



Tuesday 17th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter! As we move through the term, it's wonderful to take a moment to celebrate the achievements, hard work, and positive experiences happening across Queensway Primary School. Our pupils continue to shine in so many different ways, and our staff remain dedicated to providing a nurturing, engaging, and ambitious environment for all.

We are delighted to share some fantastic news and updates—from incredible creative writing successes to important developments in our SEMH practice. Each story reflects the commitment, talent, and community spirit that make Queensway such a special place to learn and grow.

Young Writers Competition – A Fantastic Achievement for Willow Class!



This year, 'Young Writers' is celebrating an incredible 35 years of inspiring children and young adults to enjoy creative writing and reading. To mark this milestone, Willow Class entered the 2026 competition, entitled "I Have a Dream."

We are absolutely delighted - and incredibly proud - to share that every single child who entered from Willow Class has been selected to have their work published! Their writing will appear in the upcoming anthology '*I Have a Dream 2026 – The Wish Workshop*', which will be published on 18th May 2026. Our school will receive its own copy, and additional copies will also be available to purchase.

In addition, competition winners from across the country will be entered into a further prize draw, with the exciting chance to win a goody bag, including a fitness watch and a trophy!

This is a truly special achievement. It is rare for all entries from a class to be selected for publication, and it speaks volumes about the creativity, passion, and talent we are lucky to have here at Queensway. We could not be more proud of our wonderful writers—well done, Willow Class!

MindMate/SEMH Accreditation – Outstanding Practice at Queensway

We are delighted to share that we have recently submitted our SEMH Healthy Schools Health Check, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The submission reflects the excellent practice in Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) that we have embedded here at Queensway Primary School.



The review highlights the remarkable dedication, determination, and passion our staff consistently demonstrate in meeting the wide-ranging needs of all our pupils. This acknowledgement is a testament to our whole-school commitment to nurturing wellbeing and ensuring every child feels supported, understood, and valued.

Our work will now move forward to external validation in the summer term, which is an exciting next step and a wonderful recognition of the progress we have made.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Lowe for her hard work, leadership, and the extensive training she has undertaken. Her commitment has ensured that we grow together as a team, equipped with the knowledge and understanding necessary to support our pupils to the very best of our ability.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of the caring, supportive environment our staff and community continue to create every day.

Reading

To help support engagement and enjoyment in reading, we have introduced a new reading challenge in school - **Zoom to the Moon!**



Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:

- A reading practice book - This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A sharing book - Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. This will be chosen from our school library.

Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. Ask questions about the book. Please write in their reading journal each time they have read. It helps us to see how they are reading at home.

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Reading Books are changed every Friday, Sharing books are changed each week - Reception/Year 1 on a Wednesday. Year 2/3/4 on a Thursday. It is good for the children to bring their books to school every day as we have volunteers that come into school to listen to readers. If books aren't brought back, they won't get changed. If books are missing for 2 weeks a reminder will be sent home.

Zoom to the Moon!

We have a new reading challenge in school called **Zoom to the Moon**. Each week, when your child has read at home and school 3 times and their record is signed, they will move up a star. After the fourth week they will land on the moon and they can pick a prize from Mrs FMs prize box. The children are very excited to move their rockets up each week. Please encourage reading at home and record in the reading record so we can see. For those that read each week they will get a reading certificate as well.

Comic Relief – Friday 20th March

This Friday, 20th March, we will be supporting Comic Relief in school. Children are welcome to come dressed in red or non-uniform for the day. If they would like to, they can bring a £1 donation to support this fantastic charity.

We kindly ask that children wear clothes suitable for PE, as PE lessons will still be taking place as normal.

Thank you for helping us support this important cause—your generosity makes a real difference.

And Finally...

We have had lots of exciting things happening in school recently, including baking, visits from the police and fire service, and plenty of arts and crafts. It has been such a joy to see our children engaging so enthusiastically in hands-on activities and new learning experiences.

At Queensway, we love to see our pupils enjoying learning, supporting one another, and working together as a team. Watching them grow in confidence, curiosity, and creativity reminds us daily of the importance of what we do. Together, we continue moving forwards to grow and flourish as a school community.

To see even more of the wonderful things happening in school, please remember to follow our Queensway Facebook page, where we share regular updates, photos, and celebrations of our pupils’ achievements. If you did not give permission at the start of the year for your child to feature on our Facebook page but you would now like them to be included, please let the school office know so we can update our records accordingly.

With warmest wishes,



Emily Bevan
Headteacher
Queensway Primary School

Key Dates

<u>Date & Event</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Closing date: Monday 30 th March – PTA Egg decorating competition	See details in the poster below
Tuesday 31 st March – Easter Bake Sale and Raffle	See details on the poster below.
Tuesday 31 st March – Parents’ Evening	Save the date! You will be asked to book a time slot nearer to the time.
Friday 3 rd April – Good Friday	School closed for Bank Holiday
EASTER HOLIDAY W/C 6 TH APRIL AND W/C 13 TH APRIL	
Monday 20 th April	Return to school following the Easter break
Monday 4 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th May – Polling Day	School will be closed to pupils on this day due to it being used as a polling station.
Friday 22 nd May – Training Day	School will be closed to pupils on this day due to staff training.
HALF TERM WEEK W/C 25 TH MAY	
Monday 1 st June	Return to school following half term
Monday 8 th – Wednesday 10 th June – Year 6 residential	Year 6 residential to Howe Stean Gorge
Friday 17 th July	Break up for Summer



Queensway PTA Presents

EGG DECORATING *Competition*



CLOSING DATE MONDAY 30TH MARCH

FREE TO ENTER WIN AN EASTER GIFT

Happy Easter

Bring your decorated egg back to school
and hand to the office or class teacher

Email: queenswaypta@outlook.com



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EASTER BAKE Sale

Pop up stall at the front of
school.

31st March 2026

Raffle £1 a go... prizes - Hamper,
Easter Egg, Easter Cake

After School



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