

Spring Newsletter 4

What's been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes 1, 2 & 3

In Maths, the children have been counting objects with a focus on the number 9 and 10. They have been doing some great writing using digraphs and learning to label a lion. In PE, reception have been doing some brilliant balancing with beanbags using different body parts. In class, they have read 'We're going on a Lion Hunt' and have been drawing and painting lions.

In Year 1: Classes 4, 5 & 6

In class the children have been reading 'A Squash and a squeeze'. The children have done some amazing writing joining their sentences with the word 'and.' In maths they have been representing numbers in 10s and 1s. The children have started to create some artwork after learning about L.S. Lowry and using different textures.

In Year 2: Classes 7, 8 & 9

Hola! From year 2 who have been learning all about Mexico. They have begun to read the story 'Cuckoo Cuckoo' ready to do some brilliant writing focusing on conjunctions and other writing skills. The children have also been creating some amazing Mexican folk art. In maths they have been concentrating on fractions of different shapes and equalising fractions.

Things to remember

Parents Evening forms have been sent by email. (See dates below). These are face to face meetings at school. The form is to be completed by Monday 10th March.

Remember to order school meals in advance through Evolve <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>

You need to do this 48 hours before the start of the week (midnight Friday night).

We are now using **Arbor** to pay for school items e.g. school visits or PTA events. If you have any issues being able to use this, please contact the office.

Our Assemblies

In the last few weeks, we have been thinking about

Being The Best You!

The children learnt about how even if you are not having the best day and you have a mix of emotions, you can still be the 'best you' by overcoming those things. We have also read a book based on the true story of Emmanuel Oforu Yeboah, a Ghanaian who overcame his disability and rode 400 miles across Ghana. We have also looked at the start of Ramadan and Shrove Tuesday.



World Book Week!

What an amazing week the children have had celebrating their love for books!



It was fantastic seeing our lovely Parents/ Carers in school on Monday reading with the children, thank you for joining us. Author and Illustrator, Alan MacDonald, had a wonderful session with all the children. He read them an extract of his book 'Dirty Bertie' and taught them to draw their own Dirty Bertie character- there were some amazing and interesting drawings!

Everyone was very comfortable in their pyjamas on Thursday and enjoyed spending time with their class reading their favourite stories. It was lovely seeing the variety of books children brought from home.



Each class has also enjoyed a story being read to them by another class's teacher. The children found this very exciting and loved hearing some different stories. Keep reading!

Notifications

Spare Clothes- We are in need of spare clothes in school, specifically, socks, leggings, joggers and pants in sizes age 6 upwards, especially in the bigger sizes. If you are able to donate any of these items to school that would be much appreciated.

Inconsiderate Driving- It's been brought to our attention that parents/carers have driven dangerously outside of school, during busy times. For the safety of the children and parent/carers, cars should **not** drive onto Avon Gardens during pick up or drop off times. We would recommend walking or cycling, if you do need to drive, leave with enough time to park on the surrounding roads and walk to school from your car. We will continue to keep monitoring the situation.



Key dates for Spring term & Next Academic Inset Days

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| Friday 7 th March | INSET day |
| Week beginning 10 th March | Science Week |
| Monday 10 th March | Reception 'Beatfeet' drumming workshop |
| Friday 14 th March | Year 1 PTA Disco (after school) |
| Wednesday 19 th March | Marlborough Court community visit |
| Friday 21 st March | Reception & Year 2 PTA Disco (after school) |
| Friday 21 st March | Red Nose Day- Comic Relief |
| Thurs 27 th March | Parents' Evening (in person) |
| Tuesday 1 st April | Parents' Evening (in person) |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | Parents' Evening (in person) |
| Friday 4 th April | Last day of Spring Term |
| Monday 1 st September 2025 | Admin day |
| Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 | Inset Day |
| Monday 3 rd November 2025 | Inset Day |
| Monday 23 rd February 2026 | Inset Day |
| Monday 27 th July 2026 | Inset Day |