



February 2025

Children's mental health week

This week (3rd-9th February) is [Children's Mental Health Week](#) and the theme this year is 'know yourself, grow yourself', which fits perfectly with our 'zones of regulation' commitment. Supporting children with their mental health and equipping them to deal with feelings and emotions is always a priority for us and we are marking this important national week in school with activities and teaching sessions.

What's been happening in school?



Football news-last week our boys' and girls' football teams took part in a competition against John Bramston Primary , Coppice Primary, and Fairlop primary organised by staff at The Forest Academy. Both events were great and, especially because our teams played so well. The boys' team won the whole tournament and in their events the girls just missed out and came second, brilliant effort!

Essex Cricket Club have also been working in school, coaching children in Year 4 and 5 as part of their community program.

I've had really lovely feedback from the staff and residents at the Pinewood Residential Care Home in Manford Way. Groups of year 6 pupils have been going over to visit the residents, we look forward to developing these links further.



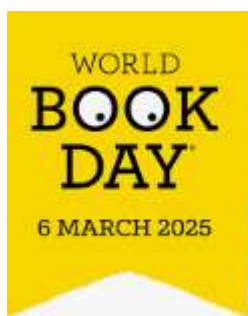
I hope you found the reading information sessions in the Autumn helpful. Ms Clarke has run maths workshops this term. There will also be opportunities for you to come in a join in a maths lesson in class.

Behaviour Policy and Procedures

We have been working on updating the school's behaviour policy, bringing together our vision (at the end of this newsletter) as well as our motto 'believe in yourself' and some new values, responsibility, resilience and respect. These will be reinforced through our continued focus on zones of regulation, teaching children to recognise their feelings and helping them to be in control of their own responses. We would welcome parent views on the new policy. Mrs Prasad will be organising an opportunity for you to share your thoughts in the coming weeks.



World Book Day and Book Fair



We are looking forward to seeing your costumes on world book day! If you have any costumes your child has grown out of, please consider donating them to school so that we can re-use them. Costumes can be expensive and it would be great to have some that we can share with children.

We have also booked the Travelling Book Fair to come into school from 25th February to 4th March-more information to follow.

Absence from school-a reminder

If your child is absent from school please call the school to let us know. The number is 0208 500 2143, option 1. You can leave a message if the office is not open. Please don't email us about absence. Please remember we can only authorise absence from school in certain circumstances, set out in [Redbridge's Attendance Strategy](#). You may be liable to a penalty notice (fine) if you take your child out of school without authorisation.

Deadlines!

Year 6-if you are buying a leavers hoodie for your child you need to order by 12th February. Order directly from [Fizz Hoodies](#). Please note-the hoodies come up small!

Year 5-If you would like your child to go on the residential in September 2025 you must pay the £50 deposit as soon as possible. Don't forget the charity who host the residential are able to offer financial support to some families.

Special Menu days

Please remember to cancel the booked meal and re-order from the special menu when our caterers have theme days-thankyou!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 6th February 9am and 3pm-Y4 parent meeting about Times Table Check

Tuesday 11th February 9am-Coffee Morning-Partners in Neurodiverse schools

Tuesday 11th February-4M visiting Synagogue

Wednesday 12th February-4W visiting Synagogue

Wednesday 12th February-3.00-6.00-Parents' Evening (book online)

Thursday 13th February-3.00-5.00-Parents' Evening (book online)

Friday 14th February-9am/2.30 Reception Valentines Performance

Friday 14th February-Y6 Scholars graduation-Kings College University

SCHOOL CLOSED-HALF TERM 17th to 21st February (Finish 3.15pm Friday 14th)

Monday 24th February SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils for staff training

Tuesday 25th February-Bookfair arrives

Wednesday 26th February-Choir rehearsal-Ilford (am)

Monday 3rd March-Year 6 parents find out which secondary school students have been allocated

Thursday 6th March-World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March-Choir performing at Royal Albert Hall