

## Friday News 14.02.2025

This week we have had a visit from a local farmer. EYFS and Year 1 were very excited to meet a local farmer and one of their tractors on the school playground. The whole class were able to visit, ask questions and learn about farming in our local community. We even have pictures of the children in the tractor wheels to show just how big the tractor was! It was a very exciting day for all. Our first group of Year 5 pupils have also had their first Bikeability sessions this week. This is such a vital lesson for the children to ensure they are safe on the road, especially as they get older and become more independent.

### Attendance

We achieved **96.5%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week.

Year 2 are our attendance champions this week with **98.3%**, well done Year 2! They were followed closely by Year 6 with 98% and Year 5 with 97.3%.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and the children have a well deserved rest ready to **return to school** on **Monday 24th February**. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### T-Birds

Just a reminder about collections from T-Birds please as there have been parents collecting at the incorrect timings causing frustration for T-Birds staff. The first collection time is 4:30 pm. Before this time the children are having snack or may already be outside staff are not around to continually answer the door. Any collections prior to this must be pre-arranged and notified through the office or via the Birds phone number (07762 022895) in the case of emergencies. The children who are in late T-Birds can be collected any time from 5pm; please use the bell to notify staff after 5pm that you have arrived. The bell will not be answered before this time.

### Reading challenge

We are really pleased that 120 children were awarded with the Yellow Reading Challenge Award this week and allowed to wear non-uniform today. This is a fantastic and well-deserved award for those children who have read 5 times a week every week for the whole half term. Remember you can always get a head start for the Green Reading Challenge Award by reading over half term.

### Year 6 Parents Evening

Please note the alternate date for Y6 parents only on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is due to the fact that Mr Bassett is not available on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### Year 4 Class Assembly

Please note that this will now be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** due to Europe class now swimming on a Thursday at The Kingfisher Pool.

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day

As in previous years, we would like to invite the children to donate a pre-loved book to a school Book Swap. We will also be enjoying some fun book related lessons in school, including some live author and illustrator workshops.

This year we are also having a Hat Competition. This might be a fun project for half term. Here are some ideas to get you started!



### Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Over half term the Theatre Royal have a special offer on a family show called Minny Stynker. We have attached a flyer for your information. Booking can be made via this link <https://bit.ly/41auJAh>

#### Key dates

##### 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 Class Assembly.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Class Assembly.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 to Sutton Hoo.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - EYFS Class Assembly.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening 1 **YR-Y5 only**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year R to watch the Gruffalo at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 1 3:30 - 5:00

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 6 Class Assembly.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Parents Evening 2 - all year groups

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Last Day of term

**Have a very happy half term everyone!**

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*"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them"*

MATTHEW 19:14