



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 13th March 2026

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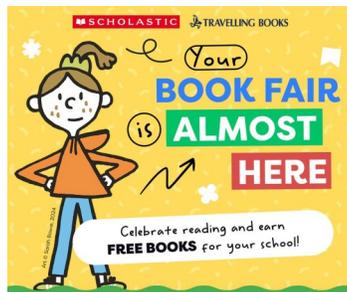
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### Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair will take place next week after school on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. School will receive commission based on sales, which will enable us to buy some new guided reading books for both key stages.

Your support, as always, is appreciated. Thank you.



### IMPORTANT ParentPay Debt

Parents need to be aware that, on **31st March**, Warrington School Meals Service will charge the school for any outstanding debt on ParentPay for school dinners. **If your child's account is in debt at this point, you will be contacted by the school office and payment will need to be made to school in cash.** Any further payments made to ParentPay after the cut-off date will be used for future meals. **Please ensure that your child's account is in CREDIT on 31st March**, especially if they have a school meal every day. Thank you

# STARS OF THE WEEK

**Congratulations to:**

Reception: **Harry**

Year 1: **Arlo**

Year 2: **Rex**

Year 3: **Sophia**

Year 4: **Esmea**

Year 5: **Joshua C.**

Year 6: **Owen**



# ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.5%	96.4%	98.0%	96.4%	97.6%	94.0%	96.4%

# Trip to Uganda

On 3rd April 2026, Mrs Linda Murdoch (who is part of the Open the Book Team), her daughter Milly, her grandson Joshua and her nephew Isaac are heading to the Kirinya Children's Centre, near Kampala, Uganda. All these young adults are former Penketh Primary pupils.

Approximately 3 years ago, our school donated lots of jumpers and cardigans from the old school uniform, which are still worn proudly in Kirinya, but with a new school badge. The Kirinya Children's Centre relies on the goodwill of the staff and charity donations, to offer an education to several hundred nursery and primary school age children, whilst also supporting in the region of 60 children who are orphans.

**The group going out, are taking a spare suitcase and are hoping to fill it with much needed supplies. They are seeking help from the Penketh Community with donations. In particular they are looking for textbooks (English and Maths) that are no longer used; packs of unopened pencils/crayons or other small stationery items.**

The school have also asked if money can be raised to take as many children as possible to a swimming baths near Kampala, with the aim of teaching the children basic life saving techniques and also as a treat. The majority of these children have never been swimming. A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise money for the cost of the trip. **The children at the school do not have swimming costumes, so they are looking for donations of children's swimming costumes/trunks/shorts that are in good, clean condition.**

If you can help in any way, please drop off any donations to the school office, so that we can pass them onto Linda and the team. Thank you.



# OUR LEARNING

**In Reception...** Reception have had a fantastic week of learning! We kicked off National Science Week with great excitement as we watched a volcano explode. It was amazing to see the eruption and talk about what was happening. The children have been developing their writing by describing 'Dom the Dragon', and showing their creativity by painting their own colourful dragons. In Maths, we practised our measuring skills using cubes to compare different lengths and sizes. On Friday morning, we enjoyed a special story time with Miss Burke, the children impressed us with the thoughtful questions they asked about the story. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us for our Mother's Day Stay and Play. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and we had lots of fun sharing activities together!

**In Year 1...** This week the children have been completing lots of tricky Maths work. We have been using part-whole models to work out additions and subtractions to 20, using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help them! In English, we have been retelling the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children have been amazing at remembering everything on our sentence checkers, including punctuation, finger spaces and reading our sentences back to ensure they make sense!

**In Year 2...** Year 2 have planned their own narrative based on the story 'Grandad's Island'. We have included lots of different sentence types and descriptive vocabulary. In Maths, we have embedded our multiplication knowledge by answering lots of word problems. We have also now moved onto our Money unit and are learning about the value of different coins. In our Geography lesson, we learnt about Europe and located it on a map.

**In Year 3...** Year 3 have been working very hard in our Maths topic, starting multiplication using the grid method; we have used our learning from earlier in the topic to support this. In English, we have been planning and writing our transformation narrative based on the book 'Pip and Egg'. In PSHE, we have continued our Communities topic, focusing on the advice we would give to others. Finally, in History, we have been learning all about the pyramids and have even made our own!

**In Year 4...** This week started with a celebration of British Science Week. We completed a Science quiz, working collaboratively with children from other year groups, which was really fun. Then we carried out an experiment with Year 3 to design and make the best raft to carry the most marbles without sinking. Some of us were more successful than others! In Geography, we have been learning about the physical and human features of Greece and in RE we have been continuing our work on Islam, finding out about Ramadan.

**In Year 5...** Year 5 have had another busy week! We loved taking part in the 'Classroom Swap Quiz' and our chromatography experiment as part of National Science Week. In English, we've explored key writing features used in our text, 'The Promise', in preparation for writing our own narratives. Comparing and ordering fractions has continued to challenge us in Maths and we enjoyed a very windy Forest School session, creating our own clay models!

**In Year 6...** This week, in English, the children have started planning their own documentary-style narrative focused on *The Secret Code of Wolves*. They have explored how information and storytelling work together, learning how to organise facts, build atmosphere, and guide an audience through an engaging narrative. In Maths, we have focused on multiplying decimal numbers. The children have practised multiplying decimals by whole numbers and other decimals, using both written methods and place value understanding to explain their reasoning. They have also applied these skills to real-life contexts to help deepen their confidence and accuracy. It's shaped up to be a thoughtful & productive week of learning!

# OTHER AWARDS



Congratulations to:

- **Incredible Dancers;** **Kaitlyn**, Star of the Week from Felicia Burns School of Dance; **Esmea, Lily E , Lucy B**—Stars of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy
- **Amazing Gymnasts;** **Ruby F**, Level 4 from Penketh Gymnastics Club; **Elsie**, who received 1 gold medal & 3 silver medals, plus overall competition winner from Warrington Gymnastics Club; **Isla**, Star of the Week from Gymfinity; **Georgia**, who received 2 gold and 3 bronze medals in a recent competition
- **Fabulous Football and Rugby Stars;** **Dennis**, Trainer of the Week from FC Eagle Roma; **Cameron**, Manager's Player trophy from Matthiola Lions; **Hayden P**, Player of the Match from FC Eagle Roma; **Viaan**, Trainer of the Week from FC Eagle Barcelona; **Jude**, Man of the Match from Beechwood Argentina plus a football skills award; **Isaac**, Trainer of the Week from Eagle JFC
- **Marvellous Martial Artist;** **Tyler**, who was awarded his White Belt for Kickboxing
- **Netballing Wonder;** **Lailah**, Superstar of the Week from Penketh Panthers
- **Super Swimmer;** **Tudor**, who received a certificate & medal for an outstanding performance in the Warrington Town Gala
- **Lovely Linguists;** **Lucy R.** and **Edith**, both Stars of the Week from Les Petit Pois French Club



# Mega Mathematicians



Rec: Cece                      Year 4: Ruby  
 Year 1: Grace                Year 5: George  
 Year 2: Francis              Year 6: Frankie  
 Year 3: Esme



# REMARKABLE READERS



Rec: Matthew                Year 4: Isla  
 Year 1: Toby                 Year 5: Noah  
 Year 2: Daniel              Year 6: Eliots  
 Year 3: Viaan



# LUNCH MENU W/C 16/03/26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza, Potato Wedges with Sweetcorn and Salad  Cooks Choice Dessert	Chicken Curry with Rice  Cheese & Ham or Cheese Wrap with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables  Fresh Fruit Salad or Yogurt	Beef or Vegetarian Bolognaise with Spaghetti and Peas  Cheese Wrap, Sautéed Potatoes, Sweetcorn and Salad  Cooks Choice Dessert	Oven Baked Battered Fish or Chicken Goujons with Chips and Peas or Baked Beans  Cooks Choice Biscuit	Pasta Bake served with Vegetables  Jacket Potato with various fillings  Raspberry Jelly and Fruit

# DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evening

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Scholastic Book Fair after school

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Shakespeare Week

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Y4 Robinwood Residential

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Maths Day

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** PTFA Easter Bingo Event 6-8pm. Details to be confirmed.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** School Closes at 2.30pm