

Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing together; Achieving together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

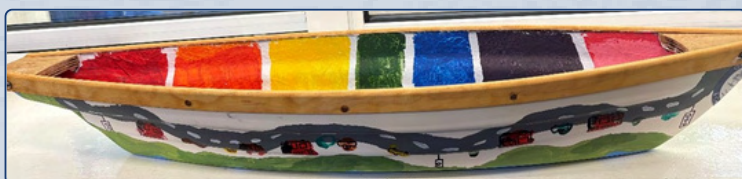
It was lovely to see many of you at our Parents' evening last week. I hope that you found the meetings helpful in understanding the progress your children have made and how we can work together to support them to continue to make good progress this year.

It was wonderful to see the enormous amount of effort that went into the children's costumes on World Book Day. A child from each class was selected by staff and I awarded 'Headteacher awards' to two children who made a huge effort to design some very creative costumes – Ayla from 4M who had a fantastic 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' outfit and Harrison from 6B who made his own Goose costume, dressing as a character from his own 'Goose' story.



I am really proud to let you know that we have been awarded our 'Clean Air School Gold Badge'. The assessors commented on all the effort we put into promoting air quality awareness, active travel, and improving the environment for both the school community and the wider neighbourhood. Thank you to Miss Marshall-Ash for supporting the school with all the work building up to this accreditation! As part of our continued travel plan work, we are taking part in the national '**Big Walk and Wheel**' initiative over the next two weeks, where we actively encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

As part of Putney's Easter Celebrations between **14th March and 12th April**, our Base children have decorated a boat which is one of twelve boats which will be 'hidden' in Putney businesses. Our boat will be displayed in 'Kids Stuff' in Putney Exchange – do pop along to see if you can find it!



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The children have been working really hard to prepare for their performances of the **'Lion King'** on **Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th March**. Information about buying tickets will be sent out soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

And, finally, a reminder that we have an **INSET** day on **Friday, 20th March**, so children should not come to school that day.

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

A Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is a senior member of staff responsible for overseeing safeguarding and child protection in schools, colleges, and organisations working with children or vulnerable adults. They act as the main contact for concerns, make referrals to relevant agencies, ensure safeguarding policies are current and followed, provide training and support to staff, keep detailed and confidential records of concerns, and promote a culture of safety – including online safety in educational settings.

At Granard, our Safeguarding team are:



**Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)**

Mrs C Grigg
Headteacher



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)**

Mr A Wheeler
Deputy Headteacher



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)**

Miss C Partridge
Family Liaison
Officer



**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead for
the Cedar Base
(DDSL)**

Mrs L O'Reilly
SEN Teacher

GOVERNOR BLOG

Ramadan and Eid

This year, the months of February and March have seen Muslims around the world observing fast during the Islamic month of Raman, including me. In this article, I will explain what Ramadan is and how we celebrate Eid.

Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar, and is special to Muslims as it was the month when the Holy Qur'an (religious text of Muslims) was first revealed. This month is aimed at the spiritual reformation of Muslims. Not only are they encouraged to improve their prayers, but also to give the rights we owe to humans. This includes giving more to charity, helping our neighbours and caring for our elders.

The Islamic fast contains two meals: the first, which takes place before sunrise and the second after sunset. Eating, drinking, being angry or saying anything unkind is not allowed. Instead, there is great emphasis on self-control and patience. Therefore, Ramadan is not just about food but also about purifying our souls.

After the final fast, Muslims get ready for Eid-ul-Fitr, which takes place the following day.

Women and girls apply henna, outfits are laid out, and food is prepared. These are images of women and girls from our local community with their henna on Eid:



After our usual predawn prayer, on Eid we have a sweet breakfast and get ready with our nice clothes and bangles.

We visit our mosque to offer the special Eid prayer, which is followed by a sermon, focused on reminding us to continue the good habits we have developed during Ramadan. I usually go with my family to Fazi Mosque in Southfields as it is my local mosque.

Did you know: This mosque was inaugurated 100 years ago in 1926, and has been visited by Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

As the sermon ends, we go to the homes of our friends and families to have food together and celebrate.

A popular Eid dessert is called Sheer Khurma, made with milk and dates. **Here is the recipe if you want to try it out:**

Ingredients

- 1 litre of milk
- A handful of vermicelli
- 6–8 chopped dates
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- A handful of mixed nuts
- 1 tablespoon butter or ghee
- A pinch of cardamom

Method

Lightly toast vermicelli in butter. Add milk and bring to a gentle boil. Stir in dates, sugar, nuts and cardamom. Simmer for 10–15 minutes until slightly thickened. Serve warm or chilled.



These were made by Anabia Waqas in Year 6B's mother.

We wish all families observing Ramadan a peaceful month and a joyful Eid.

Eid Mubarak
Tahira Amini, **School Governor**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Monday 16 th	2.45 p.m.	Big Walk and Wheel fortnight Year 2 curriculum share with parents
Tuesday 17 th		Year 5 trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
Wednesday 18 th	9 a.m. 11.45 a.m.	Parent workshop in school about screen time Year 4 Brass concert – parents invited Ash class trip to Deen City Farm
Thursday 19 th	1.45 p.m.	Strive and Thrive last session at Wimbledon High – parents invited Holly class – presentation to parents
Friday 20 th		INSET day – school closed for children
Monday 23 rd	2.45 p.m.	Year 1 curriculum share with parents
Tuesday 24 th		'Speak Up' Final at Wimbledon High school
Wednesday 25 th	6.30 p.m.	Reception trip to the Polka Theatre Lion King performance
Thursday 26 th	6.30 p.m.	Lion King performance
Friday 27 th	1.10 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Reception Book share with parents Base children leave – Break up for Easter holidays Mainstream children leave – Break up for Easter holidays Base Easter/Spring event

APRIL

Monday 13 th		Autism week Children return to school
Wednesday 15 th		ASC Easter party
Friday 17 th		Fun Fundraising sponsored event
Tuesday 21 st		Years 3 & 4 'Learn to ride' cycling course (until 24 th April)

MAY

Friday 1 st	2.45 p.m.	Year 2 class assembly
Monday 4 th		Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 6 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 3 curriculum share with parents
Monday 11 th		Year 6 – SATS week
Wednesday 13 th	9.15 a.m.	Nursery parent share session
Thursday 14 th	2.45 p.m.	Year 5 curriculum share with parents

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INSETS & HALF TERM DATES

- ✓ Friday 20th March 2026 - INSET Day
- ✓ Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET Day
- ✓ Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026 - Summer Half Term

TERM DATES

Scan this QR code for the **term dates** for **this year** and **next academic year**.

[Or click here](#)



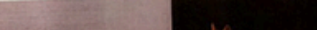
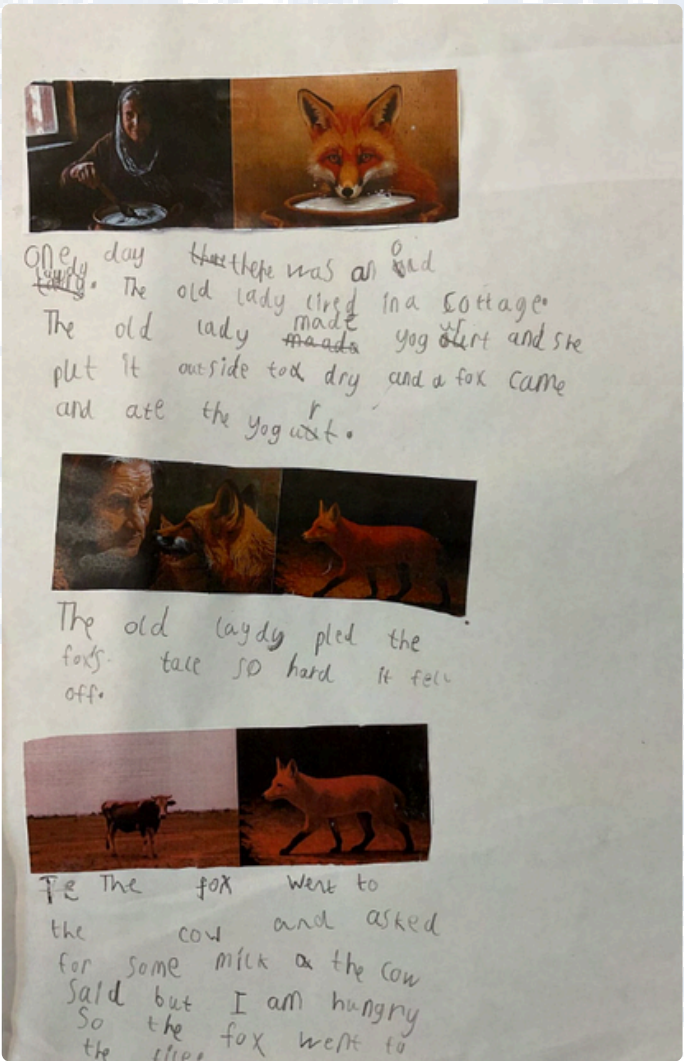
PARENTS MENU

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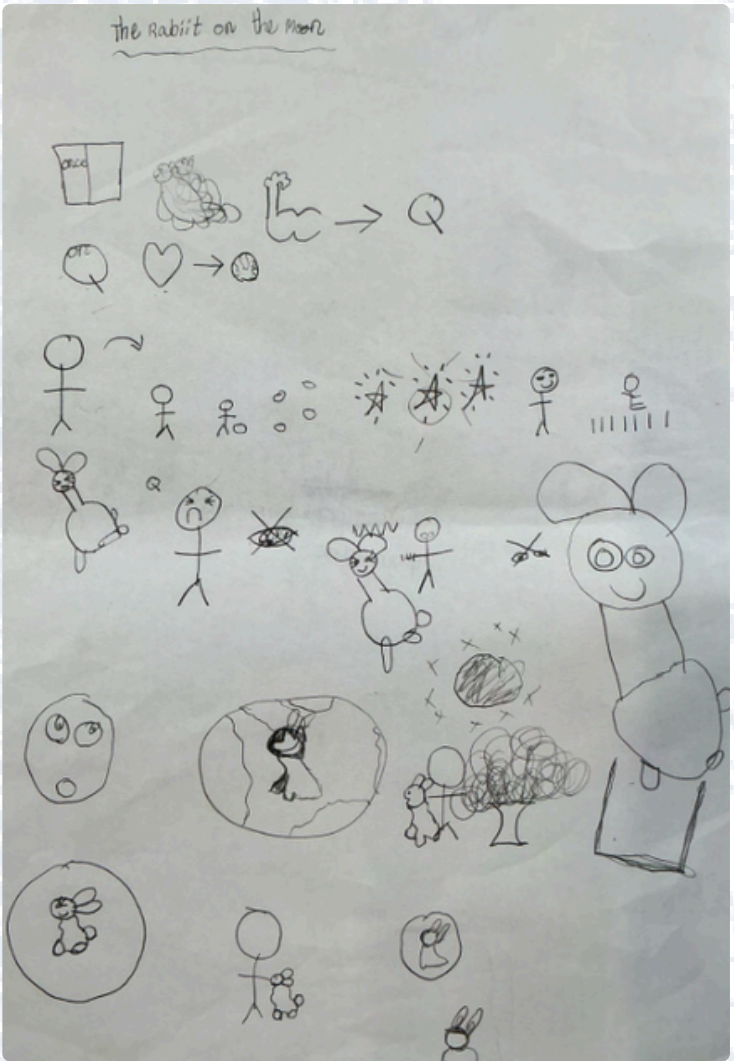


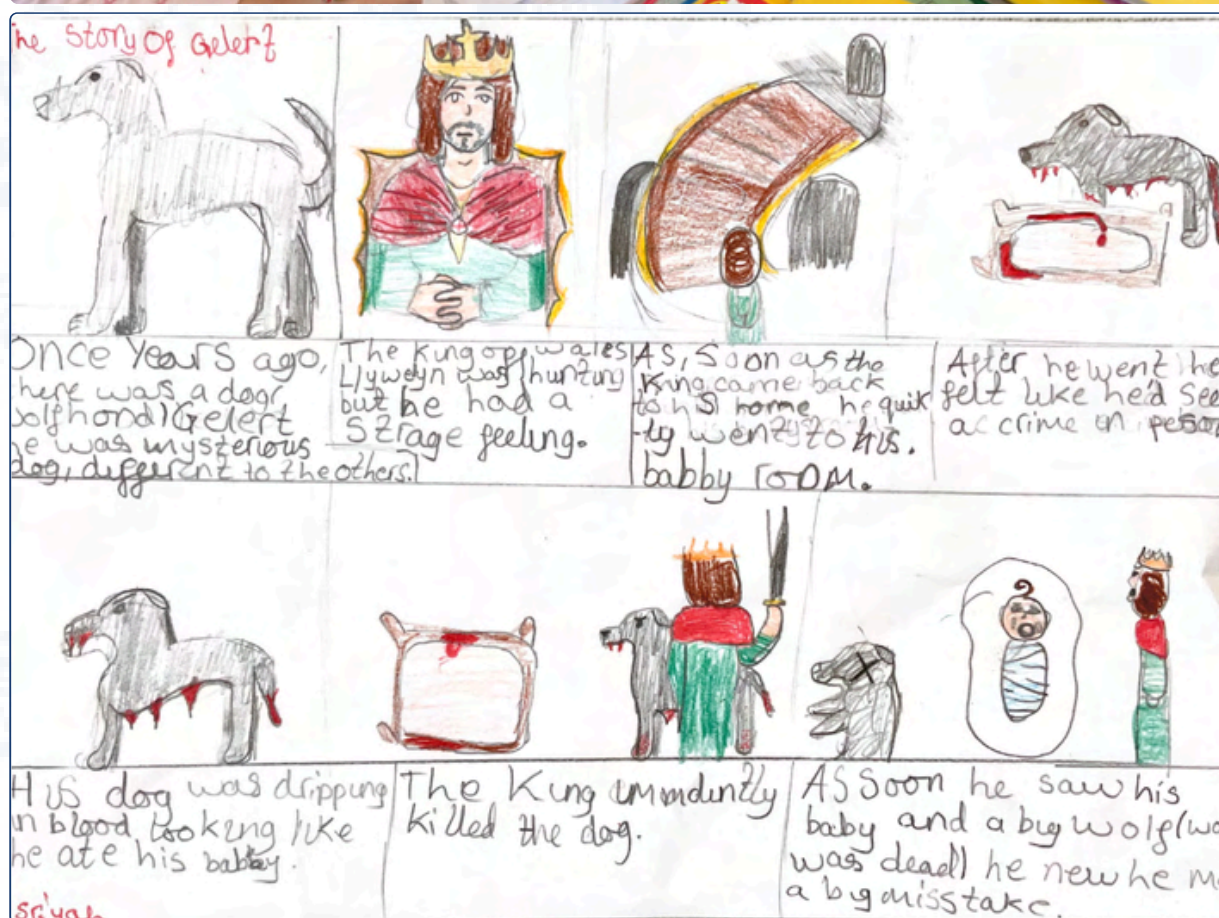
BOOK WEEK AT GRANARD



The left photograph shows a brown and white cow standing in a dry, open field under a clear sky. The right photograph shows a fox walking in a dark, wooded area, illuminated by a light source from the side.

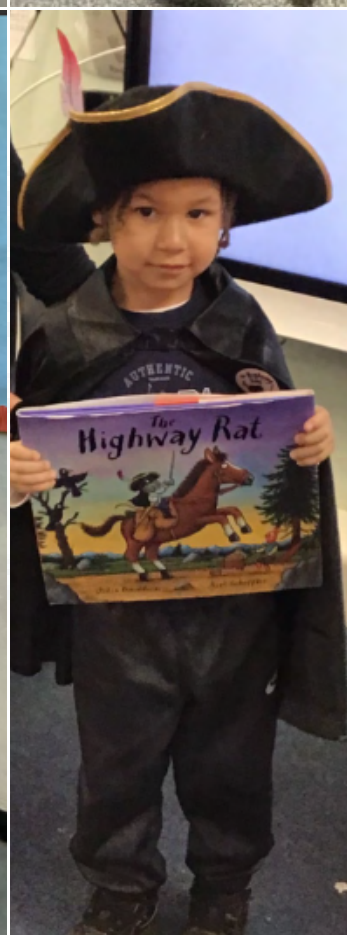
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the cow and asked
for some milk & the cow
said but I am hungry
So the fox went to
the tree



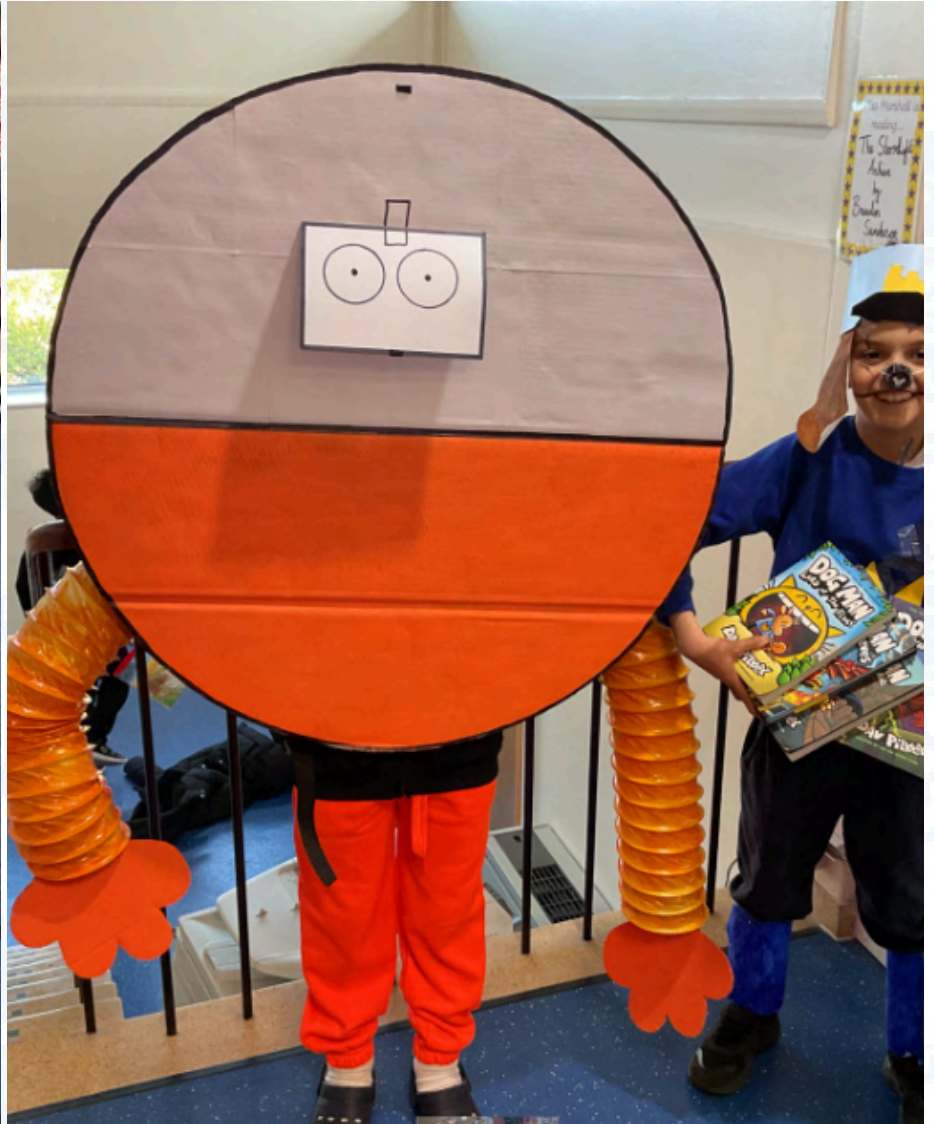


Thank you to all the pupils for embracing the week with such energy and excitement. You should all be very proud of your efforts!

Please see below and overleaf for this year's Book Week costume winners.







5F MORPURGO

Our Year 5 trip on an Uber Boat from Putney Pier to Tower Pier was an exciting and memorable experience.



As we boarded the boat at Putney Pier, everyone was full of excitement, chatting with friends and looking forward to the journey along the River Thames. It felt different from a normal school trip because we were travelling by boat right through the heart of London.

We enjoyed seeing many famous landmarks such as: Battersea Power Station, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, The London Eye, Tower Bridge and The Tower of London.



Overall, the trip was fun and a great opportunity to experience London in a different way.



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been learning about kings and queens this week! We enjoyed making our own crowns too!



NURSERY

In Nursery we had a fantastic World Book Day! We chose Scotland as our Book Week country, and the children loved exploring our two new Scottish books. One was a fun story called *"You Cannae Shove Yer Granny Off the Bus!"*

We enjoyed the funny words in the story and trying out the Scottish accent. The other book was *"My Granny Went to Scotland and She Bought..."* — a playful, alliterative story in which Granny brought back sugary shortbread, a hairy Highland cow, ticklish tartan and a bellowing bagpiper, to name just a few. The children had great fun remembering the list in order and spotting the repeated initial sounds.

We also read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. The children created a large tiger picture for our wall display and enjoyed having a tea party, just like Sophie and her mummy in the story. We were all very surprised when the doorbell rang and a tiger joined us for tea! Just like the tiger in the book, he ate all of our food, and then he left!



ASH CLASS

During PE Ash Class children have been developing their core strength and different physical skills. Everyone tried hard at balancing, bear walking and pulling themselves on a scooter board. We all then cooled down in the classroom with yoga and listening to calm music.

EARLY YEARS BEDTIME STORIES

Nursery and Reception had a fantastic bed time story event to celebrate Book Week! The children arrived in their pyjamas along with their favourite cuddly toy. They headed down to RM Rosen to find a cosy space to snuggle up.



First of all, the children had to pretend to be asleep and listen out for different noisy neighbours, they heard a car alarm, a baby crying, dogs barking and even someone snoring!



After that, we sang some songs with Ms Rendell playing her guitar. The children's favourite song was about the Mr Men in the bed!



Finally it was time for delicious hot chocolate followed by a 'night time' walk where we saw and heard an owl.



What a lovely evening!



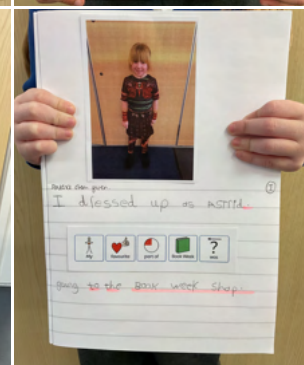
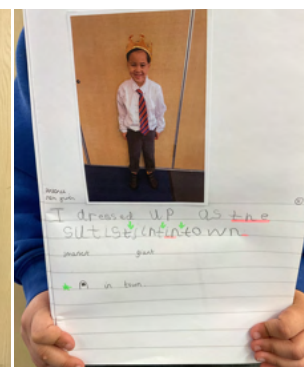
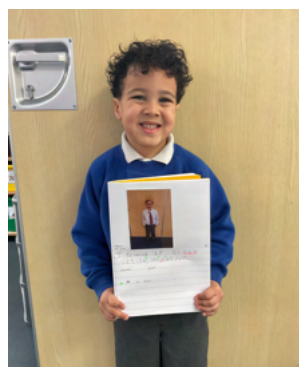
What a lovely evening! Thank you to everyone who came and a HUGE thank you to Mrs Sheerin, Mrs Bolt, Mrs Tugwell and Ms Rendell for making this special event possible.



RM ROSEN

Reception have been writing about Book Week. They used their sounds to write a sentence about who they dressed up as in World Book Day and what their favourite part of Book week was.

Well done to August and Lily for some incredible writing!



CHERRY CLASS

We went to Putney Heath for Muddy Monday. We learned about Viking runes and how the Vikings wrote using their ancient alphabet. We tried to copy the runes and write our own initials, and we made clay rune stones.

After the activity, we played games together, including "What's the time, Mr. Wolf?", and everyone had a great time outdoors.



4M LEWIS

On 4M's trip to Waterstones, we bumped into Katie Blackburn, the author of The Big Bang! Which was one of the books on offer for World Book Day. Katie was generous enough to read us the story, teach us some British Sign Language and answered questions about being an author.

4M were incredibly lucky and were fantastic ambassadors for Granard.





FREE online talk by
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Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



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Parents - Live Talks page



✧ YOUR INVITATION TO ENTER THE WIMBLEDON ✧ FAMILY BALLOT

Since 2023, the Wimbledon Family Ballot has been working to provide more local children and families with the opportunity to experience The Championships.

In our biggest year yet, we have reserved 1,000 tickets, inviting families from 40 local primary schools to enjoy world-class tennis and a special day out.

Through the Family Ballot, families can apply to purchase up to five tickets for No.1 Court on Finals Weekend. Guests are typically restricted to two tickets, so this is a unique opportunity and not to be missed!



HOW THE BALLOT WORKS:

- Families can enter [here](#).
- Using the link, families will need to sign up to MyWimbledon to submit their application.
- Please note, this website and the Family Ballot will only be live until 11.59pm on Monday 6 April 2026. All entries must be made within this window.
- Successful families will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the No.1 Court on Finals Weekend (Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Each ticket will be £40 in price.
- Families must be able to provide proof of attendance to show that their child attends one of the selected schools. The full name of the school must be included in the application, as abbreviations will not be accepted.
- Unfortunately, ballot entry does not guarantee tickets.
- The initiative is designed to help more children to enjoy The Championships, so children (aged 5-16) must be part of the visiting group.
- As the tickets are for our No.1 Court, families are unable to bring children under the age of 5.
- Full Ticket Terms and Conditions for the Family Ballot can be found [here](#).



Please get in touch with families@aeltc.com if you have any questions.

Positively Putney BID

14 MARCH TO 12 APRIL

BOATS

Putney Boat Trail, discover beautifully decorated boats hidden around Putney

Bonnets

Free Easter Bonnet Workshops,
Easter Bonnet Parade Saturday 4th April

& BANDS

Pints & performances
Live music, comedy
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**A month of creativity, community
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Scan here for more details

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Details inside

BOATS

Find the beautifully decorated boats painted by local schools, hidden inside Putney's businesses.

Share your best photo on social #BoatsBonnetsBand to win £50 Putney Business Voucher

Rowing on the River What's On

Experience the buzz as Putney hosts some of the UK's most exciting rowing events.

RACES FINISHING IN PUTNEY

Friday 13 March
Schools' Head
Saturday 14 March
Women's Head
Saturday 28 March
Men's Head
Sunday 29 March
Veterans' Head

RACES START IN PUTNEY Saturday 4 April

Chanel J12 Oxford & Cambridge Boat race

Come down to the river, soak up the atmosphere and cheer on the crews!

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Map of Putney Boat Trail:

- 1 NPH Plumbing & Heating
- 2 The Dynamo
- 3 Morrows
- 4 Ben & Lola
- 5 Kids Stuff
- 6 Waterstones
- 7 The Panda's Pantry
- 8 Oxfam
- 9 Putney Library
- 10 Prince of Wales
- 11 WEX Photo Video
- 12 Velosport

Map Labels:

- LOWER RICHMOND ROAD
- WATERMAN ST
- THAMES CLIPPER
- RIVER THAMES
- FELSHAM ROAD
- LACY ROAD
- A3209 PUTNEY BRIDGE ROAD
- PUTNEY HIGH STREET
- WERTER ROAD
- DISRAELI ROAD
- PUTNEY TRAIN STATION
- A205 UPPER RICHMOND ROAD
- EAST PUTNEY TRAIN STATION
- CHELVERTON ROAD
- BAVENNA ROAD
- BURSTON ROAD
- PUTNEY HILL A219

Logos:

- The Roche School
- BRANDLEHAW SCHOOL
- OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PRIMARY SCHOOL
- ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL PUTNEY
- Ark Putney Academy
- HURLINGHAM SCHOOL AND NURSERY
- PUTNEY HIGH SCHOOL GDST
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
- Putney Library
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EASTER BONNET PARADE

Saturday 4 April 11am, in Church Square
Prizes to be won, everyone welcome.

FREE EASTER BONNET WORKSHOPS

Drop in sessions:

Saturday 14 March 2-4pm
Putney Library

Saturday 21 March 11-1pm

Putney School of Art & Design

Saturday 28 March 12.30-2.30pm

Strand Art School at St Mary's Church

Sunday 29 March 11-3pm

Putney Exchange Garden Area

Book on eventbrite via the QR code:

Sunday 15 March 2-4pm
art-K, Felsham Road

Sunday 22 March 2-4pm
art-K, Felsham Road

Saturday 28 March 1-3pm
The Art Loft above Gail's Bakery



PINTS & PERFORMANCES Saturday 14

March 12pm

Prince of Wales – St Patricks Irish Dancing

Tuesday 17 March 7pm

East Putney Tavern – St Patricks Day
LIVE Irish Band Thumping Tommys

Tuesday 17 – Saturday 21 March 7.45pm Putney Arts Theatre – You Stupid Darkness!

Friday 20 March 10pm

Putney Pies – DJ Trevor Fung (Ibiza)

Friday 27 March 9.30pm

The Railway – Live Music

Saturday 28 March 10pm

Le Fez - Old School Bangers

Friday 3 April midday

The Half Moon – Pre-Boat Race Party
Live Music and DJ's

Saturday 4 April 10pm Le Fez – Boat Race After Party

Wednesday 8 April 7pm

The Railway – Side-splitting Comedy

Friday 10 April 9pm

East Putney Tavern – Live Music

Can you find all the words in our Spring wordsearch?



BUNNY	CHICK
CROSS	TULIP
BUTTERFLY	CHOCOLATE
CARROT	BANDS
EGG	PAINT
SPRING	EASTER
BONNETS	CAKE
BOATS	LAMB



EDUCATION



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Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

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The poster features a collage of images showing children engaged in various activities: eating, playing sports, and sitting in a cinema. The text 'Genius HOLIDAY CLUBS' is at the top with a lightbulb and graduation cap icon. The word 'EASTER' is in large yellow letters, and '2026' is in large blue letters. Below these are four circular icons labeled 'ARTS & CRAFTS', 'SPORTS', 'HOT MEALS', and 'TRIPS'. At the bottom, there are yellow boxes containing the event details: 'WHEN: MON-THU 30TH-2ND APRIL', 'TIME: 10AM TO 2PM', 'WHERE: Alton Hall Communiy Hall, 1 Petersfield Rise London, SW15 4AE', 'AGES: 5-16', and 'VISIT: WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/roehampton'.

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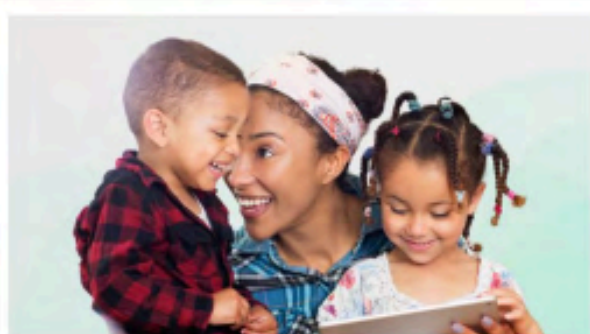
Wandsworth Family Hubs Online Workshops for Parents/Carers

Positive Parenting in the Early Years

Monday 16th March 1 - 2.15pm

Did you know how important your positive interactions are in building your child's confidence?

Join Amanda and Rosanna from CAMHS under 5 to learn how positive interactions can make a big impact on children's behaviour.



To book onto this workshop you can scan the QR code or click on the link below

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For more information contact Hannah.skaife@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk



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Mental Health NHS Trust

