

# Newsletter



20.1.2023

## Reception Phonics Workshops

Thank you to those Reception parents who joined Mrs. Holliday for Tuesday morning's phonics workshop!

Mrs. Holliday will be repeating the same workshop at 2pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. She is looking forward to seeing Reception parents then!

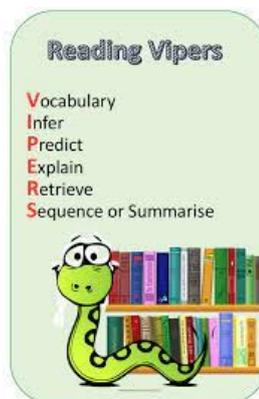


## Fantastic Book Award

On Wednesday, Caroline from the Lancashire Library Service came in to do the Fantastic Book Awards on Tour workshop with Years 5 and 6. The children really enjoyed learning about the books in this years awards and learnt not to judge a book by its cover! She then had a story session with Fireworks group and left an exciting box of books with them to read. A brilliant time was had by all!

## How are children doing with their reading?

Since September, children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been using Reading Vipers to improve their reading comprehension skills. We teach reading skills through whole class sessions. Every child has the same text, although they have different questions depending on their ability. In this way, children are taught the comprehension skills they need in order to understand what they are reading. This week Mr. Filder has popped in to some classes to check out how children are doing with their comprehension skills. He was impressed by the children's hard work. He has seen each class focusing on improving their reading skills especially the retrieval of key facts from the text as well as working out and inferring information from both the pictures and the text. Well done everybody! Mr. Filder will be visiting the rest of the classes next week.



## Dates for your diary

### Tuesday 24 January

2 pm Reception parents phonics session

### Friday 10th February

Break up for Half Term

### Monday 20th February

Children return to school

### Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day-come dressed as a book character

### Friday 3rd March

Usborne Book Event

### Saturday 10th June

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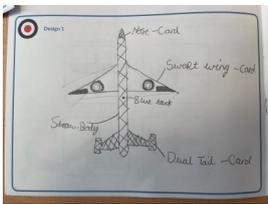


## Year 5 STEM

Yesterday, Year 5 took part in a challenge day organised used by the RAF and the Smallpiece Trust. We joined a live stream with other schools then designed and made our own gliders. We then tested them and measured how far and fast they flew - with varying degrees of success!



Everyone really enjoyed the day and worked really well together!



Finally, our nursery has funded places available for children aged 3 or 4. We are able to be flexible with days and can offer additional 3 hour sessions at a cost of £15. Contact Gemma Ingham on 01282 865840 to arrange a visit or to apply.

Is your child aged 3 or 4?  
Apply now for funded 15 or 30 hour places

**West Street Nursery** West Street Community Primary and Nursery

Morning Sessions: 8:30–11:30  
Afternoon Sessions: 12:00–3:00  
All day: 8:30–3:00  
Additional 3 hour sessions available at £15  
Term time only

What do we offer?

- Learning through play
- Fun and engaging activities
- Friendly, approachable and highly qualified staff and teachers
- Early phonics and reading
- Forest school activities
- Enclosed outdoor area
- Free flow system
- Nursery uniform to help children feel part of the school
- Help children to get school ready
- Easier transition for starting Reception
- Regular updates through class dojo
- Open door policy

Contact Gemma Ingham on 01282 865840 to arrange a visit or for more information

[www.weststreet.schoolspider.co.uk](http://www.weststreet.schoolspider.co.uk)

Miss Watson

## School Dinner Options

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

### Monday

French Bread Pizza or Fish

### Tuesday

Potato Pie or Tomato Pasta

### Wednesday

Roast Dinner or Curry and Rice

### Thursday

Burger Bap or Macaroni Cheese

### Friday

Pizza or Fish Fingers



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!

THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.

Every Thursday, parents of children who will be receiving an award, will get a text inviting them to Friday morning's Celebration Assembly.



## Learners of the Week

**Year 1 Freija** for being resilient in everything she does and challenging herself.

**Year 2 Anashe** for always being willing to contribute to class discussions.

**Year 3 Kaitlin** for a great attitude to learning and always trying to push herself especially with independent writing.

**Year 4 Melissa** for amazing effort all week especially in sewing - she's been on fire!

**Year 5 Muntaha** for challenging herself in Maths and always focusing on her work.

**Year 6 Skylar** for always being resilient and improving her work and for a fantastic piece of writing!

**Oscar** for always being ready to learn and becoming more independent.

**Oliver** for his enthusiasm for learning and completing all his tasks.

**Keira** for a great attitude to learning especially in Maths whilst learning times tables.

**Jacob B** for great determination and effort in sewing.

**Fatimah** for always smiling and giving 100% in everything she does.

**Siqi** for a fantastic piece of creative writing that blew the year 6 staff away!

## Readers of the Week

Year 1 **Harvey** for showing great improvement in his reading!

Year 2 **Jacob** for using great expression when reading.

Year 3 **India** for fantastic use of inference during reading!

Year 4 **Ade** for using great expression when reading in front of the whole class!

Year 5 **Alfie** for being really engaged during the reading workshop.

Year 6 **Lydia** for reading very clearly and with great expression.





## Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

## Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am. Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.



## School Dinners

The cost of school dinners are:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff.

Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



## Are you interested volunteering in school?

We are keen to welcome more volunteers in school to support children's learning e.g. by hearing readers, helping out with practical activities such as cooking, art and crafts, help out with other activities. Volunteers must have a DBS – this is easy to organise with Miss. Watson. Interested? Then talk with Miss. Watson or Mrs. Duerden!

