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Where did those 6 weeks go? A lot of exciting activities have happened in school this term, including understanding germs and keeping germs at bay in Reception, the Sampad dance workshops and the planetarium yesterday. It's also fantastic to see so many amazing homework projects - these will be put on display in Northfield shopping centre and around school after half term - thank you for encouraging and supporting your children with these.

The amalgamation second consultation has now closed and we are awaiting the results. If positive, this then goes to the Cabinet member in Birmingham CC to formally approve - so we should hear back if it's all going ahead by the time we come back after Easter.

We have had all the surveys done for the building work for our updating/modernising of daycare/nursery into one nursery, and we are hoping to have this open by the end of October. We hope you have a fantastic week together and we'll see you on Monday 23rd February.

Nigel Attwood
Head Teacher

This week Willow class have been experiencing lots of cultural celebrations. On Tuesday we celebrated Pancake day/Mardi Gras, we made carnival masks and ate pancakes. On Wednesday we celebrated Chinese New Year by making red lanterns and had a Chinese buffet for snack. We have also learnt about Valentines day, explored space in the Wonder dome and have been reminded to ask a grown up when they are not safe on the internet!

Year One have had a fabulous week this week. We had our D&T workshop making sock puppets that the children thoroughly enjoyed and we had the most amazing space experience in the Wonderdome. The children were asking lots of questions when we were in the Wonderdome and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm. Please leave your Child's name, Class and Reason for absence. We hope you all have a lovely half term!



In finishing off our topic on space, it has been a real favourite with our children. They have been finding out about famous astronauts from Yuri Gagarin to Neil Armstrong. They have enjoyed finding out about all the different ways that our solar system's planets move and their geographical make up. They have also been learning about the different layers of the atmosphere. We are positive that this is a topic that the children would love to continue to learn about at home. On Thursday the children had a visit from Chris at the WonderDome. The children loved exploring the different planets in the mobile planetarium. It was a fantastic end to a brilliant term! In Maths, we have been continuing to learn to identify and talk about the properties of 3D shapes. When we return after half term we will be starting our new topic 'Growing and Changing'. We will be learning about plants and animals and how they grow and change. Reception will be having P.E with Mr K on Thursday morning and our focus will be on games. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

As we headed into the final week before the half-term break, Year 2 have been as busy and brilliant as ever.

In English, the children have been exploring their senses through poetry, crafting imaginative poems that we are excited to enter into a national poetry competition. In Maths, we have begun our new multiplication unit, focusing on recognising and representing equal groups to build strong foundations for later learning. Our Science work has taken us into the world of materials, where the children investigated which material would make the best umbrella—there was plenty of testing, predicting, and lively discussion. A highlight of the week was our visit from the WonderDome, an immersive planetarium experience that sparked awe and curiosity. It sets us up perfectly for our new topic after half term: 'Astronomy'.



This week in the blossom room, we have been finding out all about St Valentines' day. What does it mean? and how can we show it? The children have been creating some beautiful cards, using fun techniques to create roses. They have also decorated biscuits with red and pink icing and treats. Some children talked about wanting to give their parents hugs and kisses, while others made biscuits for their friends, (but didn't realise they would have to share). The children have also been making valentine collages using different resources to express themselves in their art work, and used the playdough to complete the characters and scenes in their collages in the play



Last week the children had a workshop with Lana Gaskin from Esperanza which focused on personal space and safety. It was a fun activity and the children enjoyed taking part. The children know they may not touch anyone else without consent. We understand that children get excited and want to hug their friends but we tell them that hugs are for home, not school. It would help your child if you chatted about the workshop and personal space while they are at home during half-term.

A polite reminder that children must not ride bikes and scooters in the playground or use the play equipment before and after school. This is not to spoil anyone's fun, but to keep everyone safe, thanks.

This week our HERO classes are Elm, Maple & Willow. Well done to you all!

February half-term is the middle of the school year and it seems to have come around very quickly! If your child is moving into Reception or Year 3 in September, you should have completed an online application. You will be notified about school places in April, if your application was submitted on time.



Today we say farewell to Mrs Haynes who has been one of our Lunchtime Supervisors for 23 Years! We had a special assembly for her on Wednesday and the children gave her a very warm send off with lots of hugs, gifts, cards and cake. We all wish her a very happy retirement and she will be missed by all the children and staff. Have a well earned rest Mrs Haynes!

Dates for your Diary

February Half Term

Mon 16/02/26 - Fri 20/02/26

Fri 27/02/26 - Reading Morning 8:30 - 8:45am*

Mon 02/03/26 - Year 2 - Christian Speaker

Tue 03/03/26 - Inset Day (School Closed)

Tue 03/03/26 - Parent Consultations 1:30 - 5:40pm*

Wed 04/03/26 - Author visit - Jane Cox

Thurs 05/03/26 - World Book Day

Tue 10/03/26 - Year 2 - DT Workshop 1:30pm*

Mon - Wed 23,24,25/03/26 - Book Fayre

Fri 27/03/26 - Reading Morning 8:30 - 8:45am*

Fri 27/03/26 - Easter Fun Day inc. Easter Hat Parade*

Easter Holidays

Mon 30/03/26 - Fri 10/04/26

*Parents/Carers invited



It is important that you choose your child's lunches on [ParentPay](#). Please sit with your child during the weekend to choose their meals.



Well Done to Elm class who achieved the highest attendance this week!

Attendance this week
(excluding Willow)

88.37%

Class	Attendance %
Willow	92.03%
Oak	90%
Ash	86.67%
Elm	97.83%
Holly	80%
Hazel	80.95%
Maple	93.81%

