



#3 March 2026

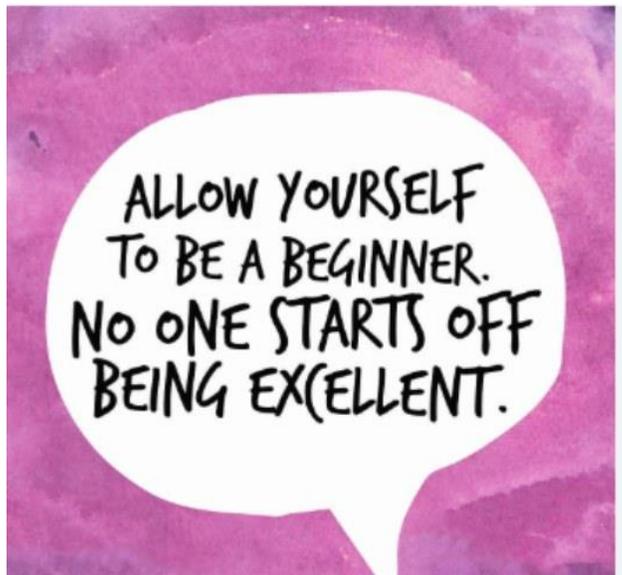
Message from Mrs Norman

We had a glimmer of hope this week.....a blue expanse with a round yellow object! The children were so excited to be outside without a coat, many asking if the weather would stay like this. Sadly not, but it has allowed us to get back on the field where the children have so much more space to run and play. Thank you to those who have sent a change of footwear in, however a number of children have no change of footwear. Please can this be arranged.

We've got some exciting events coming up. Rowan will be visiting the Angles Theatre, Year 6 will be attending a careers event at TCA, we will be enjoying many hands on experiences for science week....and then the residential at the end of term. It's good to be busy and we try to provide children with as many experiences as possible. It is difficult as we are a small school and budgets are always tight, but you are all wonderful in helping us fundraise and this allows us to do the little extra enrichment activities. We will let you know what our next fundraising event is shortly.

During Easter we are having some work carried out in school to improve our Foundation Stage environment. It will create a larger space for Acorn which can also be separated into 2 classrooms, providing a dedicated learning space for our reception children. Fingers crossed the work runs to plan and it will be ready for the start of term. One thing it won't be is decorated. So, if any of you like painting, we might be asking for volunteers to help with painting. Or maybe we let the children decorate?

We need to empty our resource room and the staff room before the work starts so please, if you have any strong boxes (cardboard or plastic) that we can borrow, we would be most grateful.



Calendar dates



P.E days

Oak Class - TUESDAY

Maple and Acorn Classes - THURSDAY

The school P.E uniform is a plain white T-Shirt and plain black shorts/joggers.

Rowan Class - SWIMMING WEDNESDAY Children should wear full school uniform to school. Swimming starts again on the first Wednesday after half term.

Please remember to remove earrings and any other jewellery before your child comes to school.

LEAF days (Let's Enjoy Active Fridays)

Children should wear their green 'LEAF' hoodie and plain black jogging bottoms every Friday please.

March dates -

Thursday 19th - Kinderley celebrates 'Red Nose Day'. Wear something funny today and cake sale at breaktime.

Friday 20th - Rowan Class trip to the Angles Theatre, Wisbeck. All day event. Please wear full school uniform

Friday 20th - LEAF day for all children in school today.

Monday 23rd - Year 6 pupils career event. All day

Tuesday 24th - Year 1 parents phonics session 9:00-9:30 TBC

Wednesday 25th to 27th - Residential trip for some of our year 4,5 and 6 children.

Friday 27th - Last day of Spring term.

Monday 13th April is a school inset day.

Children return to school on Tuesday 14th April

Reminders

- Parents and schools share the same goal: supporting children's education. But we recognise that sometimes questions or concerns arise. So, who in school do you go to? Often issues can be best resolved by the person closest to your child. Please go to your child's teacher first for anything that directly involves your child's classroom experience. Teachers know your child best and can usually sort things quickly.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher it is always best to send them a Dojo message to let them know and tell them what it is you wish to discuss, so that they can speak to other staff members or children if needed and arrange a convenient time to either phone you or speak to you in person. Whilst, the office staff are happy to pass on any messages to teachers any questions about friendships, behaviour, homework and day-to-day concerns should be discussed with the class teacher please.

- The school day for Reception to Year 6 children begins at 8:50, when teachers take the morning register. Any child arriving after 8:50 will be marked as 'L' late (before register closes at 9:00) or 'U' late (after register has closed at 9:00 but before 9:10). It is really important that children arrive on time. The school gate opens at 8:40, please make sure that you allow time for traffic and slow risers! Arriving through the main entrance is something that can impact a child's start to the day and impact learning.

We recognise that there are occasions beyond our control that can delay us or disrupt our plans, but the school have seen a rise in the numbers of children missing the school gate and having to enter through the main entrance. Please do not be offended when asked for a reason for late arrival to school. All lateness must be recorded by school.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time please speak to your child's teacher. Remember we have a 'Morning Club' from 8 am each day open to children from Reception to Year 6. Speak to the office if you would like to have a trial run!

- Thankyou for being considerate of our school neighbours when dropping off and collecting children each day. The 2 visitor spaces and disabled parking space at the front of school are not for general use for picking-up or dropping off at ANY time of the day. If you are collecting early or dropping off late please park on Church Lane or use the car park area. Your co operation with this safety concern is appreciated.

Acorn Class



We have been learning all about animals on the farm and also celebrated Chinese New Year. We got to taste some Chinese food and loved the prawn crackers and noodles, some of us even had seconds of noodles.

We seem to have a food theme going on, as we have also been making pancakes and testing them out.

We have been working hard with our phonics work and play skills. We have explored the maths shed and enjoyed rolling the dice and jumping that number of jumps.

During our maths lessons we have been subitising, using our fast eyes to see the amount (not counting) we are getting very good at that and reception are able to describe what they can see.

I can see 2 on the left and 2 on the right so I know that means 4.

We loved world book day and went on a book hunt around the school grounds looking for pictures of the books. We are very grateful to Amy in Oak class for her help in hiding the pictures.

We continue to be proud of all our Acorns and they continue to amaze us every day.





Maple Class



This term Maple class have been learning about plants and how they grow. We planted some sunflower seeds and left them in different places. One pot is getting lots of sun in the classroom, one has been put outside, and one is in the dark cupboard. We are watching them daily to see which seed will grow into the tallest and strongest sunflower. We've also planted some bulbs (including onions) to see how they grow. Before half term, we planted peas and carrots seeds outside. Although, nothing is growing yet we are hopeful (if the weather stays the same) we might see some shoots coming up soon!

Everyone enjoyed the Science trip with our Year 3 children. We learnt some interesting facts about bullet proof jackets, astronauts' costumes and how they work. We loved it there and had lots of questions throughout the day.

In maths, we are using manipulatives to secure our knowledge of teen numbers – ten frames and counters and rekenreks. In computing, we are learning to 'code,' using a game called Rodocodo to help us. The children absolutely love this game.

Rowan Class



Rowan have had a busy and exciting few weeks of learning. In reading we have been exploring the inspiring book, *Young Gifted and Black*, where we have learned about influential people who have made a difference, such as Martin Luther King Jr. The children have enjoyed discussing the impact of their achievement and sharing their thoughts.

In literacy we have been writing persuasive speeches. The children have been practicing how to express their opinions clearly and use persuasive devices to convince their audience. We were super excited to deliver our speeches to Mrs Norman, to hopefully convince her to make some changes around school.

In math's, we have been developing our understanding of fractions, learning how to recognize them and compare them. We have enjoyed this challenge. We have also been doing lots of practice for the multiplication check in a few months!

In topic lessons this term, we have been learning how to handle data in computing and had a go at some data entry. In geography, we learned all about the water cycle and carried out an experiment to see the evaporation process. We also had a cooking and recycling workshop and made some tasty banana muffins.





Oak Class

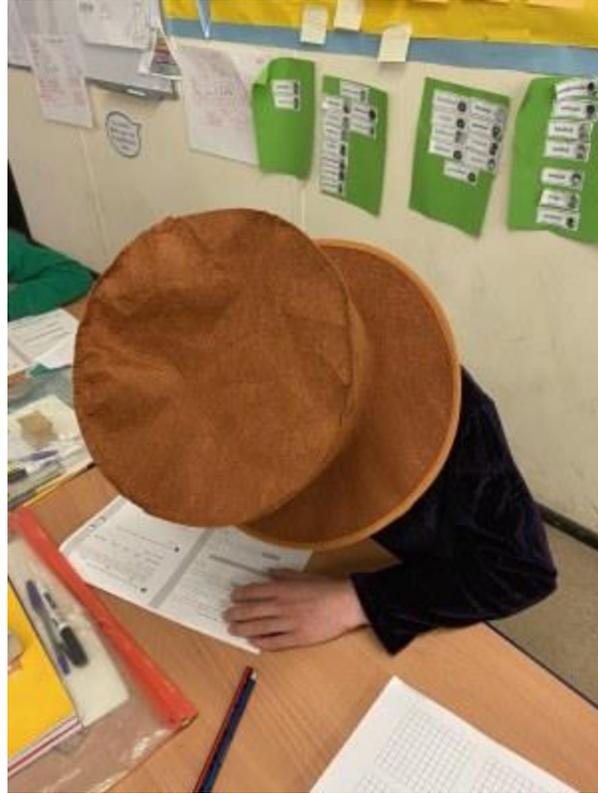


Oak class have been leaning about light and how white light can be split into colours. We used prisms to do this – luckily it was a sunny day! We have also been completing our suspense writing. We have been choosing words, zooming in to describe detail and using our senses to help our reader feel the menace of our abandoned settings.

We have been celebrating World Book Day – here are some of the characters we dressed up as:







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Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March 2026

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- Sunday 22 March from 9:00am

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- Sunday 22 March from 9:30am



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- Floats and fun: Sunday 22 March from 3:30pm



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- Gym sessions on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March from 8:00am to 3:00pm



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COMIC RELIEF 2026



This year's theme is 'FUNNY FOR MONEY'

So, we invite the children to wear something funny on THURSDAY for a donation of 20p, 50p or £1.

Why not wear something inside out or back to front, fancy dress or something red! You decide.... just think **'FUNNY'**!

Alongside this the school council will be holding a cake sale at breaktime on Thursday, so they are asking all grown-ups for

CAKES!

Donated cakes can be bought, or home made (nut free) and should be handed to class teachers, either at the end of the school day Wednesday or first thing Thursday morning.

Cakes will be priced between 20p – 50p and limited to one or two per child.

Any remaining cakes will be sold on the school playground at the end of the school day on Thursday.

Useful information



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