

ALPHA NEWS

Friday 6th February 2026

Since Wednesday evening, there has been quite a buzz about the fantastic experience 63 children had at The Ovo Arena in Wembley as part of the Young Voices choir – thank you to the members of staff who accompanied the children during the rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon, and to Miss Barbosa, Mrs Gilbert, Mr Gonsalves, Mr Holland, Mrs Kilby, Mrs Lehane, Miss Trott and Mrs Ryan who were able to spend the evening with the children who were part of the 4,930 strong choir on Wednesday night: I joined the choir for the evening, but I am not sure my dance moves were up to standard! A very special word of gratitude goes to Miss Trott, who led the children (and staff) through our rehearsals for the spectacular event and to Miss Smith for arranging all the tickets and administrative details. In addition, a big thank you to all the parents who purchased tickets to cheer on the choir...it was a wonderful evening. To find out more about the aim of Young Voices, please visit [The Largest Children's Choir in the World | Young Voices](#). On Tuesday, Year 3 visited Headstone Manor to piece together elements of Roman Harrow to further enhance their study of the topic in history lessons. On Wednesday morning, two teams of Year 6 children took part in the National Quiz Club Maths Quiz...and you can read more about how they performed later in this newsletter. This afternoon, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are taking part in 'Midnight at the Toy Shop' drama workshops, exploring what might happen with toys coming to life when no-one is around to see them! Another busy and successful week has almost come to its conclusion and I wish you all a very relaxing and pleasant weekend ahead.

My Ninja Vocabulary words for this week are:

Rec to Year 2

flame

Year 3 to Year 6

coruscating



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 9th

Reception Shopping Experience at Tesco

Tuesday 10th

U9 Inter-House Handball (During After School Sports Club)

Thursday 12th

U11 Boys' Unihoc vs Buckingham Prep @ Middlesex Stadium
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Friday 13th

Year 6 Assembly
Pets as Therapy Dog Visiting Alpha
Valentine's Day-Themed Lunch
Half-Term Begins – We Return on Monday 23rd February

SAVE THE DATE

Get those thinking caps on! We will once again be hosting our APA Parent/Staff Quiz Night on **Thursday 12th March**...more information will follow. The event will be a wonderful opportunity to come together for an enjoyable evening of food, drink, merriment, head-scratching and (friendly) competitiveness!



SPORTS REPORT

Mr Holland Writes...

This week saw the start of the Six Nations. It was therefore fitting that we had Year 4 and Year 6 Touch Rugby fixtures for selected Under 9 and Under 11 boys at Eastcote Hockey Club on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. All Year 4 boys, along with Rohan and Priyen in Year 3, demonstrated the skills and tactics we have been working on the last few weeks in training as we secured a gratifying draw against Reddiford, with each school scoring one try apiece. Jaden Patel was our Try scorer and received the Player of the Match award for this, along with Nishay for his ball handling skills, attacking runs and powers of evasion.



On Thursday, it was the turn of our Under 11 team to take part in a Touch Rugby Tri-Tournament against Buckingham Prep and Reddiford School. We played three matches in total and experienced the full range of results with one win, one draw and one loss. However, it was commented that we played the best rugby, and our loss came against the run of play in a match where we dominated possession and, despite numerous close attempts, could not quite get the ball over the try line in time - sometimes sport goes like that! It was a



family affair in terms of try scorers as Liyam touched down to emulate his brother's performance on Tuesday. Liyam received the Player of the Match award for this along with Rishi and Ananth for their energy and intensity when both attacking and defending. A special mention to the three Year 5 boys (Ayaansh, Kai and Nikolaos) for acquitted themselves so well in what was a Year 6 competition. It is always hard to single out individual pupils for the Player of the Match awards, especially when all players this week tried their best and performed well - well done everyone!

MATHS NEWS

Mr Kanvar Writes...

We are incredibly pleased to share the news that our two Year 6 Alpha Teams have secured their places in the upcoming semi-finals of the National Maths Quiz Club Championships this March.

Navigating a challenging set of mathematics problems, the pupils showed great perseverance and skill to earn their spot in the next round. Their success is a well-deserved result of their focus and effort.

Congratulations to our Year 6 qualifiers: Ananth, Eva, Dhiyan, Livinia, Shanaya, Orson, Rene and Rishi.

With the semi-finals offering a new level of challenge, the teams will now focus on refining their collaboration and strategy. We look forward to seeing them take on this next step and wish them the very best of luck in their preparations.



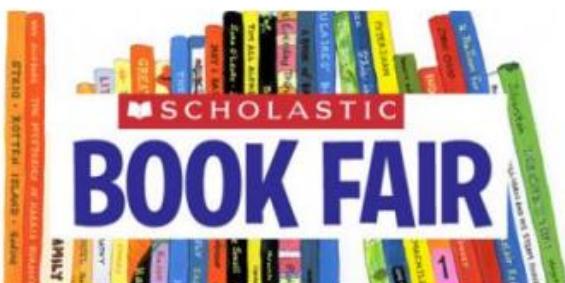
MEET OUR LIBRARIANS

The Librarians Write...

Between 8:15 and 8:30am on Monday mornings, 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.

ALPHA BOOK FAIR



We will be holding our annual Book Fair during the week after half-term, from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th February. More information regarding the full timetable for the Book Fair will be issued next week, but with well-over 200 titles from which to choose, there will be something available for everyone. Check out the details of our Book Fair Competition at the end of this newsletter.

VENI! VIDI!...

On Tuesday 3rd February, the Year 3s were busy 'Piecing Together Roman Harrow' at Headstone Manor. Here are some of the children's thoughts:



I liked when we had to find things that were in the sand. I found a coin and an oyster shell. Harrow was all forest in Roman times, with small settlements. (Ryan)

I enjoyed learning about Roman roads. We then pieced together some broken pots. We also learnt that not all parts of pottery items would be found by archaeologists. (Eason)

We completed an activity to dig in sand for artefacts. Then we connected the pieces of a broken pot just like archaeologists. (Daaris)

We studied Roman roads and how they were built. We found out how the Romans prevented puddles on the surface of the roads. They did it by making it slanted like an arch, so the water would run off into deep ditches. (Rohan)

We joined together pieces of a broken pot. In our bag we realised all the pieces were not from the same pot, because they did not fit together and we had to try to sort the pieces. (Ahaan)

The trip was so much fun, we learnt all about the Romans who invaded England and made roads. We assembled broken pots and we dug in a large sandpit with bits of pots, roof tiles and oil lanterns. I cannot believe we went on this amazing trip. (Anoushka)





EXPLORING HISTORY!

It has been a rather 'historical' couple of weeks for Year 3...On Friday 30th January, Year 3 also visited the Natural History Museum. Rezaan, Savannah and Yashvi wanted to share their thoughts with us:

My favourite part of the museum was when we went through the Earth elevator. It was very high, and it looked like we went through the whole Earth. I also liked the Volcano show because I liked when the volcano erupted, and Barbie was dressed a volcano scientist. (Rezaan)

On Friday 30th January, we went to the Natural History Museum and it was so much fun! I saw lots of amazing rocks and very cool Mary Anning fossils which were of an Ichthyosaurus. I also saw an electric T-Rex dinosaur that was very scary and had sharp teeth. (Savannah)



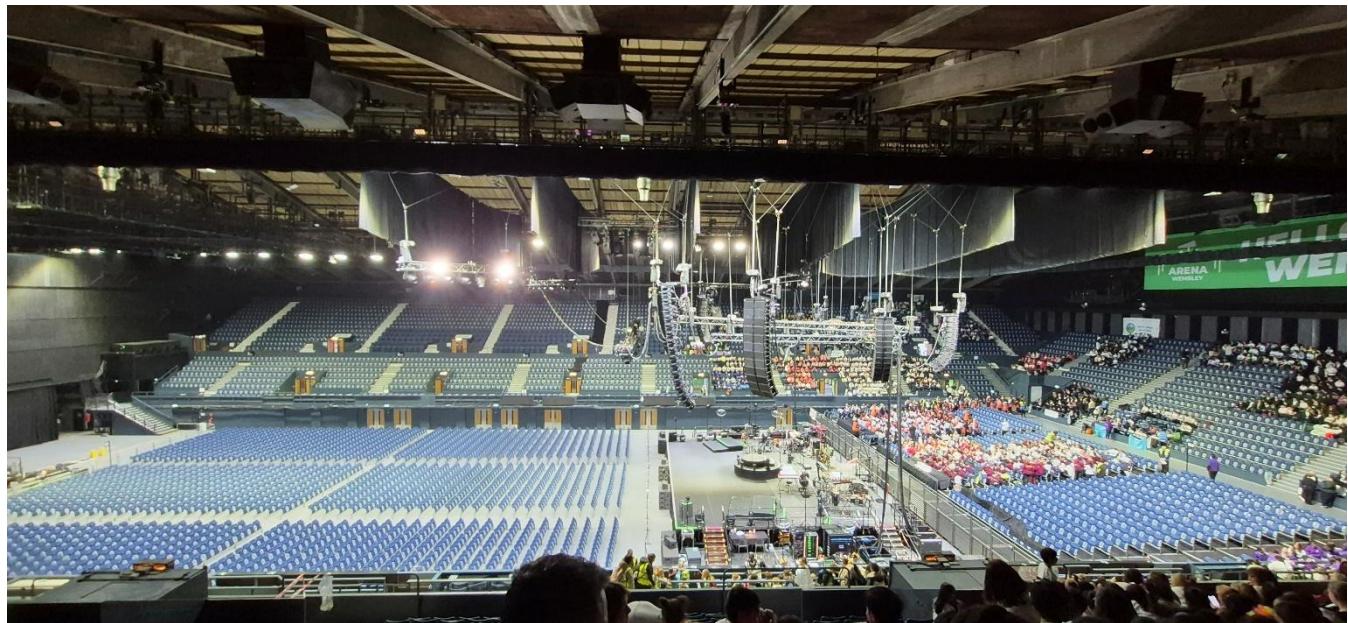
Last Friday, Year 3 went to the Natural History Museum in London. When we arrived, we saw a big dinosaur fossil outside the museum of a diplodocus. When we went into the Hintze Hall, we saw a big blue whale skeleton. It was so cool! We also saw some other animals like different types of elephants. Then we went to see a volcano show. I loved when barbie went on the volcano and it exploded. (Yashvi)



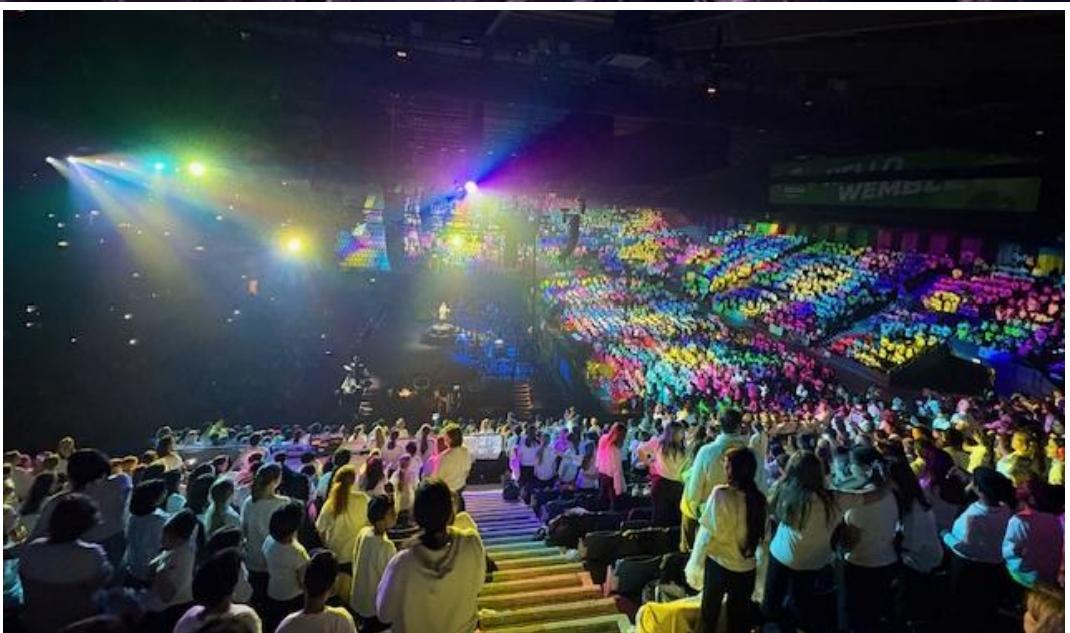


YOUNG VOICES

Joining a choir of 4,930 children's voices at The Ovo Arena in Wembley, 63 students from Years 2 to 6 sang (and danced) their hearts out in support of the Young Voices. What a wonderful night!







ALPHA BOOK FAIR COMPETITION

ALPHA BOOK FAIR WEEK 23rd – 27th FEBRUARY 2026

This year, Alpha Preparatory turns 130 Years old. To make this momentous occasion, we are asking children to design a book cover around the theme:

‘Alpha’

Children should be as creative as they wish and covers can be both fictional and non-fictional.

Will your book cover showcase the adventures of one of our staff members? Or Will your book provide information about the history of the school, or will a mystery take place on Hindes Road? Let your imagination run wild!

Open to All Children from Nursery to Year 6

Remember to include a title, author and short tagline.

On the back of your entry, please provide the following:

Your name

Your year group

Your House

Deadline: Monday 23rd February – hand your art work to your Form Teacher.

Winners to be announced on Tuesday 24th February!

