

MARCH 2026



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy and rewarding month this has been, and a truly positive end to the term. We have greatly appreciated your continued support—whether that has been helping children create wonderful costumes for World Book Day, contributing to our Comic Relief fundraising, or joining us at special events such as the Easter service, Year 5 concert and our open afternoon. These moments really highlight the strength of our school community.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children are progressing. They have recently completed their end-of-term assessments, which will support teachers in identifying areas for consolidation and help shape planning for the summer term. It has been a pleasure to see the children growing in independence and confidence, approaching their learning with enthusiasm and resilience.

This month, we also said farewell to Mr Titheridge as he begins his new career. We wish him every success for the future. Miss Rigby has been supporting the class and will continue with them for the remainder of the year, ensuring continuity and care.

We were pleased to welcome families to our recent meeting about next year's residential visit. By working in partnership with our sister schools and sharing dates, we are aiming to reduce costs for families while also giving children the opportunity to build relationships with peers they may meet again at secondary school.

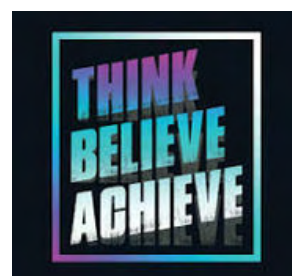
We are very mindful of the rising cost of school trips and the pressure this can place on families. As a school, we are exploring ways to make visits more accessible, including sharing transport with local schools studying similar topics. We are also seeking support from local businesses who may be interested in sponsoring a class trip. If you have any connections or suggestions, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Looking ahead, the summer term promises to be another exciting and important one. Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs in early May, followed by the Year 1 phonics screening and the Year 4 multiplication check in June. If you would like advice on how to support your child at home and build their confidence, please do speak to your child's teacher—we are always happy to share guidance and resources. You may also notice updates to our school website. While it is still a work in progress, it now contains key information and the beginnings of our parent support pages, starting with phonics and with further resources to follow.

We are proud of all that has been achieved this term and grateful for the warm welcome and continued support from our families—it truly makes a difference to the children's experience and success. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a busy and exciting summer term.

Mrs Ratcliffe

Headteacher



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MARCH SPECIAL MENTIONS



Congratulations to the children who have received special mentions for their March efforts. We are so pleased to reward them with their Prestige Sport club on a Friday lunchtime, and hope they have a great time.



We were delighted to recognise World Down Syndrome Day 2026 this year. The theme for this year is "Together Against Loneliness," which highlights the importance of community and support for individuals with Down syndrome.

The day aims to raise awareness about the challenges of loneliness faced by many people with Down syndrome and their families.

SCIENCE WEEK



This month we have had British Science week and we have been so CURIOUS! The children photographed have been noticed by their grown ups for being particularly curious in the investigations they have done, including asking great questions and (where possible) working hard to find the answer! Well done, children!

At **school council** last week, we talked about our school sustainability action plan. The children said they would like gloves and a litter picker for every class, which will be organised.

They also wanted a competition to design posters to encourage eco behaviours. For example turn off the dripping tap - turn off the lights- turn off the heating before you open windows and doors.

If children want to design posters over the holiday and bring them back in, there will be a competition for them to enter with prizes for the winners.



Our netball team were a credit to the school when competing recently at South Lee school. As ever, the adults were so proud of the way they represented us with enthusiasm and determination. Well done, girls!

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WORLD BOOK DAY



We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day at school this year! It was wonderful to see the children's creativity shine as they came dressed as adjectives. From "sparkling" and "mysterious" to "fierce" and "joyful," the variety of costumes was truly impressive and brought language to life in such a fun and memorable way. The day was filled with excitement as children shared their chosen adjectives, explored new books, and celebrated their love of reading together. It was a brilliant opportunity to promote a rich vocabulary while enjoying the magic of storytelling. A big thank you to all the children and families for their effort and imagination – it made the day incredibly special!



Jack, with the help of Niall and Maddison, created a fantastic scene from Iron Man during Fun Club. Jack carefully made the Iron Man out of clay, alongside a detailed cliff and a seaside drawing to match the setting from the story.

Their teamwork and creativity really brought the scene to life—great work everyone!

SPORTS STARS



Huge congratulations to Buddy, who won his first golf competition the day before he turned 11. In the process, he hit his best score on the 18 hole at Bury- 97! A superb effort.

Brilliant news from Hope, who shared with us this week that she had won her first gymnastics competition at only the second attempt. Hope fought off competition from a number of other competitors from different clubs to get the winners medal. She was also the only competitor who represented her club. Well done Hope- we're proud of you and sure that this is the first of many!



Belle came 3rd on bars at a County Gymnastics competition, which means she has now qualified for Regionals.



Belle is incredibly proud of herself and we are too. We look forward to hearing more about your adventures and next steps!

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Well done to year 5, who hosted parents for a cornet performance. The children have made fantastic progress and truly did an amazing job. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Well done, Year 5—keep up the great work!

Thank you to our generous community who raised nearly £350 to go to worthy causes.



Year 5 had a lovely time skateboarding this month! The children were full of excitement, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow so quickly.

One of the best parts of the session was watching how they supported one another, cheered each other on and celebrated every little success together.

Some children started off a little unsure, but with encouragement from their friends, they soon found their bravery and gave it a brilliant go. We were so proud of every single one of them!



National Numeracy

We were delighted to welcome families to our recent Maths Coffee Morning, where we shared how maths is taught at Sexton's from EYFS to Year 6.



Parents learned about our use of White Rose Maths, the CPA approach (concrete, pictorial and abstract), Mastering Number, and our new initiative with the National Numeracy Schools and Families Programme.

We hope parents and children will enjoy engaging with the activities set by our teachers, helping to build confidence, enjoyment and positive conversations about maths at home. Thank you to all the families who attended and supported our maths journey.

Mrs Huyghe

Times Table Rockstars

Your child will have their TTRS login glued onto the back page of their homework book. Please look out for this and let class teachers know if it is not there.



Little and often is best with TTRS — studies show that just 3 minutes a day can lead to great progress in arithmetic.

Thank you for your support!



SEXTON'S MANOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY



OUR NURSERY WELCOMES CHILDREN FROM THE TERM AFTER THEY ARE 3 YEARS OLD.

OUR SESSIONS ARE FROM 8.40 – 11.40AM.



We offer a unique opportunity to be a part of an Ofsted rated 'Good' school, with the Nursery led by a qualified teacher.

We have opportunities to use the whole schoolsite for exploring and using indoor and outdoor play equipment.

Our Nursery class site has a large outside area for super-fast car races, muddy kitchen recipes, sand for digging and special role play moments!



Our aim is to develop the whole child through moments to take risks, grow confidence and become independent learners through play. Children are nurtured and inspired; laughter is encouraged; friendships and trust are formed.

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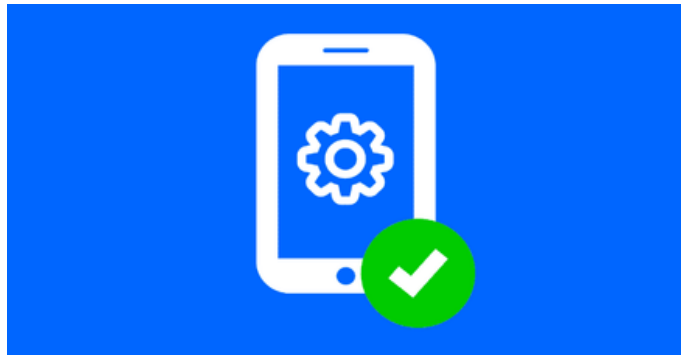
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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Safeguarding plays a crucial role in our school community. We remain vigilant and committed to educating all stakeholders, ensuring they are kept informed with the most relevant information. Each month, we will provide important resources to help enhance your understanding of safeguarding.

Setting Up Devices for Children



Please see the link for a checklist for setting up devices for children:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

Setting up devices for children will help them get the best out of their digital experiences. Use this online safety checklist to get started.

If you have a safeguarding concern, please ask to see one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Mr J. Murray



Mrs L. Ratcliffe



Mrs D. Ballam

KEY DATES

Monday 13th April: children return to school
WB 9th March: science week

Friday 17th April: non-uniform day (bring a chocolate egg)

Friday 24th March: Easter Bingo after school

Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May: year 6 SATs week
wb 25th May: half-term

Monday 22nd June: year 3 WCIT festival at the Apex
(details to follow nearer the time)

Please monitor Class Dojo for the most up to date information.

CLASS REMINDERS

Whole school	Please remember snacks should be fruit or vegetables only, and water not squash in bottles.
Nursery	Please help your child to put on their coat, socks and shoes to encourage independence.
Reception	PE- Monday Wellies to be left in school and come in coats, hats, gloves for outdoor provision If you are able to have a change of clothes in a named bag to be left on a peg, that would be useful (in case of accidents or getting wet).
Year 1	PE- Monday (PE kit will be kept in school for the half term). Spellings- these will be tested each Friday. Reading books- these will be sent home Friday and collected Monday.
Year 2	PE- Tuesday and Friday. Forest Schools- Wednesday
Year 3	Homework and spellings- Friday PE- Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	PE- Wednesday and Friday Homework and spellings- Wednesdays..
Year 5	PE- Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Year 6 Homework- Fridays, Spellings- Mondays, PE- Wednesday morning for both indoor and outdoor