebrated World Book Day 2025. The children looked fantastic in their costumes (as did the staff!). We were greeted with inflatable dinosaurs, frogs and cows, and even had a visit from the Gingerbread Man! Superheroes, princesses, fantasy characters and walking dictionaries were just some of the fantastic outfits seen in school.

The day began with staff sharing their favourite books with the children in a whole school assembly, before completing a range of book based tasks in their classrooms. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Thank you for your help and support in preparing such fantastic costumes. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair in a few weeks' time.



DIARY DATES

Fri 14 th March	FOS Easter Bingo Night	Mon 26 th May	Half term week
Thu 20 th March	Book Fair – 3.15-4.00	Fri 20 th June	FOS Non School Uniform
Mon 24 th March	Book Fair – 3.15-4.00	Fri 20 th June	FOS Summer Fete
Tue 25 th March	Book Fair – 3.15-4.00	Fri 27 th June	FOS Meeting – 1.30
Fri 28 th March	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15	Mon 30 th June	Sports Day
Tue 1 st April	Year 3 Performance at Marina Theatre	Wed 2 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Tue 1 st April	Parents' Evening (Less Wagtails & Y3/4)	Mon 7 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 2 nd April	Parents' Evening (Wagtails & Y3/4 only)	Fri 11 th July	Reports out to Parents
Thu 3 rd April	Parents' Evening (All Classes)	Fri 11 th July	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 4 th April	Last day of Spring term	Fri 11 th July	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 22 nd April	PD Day	Tue 15 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Wed 23 rd April	First day of Summer term	Wed 16 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday	Thu 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents)
W/c 12 th May	Y6 SATS week	Fri 18 th July	Y6 at SJLHS
W/c 19 th May	Science Week	Mon 21 st July	Y6 at SJLHS
Fri 23 rd May	FOS Non School Uniform	Tue 22 nd July	Y6 at SJLHS
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