

# ALPHA NEWS

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Where has January gone? The month has certainly flown by and we can now start to welcome the mornings and evenings becoming that little bit brighter that little bit earlier. This week the children in Years 2 to 6 have been finalising their songs and choreography to take part in the Young Voices event at the OVO Arena in Wembley next week. To find out more about the aim of Young Voices, please visit [The Largest Children's Choir in the World | Young Voices](#). On Wednesday, the EYFS Team were invited to Harrow Fire Station where the children experienced what it would be like to be a firefighter...the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed their experience and Mrs Greenwood even got to try on a firefighter uniform. A big thank you to all the staff at Harrow Fire Station for a wonderfully informative afternoon to enhance the children's curriculum of 'Understanding the World'. On Wednesday, we also welcomed back Miss Reilly from her maternity leave with one of her first 'jobs' being to go around the school to say hello to all of the children. As I type, Year 3 are visiting the Natural History Museum, and you will see some photographs of the trip in next week's newsletter. During the week I have visited a number of lessons – I was impressed with our Nursery children singing and dancing like donkeys and cockerels in preparation for their performance of 'The Musicians of Bremen' in their music lesson, Reception children were showing off their subitising skills, Year 5 were writing poetry about animals of their choice and Year 6 were presenting projects about National Parks they have researched. What a busy and fun week it has been. Wishing you a lovely weekend when it arrives.

My Ninja Vocabulary words for this week are:

Rec to Year 2

strong

Year 3 to Year 6

indelible



## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Young Voices Rehearsal

8:15 – 8:30am – Meet the Librarians: Monday Morning Library Session  
Board of Governors Meeting

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Year 3 Trip to Headstone Manor: 'Piecing Together Roman Harrow'  
Selected Year 3 and 4 Boys' Touch Rugby @ Eastcote Hockey Club

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

National Quiz Club Maths Quiz Heats

Young Voices @ The OVO Arena, Wembley (Years 2 to 6)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Selected Year 5 and 6 Boys' Touch Rugby @ Eastcote Hockey Club

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Drama Workshop for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

## MEET OUR LIBRARIANS

**Tyara and Shanaya Write...**

We are introducing our first ever Monday Morning Library Session on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Between 8:15 and 8:30am on Mondays, we invite you to the library, via the Hindes Road gate, to come to the library to pick out a book you would like to read. The session is available from Years 1 to 6. Children can come to the library by themselves, or Years 1 and 2 can be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We will be in the Library to scan out books. We will also be available to provide recommendations and to search for any books they, or you, cannot find on the shelf. We are looking forward to Monday.

# SPORTS REPORT

## Mr Holland Writes...

Last Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, selected pupils took part in the annual swim gala at Bushey Grove Leisure Centre. It was a thoroughly worthwhile afternoon and all our swimmers enjoyed and benefited from the experience. Highlights included Aanya Maniar and Jaden Patel finishing second in their front crawl races whilst Jaini Kara and Jaime Pindoria came second in their backstroke events. A special mention too to Sienna Varsani who was the only Year 3 pupil competing in what was a gala for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. However, the whole team deserve credit and praise for their efforts - well done! Competition for places for next year's meeting will be fierce, but Alpha is already looking forward to returning to Bushey in January 2027.



## SIMPLY UN-FIRE-GETTABLE

## Mrs Greenwood Writes...

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Nursery and Reception enjoyed an exciting trip to Harrow Fire Station. We met the firefighters, explored the fire engine and its onboard equipment, and even had the chance to sit inside the engine ourselves. One of the highlights was watching a firefighter slide down the emergency pole for us, not once, but three times! I was actually chosen to try on a firefighter's uniform, much to the children's laughter and delight. The firefighters answered all of our inquisitive questions, of which there were many, and kindly allowed the children (and staff) lots of opportunities to touch and handle some of the safer equipment. Our visit concluded with watching the firefighters-in-training in the yard, handling the water hoses. It was an exciting and memorable trip. You can read comments from some of the children on the next page.





Siana: You have to practise to be a firefighter. We saw a fireman practising so he could learn more.

Avi: There were so many hoses on the fire engine. This is because if there is a fire, we have to help as fast as possible.



Noah: I liked it when the fireman went down the pole.



Amelia: The fire engine had three ladders to reach up high in case someone is stuck or it is an emergency.

Hana: I put the big hat on.

Aya: I liked riding on the fire engine.





