



# SCHOOL NEWS

27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been a real joy to welcome our children and staff back to school as we step into lighter mornings and the promise of brighter, sunnier days. There is something truly special about standing on the gate each morning, sharing smiles and cheerful greetings with our families – especially when the sunshine is shining – and it never fails to set a positive tone for the day ahead.

As the seasons begin to shift and we move into spring this Sunday, our school calendar is filling with many exciting and enriching opportunities for learning and celebration. We are very much looking forward to a number of special events in the coming weeks, including World Book Day, National Science Week and our much-loved Year 3/4 Easter outdoor service, to name just a few. These moments bring our community together and create lasting memories for our children.

Our focused Christian value for this week is hope. Throughout the week, we will be encouraging our children to reflect on what hope means to them, how they can offer hope to others, and how the Easter story reminds us of renewal, promise and new beginnings. As always, these values sit at the heart of our school life and guide us in nurturing a caring, supportive and joyful community.

A reminder that World Book Day is coming up –on Thursday. I am so excited to see the wooden spoon characters! We've already had some wonderfully imaginative creations. Look out for the staff entries too... we're a competitive bunch!



*Mrs Otway*

## THE MONKSMOOR WAY AWARDS

This week, we proudly celebrated another group of Monksmoor Way Award winners. These awards recognise children who continually live out our school values through their learning, behaviour, and the way they treat others.

- Reception -
- Year 1 - Everleigh
- Year 2 - Nicholas
- Year 3 - Luna
- Year 4 - Orla
- Year 5 - Gianni
- Year 6 - Oliver



## SAFEGUARDING

We would like to remind families that, in line with West Northamptonshire Council guidance, holidays should not be taken during term time. Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, well-being and progress, and absences can have a significant impact on their education. Leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and requests must be submitted in advance.



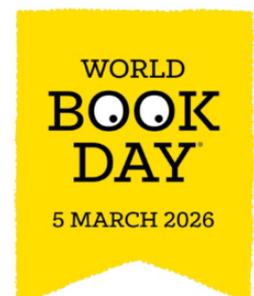
## UP COMING EVENTS

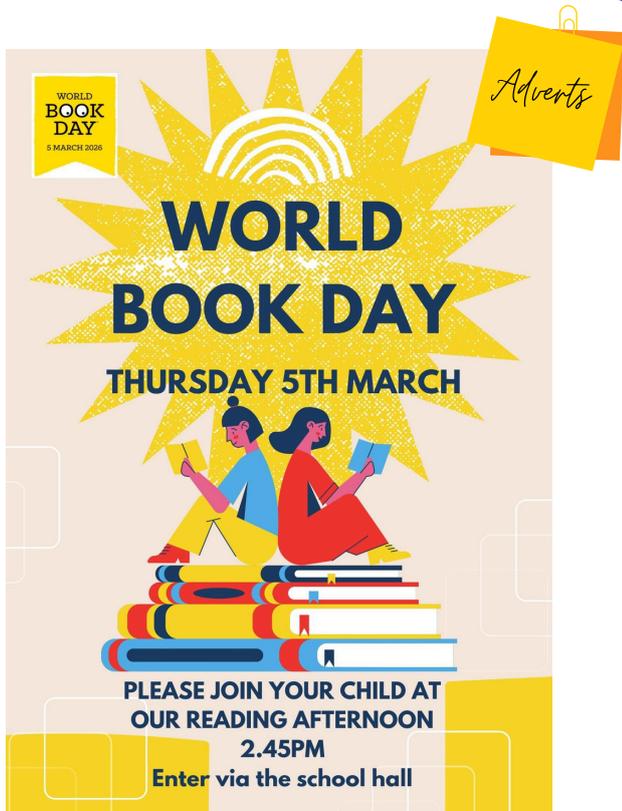
### NEXT WEEK...

- 4<sup>th</sup> March - Deadline for Wooden Spoon entries
- 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

### COMING UP...

- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening





**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
5 MARCH 2026

## WORLD BOOK DAY

**THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**

PLEASE JOIN YOUR CHILD AT OUR READING AFTERNOON  
2.45PM  
Enter via the school hall



## MESSAGES AND NEWS



### ELECTION SUCCESS!



We are incredibly proud of Finley, who has been elected to the West Northamptonshire Youth Council. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of pupil voice in action. Finley's commitment, confidence and willingness to represent the views of young people reflect our school values so well, and we look forward to seeing the positive contribution he will make in this important role.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is this Thursday, 5th March and the children are invited to dress up as a character from a book of their choice, they can also bring in a book from home. Parents are invited for a reading afternoon from 2:45pm. If you are joining us, please enter through the hall.

Spring Term



<b>Monday</b>	<i>No Running Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> March</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Knitting Club (KS2) History Club (KS2) Craft Club (Yr1-2)
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir (YrR-6) Chess Club (KS2) Read then Bead Club (Yr2-4)
<b>Friday</b>	SuperStar Sport Club - Football

Please note all staff-led clubs finish promptly at 16:15pm and run from/to:  
Week commencing: 12.01.2026  
Week ending: 20.03.2026



### DEADLINE FOR SPOONS

Please ensure any World Book Day spoon entries are handed in to school by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, ready for winners being announced on World Book Day.



### PARKING

From Monday 2nd March, the small car park across from the school will be occupied by the developers as they begin work on the corner plot. Please ensure that alternative parking arrangements are made from this date and refrain from using the staff car park.



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