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## Holidays

Half Term - 23rd - 27th February 2026

Easter Holidays - 3rd - 17th April 2026

Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026

**\*\*We finish for summer on Friday 17th July 2026\*\***

## Star of the Week

Jaya - Nursery

Paigan - Reception

Arlo - Year 1

Eliza - Year 2

Henry - Year 3

Amarii - Year 4

Melannie - Year 5

Charlie - Year 6

**\*\*Well done to all of the Year 6 children and Miss Williams who attended Howtown you are all Superstars!\*\***

## PD Days for 2025/26

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

## World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday, March 5th**, with a focus on reading for pleasure.



All children are invited to dress up as a book or character of their choice. We do not want to place any pressure or financial burden on families, so costumes can be simple and creative. Some easy ideas include:

Decorating a T-shirt as a favourite book

Wearing pyjamas and coming as a bedtime story

Wearing a colour linked to a favourite book or character

The day will be dedicated to enjoying reading. Children are welcome to bring in a favourite story from home to share with others if they wish.

We look forward to celebrating a love of reading together!

## February is Heart Month

Village Primary School will be taking part on **Friday 13th**

**February** to support Heart Month. On this day, children are invited to wear non-uniform in red or pink in exchange for a £1 donation. Thank you for your continued support.



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## Nursery

This week we have continued our theme of Traditional Tales, looking at the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the children have been fully immersed in a range of exciting, hands-on activities. They particularly enjoyed making their very own harps and using the technique finger painting to create their own beanstalks. We used these paintings to talk about bigger and smaller and compare them with each other.



As a group, we looked at some different types of beans and sorted them into groups



(in particular groups of 3). The children made brilliant observations discussing how the different beans looked and felt. Additionally, the children used sensory play to make beanstalks out of green

playdough, pipe cleaners, pasta and cut out leaves.

## Reception

This week, we have been having a wonderful time exploring water play! Some children have taken their role play into the water, acting out tea parties or using small-world characters to create their own imaginative stories. Others have been exploring the concepts of full and empty through careful pouring.



We are also still enjoying our floating and sinking



experiments, inspired by the story 'Who Sank the Boat?', as well as linking this learning to Mr Gumpy's Outing. For some children, the water area has also provided a calming and enjoyable sensory experience.



We would love to create a display celebrating water play at home. If you have any photos of your child enjoying water activities, such as swimming, playing with containers in the sink or playing at the seaside, please send them via Seesaw. Thank you for your continued support!



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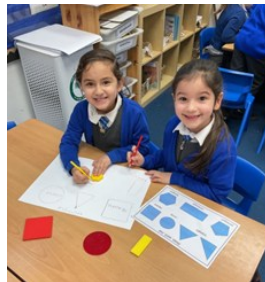
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## Year 1

In Year 1, this week, we have worked in all aspects of our learning! We have continued our work on shape, this week finishing 2D shapes and then beginning learning all about 3D shapes (they are all around us!) Help us continue our learning by asking us what shape things are around our home!



In English, we have continued our work on Hermelin the Detective Mouse and described Hermelin using super adjectives including curious and shy. In Phonics we have looked at all the different ways to create the ee sound!



We loved watching the live webcams from Edinburgh Zoo. We watched a tiger roaming in his enclosure and lots of penguins swimming. This linked to our Science topic where we are starting to compare and classify animals.

In RE, we have been exploring why mezuzah's are important in Judaism and what special message they send to Jews. In art we have been continuing our journey of exploring colour mixing to decorate impressions of our own modern homes.



## Year 2

This week, Year 2 attended a pirate themed sports session where they demonstrated their sporting abilities and excellent behaviour. In class, the children have worked on sentence structure and editing skills and begun to learn about statistics and how to record information. We continue to enjoy our class novel and Roald Dahl has definitely become a favourite author of ours.



## KS2 Reading Challenge Cards

A huge well done to all our KS2 children who have completed their reading challenge cards and earned a prize from Mrs Nixon's book trolley! Your hard work and enthusiasm for reading are wonderful to see — remember, earning a stamp on your card every Friday means reading at least four times a week with comments in your reading records. Keep it up and happy reading!



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## Year 3

Year 3 have had a lovely week continuing their Writing on The Worry Tiger. They have worked hard making their plans for a calmness guide and I am looking forward to reading the end results. In Maths they have focussed on adding and subtracting money, along with giving change, to prepare them for those trips to the shops! In Geography they learnt about the difference between human and physical features and sorted several landmarks into the two categories on a giant poster.



Ukulele lessons have continued and the children are improving week by week. Art has been an attempt at a Monet in the Art books so please look on seesaw for some of the wonderful work they have produced.



## Year 4

It has been another busy week in Year 4 with plenty of learning across the curriculum. In Maths we moved into fractions of a whole number and in English we began our new writing around the text 'Leaf'. Outside of these subjects we built circuits in Science, researched Rainforest animals in Geography and completed some artwork linked to our artist of the term Henri Rousseau. All the children have worked extremely hard and we are proud of the progress they have made! Keep it up Year 4.



## Packed Lunches

Just a reminder for parents/carers to cut any fruit and vegetables in your child's packed lunch. To avoid any choking hazards it is recommended to cut fruit such as grapes and cherry tomatoes in half.

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## Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been reading our class text *Treason*, which links brilliantly with our history topic on the Tudors. We compared Tudor fashion with modern-day clothing and designed our own Tudor-inspired outfits. In maths, we have been consolidating our division skills and



and quickly realised just how important it is to know our times tables!

Thermometers were needed in Science to investigate the thermal conductivity of different materials sorting them into conductors or insulators. In English, we explored a WAGOLL based on *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, before planning and



drafting our own cliffhanger stories, making sure to include powerful vocabulary and phrases to build tension and suspense. Mrs Nixon can't wait to read the finished pieces!



## Year 6 - Howtown

What a week! Every single child has shown determination, resilience and independence throughout the week and should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved! They have bonded together and worked together showing great teamwork when challenges got tough! Everyone gave everything a go, and we have all had lots of fun and laughter every single day!

Behaviour has been incredible and they have really made us proud!



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