



Being the best we can
be

Bramble's

News

24th February 2023



A message from Mrs Gynn

Our first week has been only four days, but they have been actioned packed! Tuesday began with the excitement of pancake day - we have some promising chefs amongst us!



On Wednesday, KS1 visited Holy Cross Church to find out all about Lent.



On Thursday, I was very proud to accompany a group of year 2 children to William Parker School. They were taking part in a Sporting Superhero event. All children entered into the spirit of the event brilliantly, showing determination, teamwork, respect and self-belief. A great big well done to everyone. 😊

On Friday, we welcomed one of our Governors; Miss Nafzger and her guide dog Jax. All of the children



were so pleased to see them and had so many questions. Everybody enjoyed stroking Jax - especially Jax!

In addition, I have seen the most wonderful learning too; super handwriting, great independent writing and amazing problem solving in maths. A wonderful piece of collaborative art has been completed too. I am looking forward to displaying it in the hall.

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NEU Teachers' Strikes

I can confirm that school **will be open** as normal on Wednesday 1st March.

The next planned strike days are Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. I will update you on school's arrangements as soon as I can.

Children's book look

Following your parents' evening appointment either next Tuesday or Thursday, you are invited to come and look at your child's books on **Friday 3rd March at 2.30 pm.**

I hope you have a lovely weekend. 😊

Reminders...

Homework Splats

Deadline is w.b.25th March in Reception /
Wednesday 27th March in Year 1 /
Thursday 28th March in Year 2

Children can bring in any finished projects
at any time throughout the term.



We are seeing so many lovely pieces of work. Please keep bringing in your home learning. You have until the end of this term.



We now have an adult library in the entrance area of school.

Please do come on in and help yourself to a book.

When you have finished it, please return and swap for another.

School uniform

School uniform should be worn every day, except for PE days. PE kits should be school colours only.

Please do your best to send your children to school in the correct clothing.

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Two FREE tickets to The Big Sing GIVE AWAY

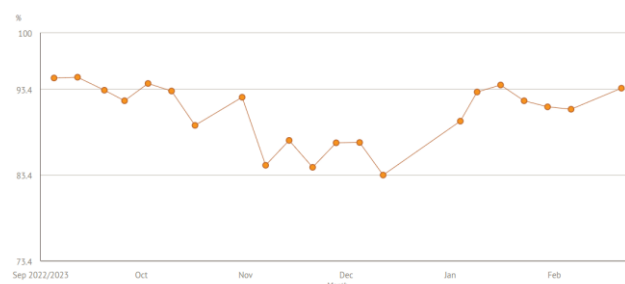
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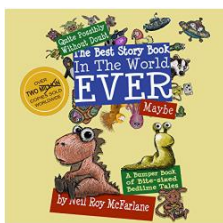
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WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Attendance

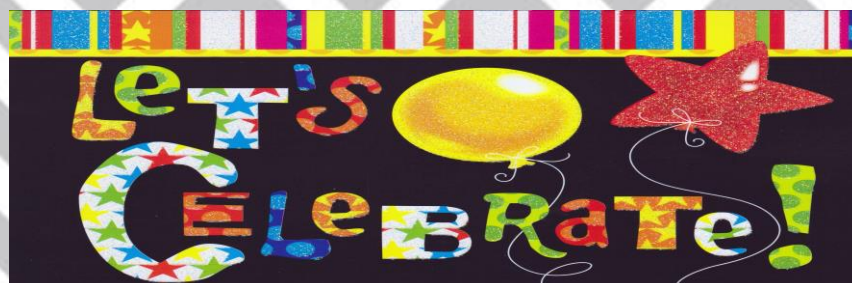


Congratulations everyone - we have a big upward line this week. ☺ An increase of 2%.



This week's book recommendation:

This is a brand new book for me, but I thought it was very appropriate as we look ahead to next week's reading week. I hope you enjoy it. (If you are an Amazon Prime customer, you can get the audio book for free at the moment.) ☺



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Certificates have been awarded to:

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Emily in Daisy Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Olivia in Sunflower Class

Express Yourself

Wonderful art, design technology, music or P.E. work

Willow in Snowdrop Class

Exploring the World

Super history, geography or religious education work

Hanna in Buttercup Class

Being your best

Jack in Dandelion Class

Wow!

Sammy in Bluebell Class

We celebrated with:

Daria, Jude, Vlad, who are now 5!

Oliver, who is now 6!

Beatrice, Kelly, Maria, Phoebe, who are now 7!

Happy Birthday to you!

Attendance cup awarded to:



Daisy Class -

Well done!



Bramble's Rule

Will be announced next week -

Our value for February is:



Independence - initiative



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring

What will be happening in our school?

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Lots of children received 5 Dojo points this week, having been in school every day. Dojo points will continue to be issued this week. 😊

w.b. 27.2.23 - Reading Week - (2.3.22 - World Book Day)

7.3.23 & 10.3.23 - 8.45 am - 9.45 am - Reception parents' drop in sessions for phonics

16.3.23 & 17.3.23 - 8.45 am - 9.45 am - Year 2 parents' drop in sessions for phonics

Please message Mrs Finch to let her know that you would like to attend any of these sessions. All parents from Reception or year 2 are welcome.

6.3.23 - 6.30 pm - Big Sing at Derngate Theatre, Northampton

7.3.23 - 3.30 pm - SAT meeting for year 2 parents

15.3.23 - Vicar visiting in school

17.3.23 - Comic relief

Children can come to school dressed in red or wearing spots. Donations can be made using the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10296>

22.3.23 - 3.00 pm - Book sale in the playground

29.3.23 - 2.00 p.m. Easter service and parade

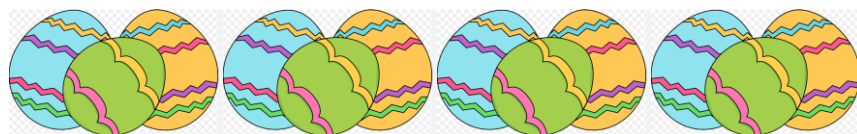
We shall be joining The Abbey School at the church and then walking down to The Abbey to host an Easter parade. All parents are warmly invited to join us.

Please arrive at the Church and then walk up to the school for the parade.

If you are able to help your child to make an Easter bonnet for the parade, we would greatly appreciate it.

30.3.23 - Easter egg hunt

30.3.23 - Term 4 ends - break up for Easter holidays





Friends of St James Events - Spring term



5p bottle challenge

Will be starting soon - date to follow.

Please collect as many 5 pences as you can.

Mufti Day's St James Infant & Pre-School 2023

- Friday 31st March Mufti -We will be asking for chocolate for the Easter Fayre Tombola instead of the £1
- Friday 28th April Mufti -Stars, Spots, & Stripes Day   
- Friday 26th May Mufti - its Pyjamarama day 
- Friday 30th June Mufti Day - We ask for a bottle for the Summer Fate Tombola instead of £1
- Thursday 20th July - A single colour Day (students to wear red, white, pink, blue or green from head to toe) 