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Friday 27th February 2026



2026	
Year 1 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Monday 2nd March
World Book Day – children come dressed as their favorite book character – Children will receive £1 book vouchers	Friday 6th March
WISA Presents 'The Take That Experience' at Ruislip Rugby Club - To buy tickets scroll down. **Last tickets remaining.**	Friday 6th March
School Book Fayre	Tuesday 10th March – Tuesday 17th March
Year 2 trip to Windsor	Friday 13th March
Music extravaganza for Reception & Year 1 Parents	Tuesday 17th March 9:10 & 2:30
Music extravaganza for Nursery & Year 2 Parents (note change of PM time)	Friday 20th March - 9:10 & **1:45**
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 23rd March
Rocksteady Music concert	Tuesday 24th March 9.30 + 2:15pm
Reception Trip to Church	Wednesday 25th March - AM
WISA Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 26th March
School Term Ends	Friday 27th March at 12.20
School Closed for children – Teacher Training Day	Monday 13th April
Summer Term/School Re-opens	Tuesday 14th April
On The Right Road-performance and workshop for Year 1 & 2	Thursday 23rd April
Reception Trip to Odds Farm	Friday 24th April
Class Group Photos	Monday 27th April
Doves Assembly	Wednesday 29th April
Robins Assembly	Wednesday 6th May
WISA May School Fayre	Saturday 9th May
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 11th May 9.00 to 10.00
Ducklings Assembly	Thursday 14th May at 9.10
Swans Assembly	Tuesday 19th May at 9.10
Wrens Assembly	Wednesday 20th May at 9.10
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Cultural Day	Friday 5th June
Nursery - Mobile farm visit	Friday 19th June
WISA Reception & Year 1 show (held after school)	Thursday 25th June
Year 2 End of Year Show	Friday 10th July – 9:15 & 2:30
SEN Coffee Morning	Monday 13th July 9.00 – 10.00
School Terms Ends	Tuesday 21st July at 12.20

Please see our website for term dates/holidays. Updates/changes in red.

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Families,

We've had a wonderful first week back after the half term break, and it has been lovely to see the children return with such energy and enthusiasm. We even enjoyed a little sunshine this week, Wednesday was a particular highlight, with many children delighted to play outside without their coats for the first time in a while.

On Monday, I delivered an assembly on Ramadan, helping the children understand why this month is so important to many some of our families and to many Muslims around the world. We send our warmest wishes to everyone who is observing the fast at this special time.

On Wednesday, Mrs Kramer led a fantastic history assembly, comparing our school today with what schools were like in the past, including some very interesting differences in uniform. The children were fascinated and full of questions.

We are also excited to share that our new playground trim trail is now complete. We can't wait to open it with the children and see them enjoy this new addition to our outdoor space.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Jackie Hall
Headteacher

Messages/Reminders from the Admin Team



World Book Day – Friday 6th March

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or wear comfy pyjamas to celebrate. We will be enjoying a range of fun reading activities throughout the day.

We are asking for a small voluntary donation to support school resources and activities. If you would like to contribute, please visit: https://www.justgiving.com/page/whiteheath-infant-worldbookday2026

On the day, your child will also receive a £1 book token. This can be used at our school book fair (Tuesday 10th March – Tuesday 17th March) or at participating bookshops.

Weekly Attendance by Class Update – 9th to 13th February 2026

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	89.0
Swans	93.1
Wrens	89.6
Ducklings	87.4
Doves	89.2
Robins	89.3
Swallows	93.8
Puffins	93.9

⭐ **Class of the Week: Puffins**

Unfortunately, no class reached our target of 96% before half term.

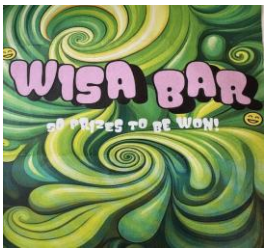
Regular attendance is key to learning, growing, and enjoying school life. Every day counts, and being in school helps us keep up with lessons, make friends, and take part in all the fun activities. Let's all aim to come to school every day and reach our target of 96%!



Join Our Team – Admin Officer Vacancy

We're excited to announce a fantastic opportunity to become part of our school community! We are currently seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Admin Officer to join our team. If you're highly organised, enjoy working with people, and would love to play a key role in supporting our students, staff, and families, this could be the perfect position for you. Know someone who would be a great fit? Please share this opportunity with them!

Click the link below to find out more and submit an application.
https://crinklerecruitment.com/Job/Admin-Officer-6622



WISA Chocolate Bar Sale

It's world book week next week and the WISA chocolate 🍫 factory has been very busy!! To celebrate a famous book, we will be having an after-school sale of WISA bars

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March.

50 x kids prizes to be won inside if you get a golden 🎟 ticket! Please bring cash after school to purchase your special family chocolate bars £2.50 each. Winners will be able to collect their prizes by taking in their golden ticket to their teacher and prizes will be given out or planned in as soon as possible.



2nd March - Year 1 Trip to Chiltern Air Museum

If you have not yet made your contribution, this is a gentle reminder to please complete your payment via the School Money app.

Please also remember to order a packed lunch through HCL, or your child may bring a packed lunch from home instead.



13th March - Reminder Payment for the Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle

Year 2 parents/carers: A gentle reminder to please make payment via the School Money app for the Windsor Castle trip on Wednesday 13th March.

24th April - Reception Trip to Odds Farm

On 24th April, our Reception children will be visiting Odds Farm Park for an exciting day of learning and fun.

*Please make payment for the trip via the School Money app at your earliest convenience.

The children will be out for the full day. Please order a packed lunch through HCL, or your child may bring a packed lunch from home.

If you are interested in volunteering to support the trip, please complete the form below. Kindly note that we can only accept DBS checks that have been processed through the school; unfortunately, we are unable to accept DBS certificates from other organisations.

👉 Please click the link: https://forms.gle/YmCCmxQmt1rpeGcz5



From September 2026, we are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming two-year-olds to our school family!

We are incredibly excited to expand our provision to support our very youngest learners. We can't wait to create a nurturing, stimulating environment where they can explore, discover and take their very first steps on their learning journey with us. It's a wonderful new chapter for our school community, and we look forward to watching our youngest children grow, thrive and flourish from the very beginning.

Year 2




We have enjoyed welcoming the children back after the half-term break. They have had a fantastic week and have made the most of the sunshine, enjoying playtimes with their friends. On Wednesday, we were delighted to begin our first Spring Forest School session. The children created some beautiful observational drawings, capturing the many signs of spring in nature.

In Phonics this week, we have focused on adding the suffixes –ed, –ing and –er to words, exploring the spelling rules that apply when these endings are added.

In English, the children have worked incredibly hard on drafting their stories based on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We are so impressed with their growing vocabulary and the stamina they are developing for longer pieces of writing. Next week, we will begin our new focus text, Leaf, and will be starting a unit on non-chronological report writing. We will be researching and gathering facts about polar bears.

In Maths, our topic is multiplication and division. This week, we have been learning about division through grouping and sharing. The children have practised identifying the total amount and the number of equal groups it needs to be shared between, then representing this as a number sentence and applying it to real-life scenarios. For example: 12 ÷ 3 = 4. If Sam has 12 sweets and shares them equally between 3 friends, they each receive 4 sweets. Please continue to support your child at home by practising counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

In RE, our focus is Hinduism. Next week, we will be learning about how Hindus celebrate the festival of Holi. If your child has any artefacts at home that would support our learning, they are very welcome to bring them in (clearly named).

We have also begun our new Dimensions topic, Royal Patrons, which has a History focus. The children will be learning about monarchs past and present, as well as exploring differences between toys from the past and today. We are sure the children will enjoy talking to you about our lesson on old and new toys. We have asked them to talk with you about the toys you played with when you were 6 or 7 years old, and it would be wonderful if they could have the same conversation with grandparents too. If you have any old toys at home that you would be willing to send in for a show and tell session, we would greatly appreciate it.
The History topic will conclude with our trip to Windsor Castle on Friday 13th March, which we are very much looking forward to. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help on the trip — we have now contacted parents and carers to confirm who will be accompanying us.

PLEASE NOTE OUR PE LESSON WILL BE ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK AS IT IS DRESS UP DAY ON FRIDAY FOR WORLD BOOK DAY. PLEASE SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IN FULL PE KIT ON THURSDAY.

Weekly Reminders:

- Monday - Reading books sent back
- Tuesday - Challenge Homework due
- Wednesday - Forest School (send in warm layers and wellies)
- Thursday - PE Day (children wear full PE kit to school)
- Friday - WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP, Library Day and Spelling Test (No PE)

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend.
The Year 2 Team

Year 1




On Monday, our class will be visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum. We will be leaving school at 9:00am and aim to return before the end of the school day. This trip links to the children's current topic on Thomas Barnardo, a Victorian doctor who dedicated his life to helping children living in poverty. During the visit, the children will take part in two exciting workshops: "Toys in the Past and Present**"** and "Making Rags." These activities will help bring their learning about Victorian life to life in an engaging and hands-on way. Please ensure your child brings:

- A packed lunch in a disposable bag
- A disposable water bottle

As much of the day will be spent outdoors, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, including comfortable footwear and a coat. We are looking forward to a fun and educational day.

Next week is Book Week (Friday 6th of March)! We are looking forward to seeing everyone wearing their book character costumes or pyjamas on Friday. The children will be receiving their book voucher towards the end of the week, which they can 'spend' in any book shop, including our school book fair which will be in school for a week from Tues 10th March. We are also looking forward to welcoming our Y5 reading buddies from the Junior School on Friday as part of our Book Week celebrations.

In English next week we will continue to work on the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will be describing how Grandma feels when the wolf arrives. We will act out the dialogue between Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf dressed as Grandma. We will then use speech bubbles to show the conversation. Then we will focus on the hunter arriving and the sounds he hears using 'ing' words and adverbs. In Phonics we will be learning sounds: or (word), u (awful), are (share), aur (author), aur (dinosaur), oor (floor) and al (walk). We will be learning the following tricky words: once and laugh.

In Maths next week we will be starting our new topic on place value to 50. We will be extending our counting from 20 to 50. We will be looking at the value of each digit in numbers to 50. We will be making the numbers using tens and ones equipment (Dienes) and finding the numbers on a number line.

As part of our topic, Children's Champion, pupils will explore education during the Victorian era, learning about what school life was like for children at that time. We will recreate a Victorian classroom environment, giving the children the opportunity to take part in role-play activities to deepen their understanding of historical school experiences.

The children will also continue to learn about the achievements of Thomas Barnardo, including his work supporting vulnerable children and his significant contribution to education, such as opening a school for girls.

In RE we will continue to learn about Jesus' parables and will be exploring 'the prodigal son', with its message of love, saying sorry and forgiveness.

In PSHE, the children will be learning about healthy eating. They will learn about making good choices about food to improve their health and well-being.

Notices for the parents:

- PE will be on Monday and Wednesday for Robins and Tuesday and Wednesday only for Doves. PE kit is to be worn. No earrings please.
- Long hair should be tied back every day.
- Proper school shoes should be worn every day, expect for PE days.
- Parents can collect children's wellies from outside the classroom
- Please continue to collect and save shoe boxes for an upcoming DT project.

Thank you for all your support. Wishing you all a great weekend.

Reception





We have a busy and exciting week ahead in Reception, with lots of opportunities for singing, exploring numbers, building confidence in phonics and diving deeper into our alien theme.

🗓️ **Maths: Days of the Week & Numbers 9 and 10**

In maths, we will be learning the **days of the week**, using songs and actions to help us remember the order. We'll also be exploring the numbers **9 and 10**, focusing on **finding**, **representing** and **comparing** these numbers in different ways.

🔤 **Phonics: Recapping Key Sounds**

We will be revisiting the sounds **ow**, **ear**, **air**, **er**, and **our**, and practising reading and spelling words containing these sounds to build fluency and confidence.

👽 **Topic: Aliens**

Our topic next week is **Aliens**, and the children will be designing, creating and exploring all things space-related. This theme always sparks imagination, and we can't wait to see the characters, planets and stories they come up with.

✍️ **Handwriting Focus**

We are continuing to work really hard on our **letter formation** in handwriting. Please keep an eye on **Dojo**, where we will share helpful resources so you can support this at home.

📚 **Book Week Reminder**

Next week is **Book Week**, and we are really looking forward to celebrating our love of stories together. On **Friday**, please can all children bring their **favourite book** into school, as we will be visiting the Junior School to share stories with the older children. Please make sure your child's **name is written inside the book** so it can be returned safely.

Children are also welcome to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**. Costumes do **not** need to be shop-bought — creative, homemade outfits using things you already have at home are absolutely perfect. We will be holding a **costume parade in assembly** so the children can show off their wonderful characters.

Oracy Focus
If an alien landed in your garden, what would you ask them — and why?

Thank you for all your support. The Reception Team

Nursery





This week, we introduced our new topic, **"Blast Off!"** We focused on **P is for Planet** and **R is for Rocket**. The children used **Google Earth** to explore the planet we live on and zoomed in to find our Nursery. We also explored the other planets in our solar system and learned their names.

Next week, we will focus on **A is for Alien** and **M is for Moon**. At the end of the week, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character. Please ensure that costumes are simple so the children can continue to be independent throughout the day.

In **Maths**, we will continue learning about the numeral 5.
In **Literacy**, we will continue exploring our new story, *Emily Brown and the Thing*.
In **Phonics**, we will be focusing on our new sound, **'u'**.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team.

Clubs Update ⚽ 🤸

Exciting news! If your child would love to develop their skills, stay active and have lots of fun with friends, now is the perfect time to sign up! Please contact the clubs directly to secure a place before they fill up.





Family Hubs and Children's Centres

SEND Workshops

Workshops for Parents of Children Under 5 with SEND.

What Do I Do Now?
Has your child recently had an initial or final Autism assessment at the Child Development Centre?
Join our workshop to learn more about Autism and the support available to you and your child.

SEND Sleep Workshop
Does your child struggle to fall asleep or stay asleep?
Come along to understand the reasons behind sleep difficulties and learn helpful strategies.

SEND Toileting Workshop
Do you need support with toilet training?
Join us to learn why toileting can be challenging and explore strategies that can help.

SEND Toothbrushing Workshop
Does your child find brushing their teeth difficult?
Attend our workshop to understand possible reasons and learn strategies to support toothbrushing.

Workshops are available both online and in person.

To book your place, please call:

South Ruislip Children's Centre - 01895 558860

Charville Children's Centre – 01895 250104

Cherry Lane Children's Centre- 01895 250393



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2026

External clubs will be available from **week commencing Monday 12th January** to **week commencing Monday 16th March 2026**.

Please note, there will be **no clubs during half-term week (Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February)** 🤸

To book your child's place, please **contact the clubs directly** using the details below.

🧘 Monday

GYMNASTICS (8:00–8:45am) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
The PSD Group
🌐 thepsdgroup.org.uk/psd-clubs 📞 0203 397 7409 | ✉️ info@thepsdgroup.org.uk

STREET DANCE (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Soul Performing Arts
🌐 www.igotsoulofficial.com 📞 07791 466 859 | ✉️ info@igotsoulofficial.com

MAGICAL MATHS CLUB (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Professor Poopenshtinken's Magical Maths
🌐 magicalmathsclub.com 📞 07734 733240

🎸 Tuesday

ROCKSTEADY MUSIC SCHOOL (during school hours) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
🌐 rocksteadymusicschool.com 📞 0330 113 0330 | ✉️ info@rocksteadymusicschool.com

THE CREATION STATION (3:20–4:20pm) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
✉️ lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk | 📞 07885 492952

⚽ Wednesday

FOOTBALL (3:20–4:20pm) *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
The Elms
🌐 www.theelms.co.uk 📞 020 8954 8787 | ✉️ info@theelms.co.uk

🏓 Thursday

TENNIS (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Let's Go Tennis 📞 020 3291 2984 | ✉️ lisa@letsgotennis@gmail.com

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🎭 Friday

YOGA (3:20–4:15pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
🌐 yogicminds.co.uk 📞 07720 249925 | ✉️ inquiry@yogicminds.co.uk

DRAMA (3:20–4:20pm) - *Reception, Year 1 & Year 2*
Little Voices https://tinyurl.com/hety29r2 📞 07787 535506 | ✉️ coleen@littlevoices.org.uk

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WHITEHEATH INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS FOR 2025-2026

Public Holidays 2026

Good Friday	Friday 3rd April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25th May 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Closure	Tuesday 2nd September (Training Day)
Term Starts	Wednesday 3rd September
Closure	Friday 24th October (Training Day)
Half Term	Monday 27th October – 31st October
Term Ends	Friday 19th December @ 12.20pm

Spring Term 2026

Closure	Monday 5th January (Training Day)
Term Starts	Tuesday 6th January
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February
Term Ends	Friday 27th March @ 12.20pm

Summer Term 2026

Closure	Monday 13th April (Training Day)
Term Starts	Tuesday 14th April
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Term Ends	Tuesday 21st July @ 12.20pm
Closure	Wednesday 22nd July (Training Day)