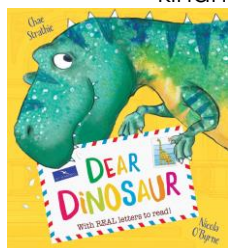


Dear Parents / Carers

What a week we have had!

We were pleased to welcome lots of our Reception parents to our phonic workshop this week. We hope you found it helpful and insightful. The presentation is attached with this newsletter so that you can look at it if you wish. The Little Wandle video links are embedded in it too.

Our youngest year group have been absolutely enthralled by the new visitors to Reception. We have tadpoles swimming around in a tank and the baby ducklings arrived on Tuesday. The children have been watching anxiously as each little duckling emerged from its shell. They are the cutest little things. What is even more lovely is seeing the children demonstrate such care and kindness towards them. Now to think of some appropriately cute names for them all.



As part of our World Book day celebrations, all year groups took part in a wonderful story telling workshop based on the book **Dear Dinosaur: T-Rex on Tour**

The children got up to all sorts of activities connected to the story, making it come alive. They were thoroughly engaged and had a lot of fun. What a lovely experience for all of them.

On Thursday, the children and staff were all in their pyjamas and snuggled up with books all day. Tuk Starling a published author came in and spoke to the children about his work as both an author and an illustrator. It all started when he was in Year 4 (not much older than our children here) and came up with the idea for a character. Tuk read his story **The Blob of J** which is about a very strange monster with the most awful singing voice. The children came up with their own strange monster characters as well.



Please join us next week at our **book fair** to keep the momentum of this book love fest going.



Year 2 enjoyed the beautiful sunshine at Wisley today. They had a great time taking part in the workshops and seeing all the plants there. They have brought home their own seeds to grow. Thank you to all adults that supported the trip.

I am sorry to have bombarded with you a couple of questionnaires over the last little while.

Just a reminder that these are about:

1. **Extension of the school day for September 2024**
2. **Parent Questionnaire 2024**

I understand that the **Parent Questionnaire** was asking you to sign in (your school Teams account does the trick) but I have now changed the settings so you should be able to access it without signing in. Your feedback is appreciated.

You can find the questionnaire here:



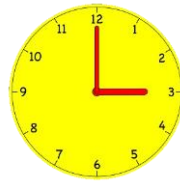
Wishing you all happy weekend – especially all the mums!

See you Monday

Mrs Cary

## Extension of the School Day

Please make sure that you let us know if you have any concerns or questions about the extension of the school day starting in September 2024.



<https://forms.office.com/e/YQb1nfzVM6>

## Easter Disco

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Please make sure you purchase your child's disco ticket by the deadline.

19/03/2024 @ 16:00

There will be **no tickets sold after this deadline** has passed due to the health and safety organisation that needs to be done prior to the disco.

No exceptions!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74253>

## Value Awards

Our values are: **Courage**, **Determination**, **Respect** and **Kindness**.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Sterling	Maple	Jack	Beech	Teddy
Elm	Kimmie	Rowan	Rokas	Oak	Grace
Holly	Cebby	Willow	Annelie	Sycamore	Sammy
		Pine	Lulu		

*"Courage is never to let your actions be influenced by your fears." - Arthur Koestler*

# Dates for the Diary

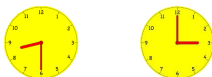
**w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Book Fair



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Proposal for school extension of the school day meeting with head teacher @ 9am



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Sleep Clinic @ 9am



**w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Science week



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Sublime Science



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

PTA: Quiz Night



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

PTA: Easter Disco & Easter Colouring Competition



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

School finishes @ 1:45pm



**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Start of Summer Term



A few things coming up....

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Reception; Space VR Experience



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Phonic Screening Check Week



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day and Family Picnic



**ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO BOOK YOUR TABLE**

**The Orchard**



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

**Book by March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Click here to book your ticket!**

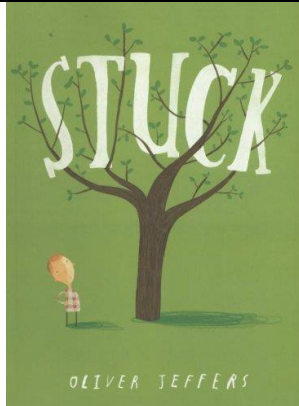
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# Orchard Reading Recommendations



You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

## Reception

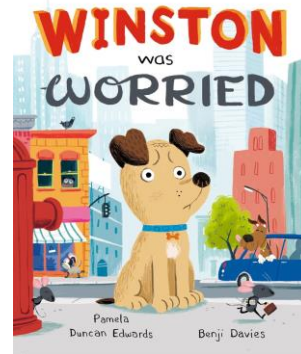


Ethan P in Ash Class loves the book  
**Stuck**  
By Oliver Jeffers

Ethan says that the boy's kite gets stuck in a tree and everything he tries to get it out with gets stuck too. Even an orangutan and a fire engine. It is so funny.

Thank you for sharing this book Ethan.

## Year 1



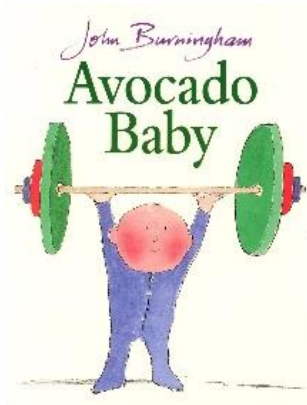
Fred in Willow Class recommends the book  
**Winston was Worried**  
by Pamela Duncan Edwards and Benji Davies

Fred likes this book because it is about dogs (although he is looking forward to getting his own cat one day!)

It's a very funny book about a dog with a splinter who goes to the hospital but all sorts of things end up happening to his friends. Fred shared this book with his class and they all agree that it is a very fun read.

## Staff

Mrs Turi loves this book.....



"This is one of my all-time favourites! As a three-year-old (when avocados definitely weren't so readily available!) I loved the hilarious tale of a tiny baby who ate avocado pears and grew from 'tiny to big', with super strength; even defeating a pair of burglars and a gang of bullies! **Avocado Baby** is a total joy and its slightly surreal humour always makes me chuckle. John Burningham's illustrations are perfectly matched too and it joins other classics like 'Would you Rather?' and 'The Magic Bed' that are also favourites in our house. Maybe it's no coincidence that one of the (only!) green items of food my two boys will happily now eat is an avocado?!"

### Free Parenting Workshop

## Supporting family wellbeing through sleep education



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
9am in the school hall  
<https://www.midnightmentor.co.uk/>



# Artist of the week: ELO

Fusion of hip hop and electronica



**Click here to listen to some of psychedelic music:**

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2rjYFgQJRH0V3Hj3Sdvu0A?si=e3c448abd84e44fe>