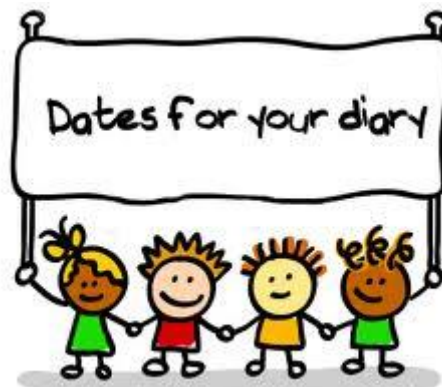




Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Church in School - 2:45pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2F and 2F  
Make 'n' Take – this is now full.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Number Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – end of term



## **Class News**

### **EYFS**

EYFS have been practising their hopping and jumping skills in PE this week. We have been learning how to hopscotch, how to jump for speed and jump for distance.

### **Year 1**

In science this week the children have been learning all about mammals. We have discovered that some of us have mammals living in our homes! The children were very excited by this and loved leaning about what mammals live in each others houses. If you have any photographs of the mammals that live in your houses, please send them into school or email them to the Year 1 email address and we can share them in our next science lesson.

### **Year 1/2F**

This Year 1/2F have been enjoying our music unit. They have been enjoying learning new notes on the glockenspiel and performing to one another.

### **Year 2F**

Year 2 had a visit from the Fire Service this week. They learnt all about fire safety and what to do if there was a fire at their home. They also enjoyed asking them lots of questions about their job!



## **Year 3**

Year 3 have enjoyed using Scratch over the last few weeks in Computing. They can now add motion to the sprites (characters), change the backdrop and begin to programme how the sprites move. We are very impressed with how they have tackled this tricky software and shown great perseverance.

## **Year 4**

In our science lesson this week, we continued investigating sound. After lots of fun with the decibel meter, we discovered that aluminium foil would be terrible to use as an insulator against



sound! We have also completed our art collages, exploring collagraph and relief printing with some exciting results. Well done, Year 4!

## **Year 6**

In RE, Year 6 have been learning about the importance of journeys in life. In this unit, we have been discussing the thoughts of feelings of those pilgrims, who make the journey to Hajj.



## **NSPCC Number Day**

We will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day again this year on **Friday 6th February**.

Below are links to various resources you could use. Please do something with your class to celebrate numbers that's a bit different to usual if you can.

Everyone can dress up in own clothes with numbers as in previous years for a donation of £1 (or more!) to the NSPCC. Sensible shoes, no jewellery, something warm for playtime and wear a number or numbers. Year 2 and 4 need something suitable for doing PE in.



## **New Signing in system**

Our new INVENTORY signing in and out system is now in place.

If your child arrives to school after the 9am bell, you will need to sign them in using INVENTORY. It is very user-friendly, just follow the instructions on the screen. If you need assistance, please ask at the office.

This system must also be used if you are taking your child for an appointment before the end of the school day.

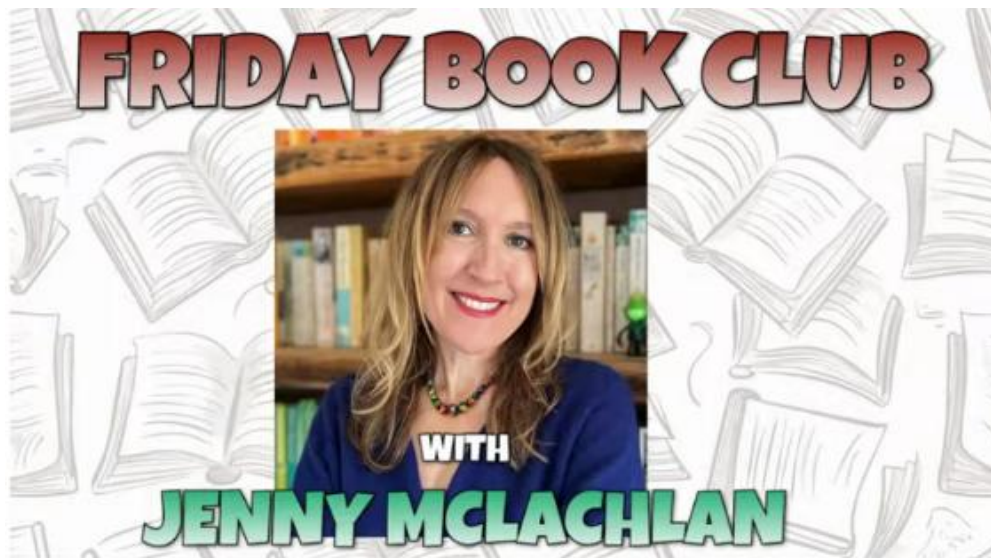
Thank you for your co-operation in this.



## **2026-The year of Reading**

Over the next few weeks, the author Jenny McLachlan will be producing a Friday Book club. These are 30 minute videos filled with fun activities for the children to join in with. Here is the link to week 3-Amazing creatures

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1gEsA-gvxU>



## **Reminder for children not to bring toys to school**

I am keeping this message on the newsletter this week, as children are still bringing toys and teddies to school.

**This is a reminder that we ask children to keep personal toys, collectible items and other playthings at home. While we understand children love their special items, bringing them to school can unfortunately create distractions and lead to lost or broken possessions, causing distress for everyone involved.**

Teachers are aware of those children who require additional items in class and this will continue to be the case.





## It's not ok to be away!

There is no entitlement in law for term-time extended absences, whether these are to visit relatives, attend weddings or funerals, or just for a holiday.

0 missed lessons	0 days off a year	100%	Perfect!
20 missed lessons	4 days off a year	98%	Very good
40 missed lessons	8 days off a year	96%	Good
50 missed lessons	10 days off a year	95%	Improvement needed
55 missed lessons	11 days off a year	94%	Concerned
95 missed lessons	19 days off a year	90%	Very Concerned
145 missed lessons	29 days off a year	85%	Significant impact on learning

### The impact on your child...

Your child misses out on valuable learning when they are absent, which may never be made up. This is true for children at nursery, throughout primary right up to the end of secondary school.

Children with **good** attendance perform better than those with **poor** attendance.

Your child's Primary education is just as important as their Secondary Education. Early Years lay the foundation.

Taking your child out of education teaches disrespect for the importance of learning.

Children often have social difficulties when they return after an extended absence. Friendships may have moved on and their self-confidence and well-being can be affected.

**Please support your child's future by ensuring you do not take them out of school during term time.**



## **Year 6 High Adventure Residential Visit**

The deadline for 'yellow form' (consent and medical form) is next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure the form has been returned to the office by then, at the latest.

Please also check on ParentPay if you have any outstanding payments.

Following the meetings this week, the information that was shared is now available on the website.

## **School Website**

For more information about the venue, please visit our

<https://www.highadventure.co.uk/primaryschoolsyrshire>





## **Valentine's day hamper raffle**

Your child should have brought home their raffle tickets for the Valentines' Hampers. These will be drawn on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

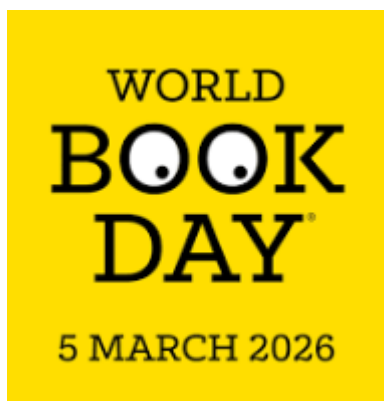


## **World Book Day**

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026. We will be asking the children to come to school with their favourite book, and they can dress-up as a favourite character.

This year, we will be sending home the free book tokens on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February to allow chance for a book to be purchased before World Book Day.

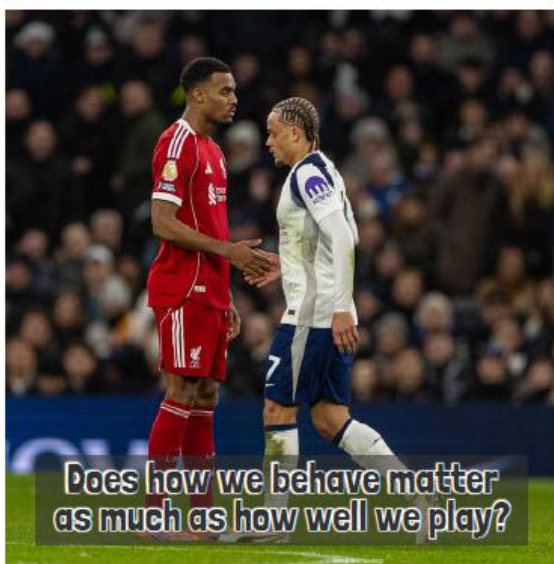
If anyone has any old costumes they no longer need or no longer fit, please consider donating them to school. If we receive enough costume donations, we will host a costume sale. All proceeds will go towards book purchases for the Reading Vending machine.







## Picture News



## In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- > Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- > Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## Does how we behave matter as much as how well we play?

### A fond farewell

Next Friday (6th February), our lovely cook Louise Farrow will be leaving us for pastures new. We will really miss her delicious cooking, patience and kindness. Let's all remember to say thank you for everything she has done for us when we collect our lunches next week.



*Roots to grow...wings to fly.*



## Christian Value

Our Christian value for this half term is **respect**.



## Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

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