



# NewsLetter

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Chinese New Year

Reception pupils have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year during the Spring term. They explored the traditional story The Great Race, which explains the origins of the Chinese zodiac animals. The children were excited to discover which zodiac animal corresponds to the year they were born. As part of their learning, the class examined cultural objects, artefacts and photographs to learn more about life in China, comparing what they saw with their own experiences. The children also took part in a range of creative activities, including making Mandarin numerals and painting zodiac symbols to represent each of the animals. To develop their phonics skills, the children applied their sound knowledge to decode and read the names of vegetables that are commonly grown in other countries. It was a fantastic week of learning that sparked curiosity and creativity across the class. [You can see some photos here...](#)



## Year 2 History

Chestnut and Ash class were excited to join a live online workshop led by a curator from the Museum of London. Alongside many other schools, the children were shown real historical equipment such as squirters and leather buckets and they were able to discover fascinating facts about the Great Fire. The session brought History learning to life and gave pupils the opportunity to see artefacts up close while hearing expert explanations. The children asked thoughtful questions were enthusiastic throughout the session.

# World Book Day

We started the week with a special World Book Day assembly, where the children shared what they enjoy reading and spoke about their favourite books and characters. They also took part in a fun challenge to guess staff members' favourite books, using clues about themes, characters and genres.

As always, the children looked fantastic dressed as either a book character or even a word to celebrate the day. Alongside this, we held an exciting competition where children from Early Years through to Year 6 created "Stories on a Plate". These were inspired by classic narrative designs such as the Willow Pattern. The creativity and effort that went into these projects were truly impressive, and I am sure you would agree that the results were wonderful.

Another highlight of the week was our school book swap. Children had the opportunity to visit South Haringay's very own "bookshop", where they could exchange books and recommend their favourites to friends. It has been lovely to see so many excited faces proudly holding the books they chose to take home.

During class activities on World Book Day, the children also created "Reading Rivers", sharing their personal reading journeys. Some children wrote book recommendations, others designed new front covers for their favourite stories, and many shared the books that have meant the most to them.

Finally, some children enjoyed watching a virtual author event, which sparked lots of discussion about the authors' love of reading and where they find inspiration for their stories.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week filled with motivated, enthusiastic and excited readers. [You can see some pictures of our activities and costumes here.](#)



## Spring is in the Air

As spring begins to awaken around us, there has been a real buzz across the school with the many wonderful events and activities taking place this term. The children have been inspired, motivated and fully engaged in their learning, and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm throughout the week. Nursery children have been getting ready for spring by planting strawberries, herbs and flowers in our outdoor classroom. We have also been filling up the planting beds with soil from the mud kitchen, getting ready for our new wood chip to arrive. Now it has come and we all chipped in (pun!) and shovelled the wood chip into our new mud kitchen. [You can see some photos here...](#)

Holly Class and Rowan Class have been exploring a series of books including 'Oliver's vegetables' by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French which explore the main character's (Oliver) relationship with fruit and vegetables. As Oliver explores the variety of fruit and vegetables we can find in both gardens and supermarkets, our pupils created their own vegetable gardens! It was a great opportunity to practice our fine motor skills and work in chopping food and making compost, fruit kebabs and fruit salads. It tied into our oral hygiene topics of exploring balanced diets and the importance of keeping our teeth healthy. We had a fantastic time exploring where our food comes from and the importance of making positive choices with the variety of foods that we eat. [You can see some photos here...](#)



## Before and After School Clubs



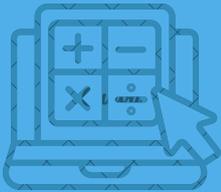
Allocations for the Morning and After School Clubs have now been completed and will be assigned via Arbor shortly.

Please note that late applications will not be considered at this stage while we process the initial applications.

A further announcement will be made once allocations have been assigned in Arbor, and the payment deadline will be confirmed at that time. Please note that no further reminders will be sent ahead of the payment deadline. Any spaces that remain unpaid by the deadline will be released and may be allocated to another child.



- Super Readers for this week: Sebastian (3) , Milana (4) , Lheilani (5), Calum (6)
- Super Readers last week: Orson (3), Dawud (4) , Inaya (5), Theo & Willo (6)
- Quiz Master class this week: 3 Willow
- Quiz Master class last week: 5 Elm and 6 Maple



- Mathlete for this week: Jack (4 Poplar) 2970 points
- Mathlete for last week: Shay (3 Acacia) 3530 points
- Mathlete class for this week: 4 Poplar
- Mathlete class for last week: 3 Acacia

## Key dates

- [HERE](#) are the published term dates for 2025/26
- Guitar Concert - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2:45 - 3:13pm
- Violin and Cello Concert - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2:45 - 3:15pm
- Red Nose Day and wear something red - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 3 & 4 Parent Meetings - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Year 5 & 6 Parent Meetings - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Reception Parent Meetings - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 1 & 2 Parent Meetings - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

