

February 27<sup>th</sup> 2026

## This week at Harewood

The Year One children in **Turquoise Class** completed their recounts about the Montgolfier brothers hot air balloon investigations and included interesting facts. Reception have been using their phonic skills to write simple sentences. In maths, Reception have been practising their counting skills and representing different groups of objects with the correct numeral, while Year One have been comparing the mass of different objects using balance scales. In science, Reception have been exploring natural and man-made objects and Year One have been thinking about the properties of different materials and which materials are best for building with. They have all enjoyed beginning to explore what Easter and spring means to Christians and they explored the outdoor area, looking for signs of spring. They found some spring flowers and have drawn some beautiful pictures of some of the different things they discovered. In **Blue Class** this week the Year One children have continued retelling the story of the Montgolfier brothers' first balloon flight whilst the Reception children have been using their phonic knowledge to write simple words and sentences. In history, the children explored the lives of the Montgolfier



brothers further and could recall key events in their history. In geography, the children learned about common and uncommon weather patterns in the UK and discussed what their favourite weather was and why. In maths, the Year One children have been exploring weight and volume/capacity and the Reception children have had a recap week to make sure they can count objects that can and can't be moved accurately. **Lilac class** have enjoyed learning more about the Montgolfier brothers this week. The Year One children have continued writing about their lives and Reception have practised applying their phonic knowledge to help them write simple words and sentences. In maths, Year One children have been learning about fractions and how objects can be divided into equal parts. Reception have been learning



about money and have practised identifying different coins and choosing the right coin to pay for something. All of the children enjoyed learning about weather. Reception talked about their favourite types of weather and why they liked them, and Year One sorted different pictures of weather according to whether they happen commonly, sometimes or rarely / never in the UK. In RE, the children learned about how spring is a time of new life and enjoyed going on a short spring walk and planting a daffodil bulb together. The children are excited to watch it grow!

This week in **Yellow Class** we learned about wheels and axles in DT then designed and made our own moving vehicles. In history, we learned about the Montgolfier Brothers and in RE, we thought about religious and non-religious celebrations from around the world. We listened to the Easter Story and found out how Christians celebrate Easter. We learned that spring is a sign of new life for Christians so we enjoyed a walk outside to look for signs of spring. In science, we are looking at materials and we had fun building houses from different materials and testing their strength against a gust of wind! In **Green Class** this week we have enjoyed getting to know our new teachers. We have all worked hard in our writing lessons. Year One have continued to write their recounts of The Montgolfier Brothers invention of the first hot air balloon. Reception have focused on practising correct letter formation. In maths, Year One have focused on weight and capacity whilst Reception learned how to count objects carefully and record their answers. We had an exciting PE lesson where we worked with partners learning how to pass a ball safely using the chest pass. In music, we made up actions to the pirate song 'When I was one.' We planted daffodil bulbs and talked about celebrations and the first signs of spring in RE.



This week in **Red Class**, the children wrote persuasive letters to support GWAAC and did a fantastic job using strong arguments. In maths, we have been learning about shape, including symmetry. In history, we explored space travel then and now, comparing Neil Armstrong and Chris Hadfield's journeys. In DT, the children created moving pictures, and in PE we enjoyed learning new skills with a visiting coach. We are all looking forward to our upcoming visit to the Black Country



Museum! This week in **Orange Class**, the children have been writing persuasive letters about raising money for a chosen charity. In maths, they have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on identifying and describing their properties. In science, the children began their new topic which is all about living things and their habitats. They continued this learning during forest school, where they explored and identified different microhabitats. This week in **Pink Class** we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter by writing to a friend or relative to ask them to support the Great Western Air Ambulance Service. In maths, we have been working on fractions. We have discussed how secrets can be good or bad in PSHE and thought about how to deal with bad secrets, and who to tell. We have also continued looking at maps in geography by talking about locations using both grid references and compass directions. As part of our theme of incredible journeys we are thinking about ocean voyages by learning about Ellen Macarthur.

## Parking

When dropping off or picking up your child, we kindly ask that you park considerately around the school. Keeping good relationships with our neighbours matters to us, and understandably, they're not too happy when their driveways are blocked! Please remember that residents may need to get to work, school, or appointments, and being delayed, even for a few minutes, can cause real problems. A little extra thought when choosing where to park makes a big difference and helps keep everyone happy.

## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our new SENCO, Miss Kendrick, who joined us this week. She has already had the opportunity to meet some of you and is looking forward to getting to know more families over the coming weeks. Miss Kendrick works in school from Tuesday to Friday and is currently spending lots of time in classrooms, getting to know our children and gaining a clear understanding of their individual needs. This is a really important part of her role, and it will help her support pupils, staff, and families effectively. If you need to contact her, please feel free to do so via the school office, and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

## World Book Day 2026

World Book Day is coming on Thursday 5th March and we can't wait to celebrate with lots of fun activities in school! This year's theme is "Reading for Pleasure" – all about enjoying stories, exploring books you love, and discovering the joy of reading just for fun. **The children can wear cosy, comfy clothes on Thursday 5th – ready to cosy up for lots of lovely stories.** To help get children started on their reading adventures, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token. They can use it to choose one of the special £1 World Book Day books, or to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Tokens can be redeemed at most UK bookshops and many supermarkets. Please help your child use their voucher on or around World Book Day – it's a perfect chance to find a new favourite story!



Year 2 are out on an educational visit on the 5<sup>th</sup> so won't be able to wear pyjamas / cosy clothes but we have lots of exciting activities planned over a few weeks to celebrate. Children will get creative with stories, share their favourite books, and take part in fun reading challenges designed to show that reading can be a wonderful adventure. It's all about finding books that make you smile, laugh, or imagine new worlds – reading for pleasure! We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day with your children and help them discover the joy of reading in their own special way.

## Disco

We are delighted to let you know that on Thursday 12th March we will be holding a special after-school disco in the hall with DJ Rossy! It's always such a lovely event, full of laughter, music and happy faces, and we can't wait to see the children enjoying themselves with their friends. There will be plenty of fun music, bright lights and lots of dancing. Children are very welcome to wear their favourite party clothes and dancing shoes — we're sure there will be some fantastic moves on display!

### Disco times are as follows:

Reception and Year 1: 3:15 – 4:15pm

Year 2: 4:30 – 5:30pm

### Reception and Year 1

Reception and Year 1 children may bring their disco outfit into school on the day and will get changed at the end of the school day. Please ensure clothes are in a clearly named bag. Ticket money (£2) should be sent into school on the 12th, in a clearly named envelope.

Reception and Year 1 children do not need to be collected at 3:15pm, as they will go straight to the disco with their class. Please collect them from the office at 4:15pm. Please let us know if your child won't be coming to the disco so that we can bring them out to the playground to be collected at the usual time.

### Year 2

Please send the Year 2 children's disco ticket money into school on the morning of the 12th in a clearly named envelope. Year 2 children will go home at the usual time of 3:15pm. Please bring them back to the office entrance at their allocated disco time, where you will be asked to sign them in. Please come to the office to collect the children at the end of the disco. Tickets for the disco cost £2. We are only able to accept cash payments at this time and we would be really grateful for correct change where possible.



## Forest School

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Yellow Class
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Pink Class



## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to the Black Country Museum
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Reception / Year 1 children can come to school in pyjamas / onesies ready to cosy up and read
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception / Year 1 disco from 3.15 – 4.15 Year 2 disco from 4.30 – 5.30
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	i-Rock concert for parents of children who have attended i-Rock sessions.

## Menu for the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March

	Hot meals Week 2			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
<b>Monday</b>	Beef Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Veggie Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
<b>Tuesday</b>	BBQ Chicken with Fluffy Rice	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
<b>Thursday</b>	Minced Beef Pie with Diced Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baguette Slice	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
<b>Friday</b>	Fish fingers with chips	BBQ Mixed Bean Fajita	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich