



NEWSLETTER

We have reached the end of the autumn term and the children have achieved so much! Behaviour in classes has been excellent and everyone has been busy learning right up until the last day.

A number of parent/carer events have taken place during the term, from creative activities to curriculum information sessions, and it has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending these events.

We hope that you have a very relaxing and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing all children back in school on Monday 8th January 2024.



Issue 8
21st December 2023



- December—Honesty**
21st Break up for Christmas—close at 1:30
21st No Nursery
- January—Determination**
8th Start of Spring Term
9th Y1 & Y5 Wonderdome Planetarium
10th YR, Y1 & Y2 Dentist workshop
11th YR & Y1 Dentist visit
11th Y6—School presentation TFL Citizens team
16th YR School Nurses doing MMR Vaccines
19th Proud To Be Me Day
24th YR, Y1 & Y2 Dentist
W/C 22nd Arts Week
29th Nursery Library visit
- February—Determination**
2nd 10:00 Y5 Lunar New Year Parents Assembly
W/C 5th Children's Mental Health Week
7th KS2 Music Performance with Royal College of Music & UWL
8th Y2 Mosque Visit
9th Foodbank Mufti Day
12th Half Term
- February—Equality**
22nd Y5 Mosque Visit
26th Y5 Ruby Library visit
29th Y5 Red Library visit
- March—**
4th Y5 Crimson Library visit
10th Start of Ramadan
15th Talent Show
19th Parents Evening
20th Y1 Easter Assembly
21st Parents Evening
28th Break up for Easter—Close at 1:30
28th No Nursery



Velsh from Y6 helps get Chrissie ready for school once a week. As she wasn't in school on Christmas Jumper day he helped her dress as Chrissie the Snow Dog on her last day in school this term!

Chrissie likes to help in Y2 classes, here she is with Cristian.

She wishes all our families a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year, and is looking forward to 2024! See you all on the 8th January!



Autumn 2 value - Honesty

Article 12: You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.



Attendance
Good attendance is very important for learning!
Attendance cup winners were:
Gold 100% Y6 Silver
Silver 99—98%
99% Y5 Ruby, 98% Y3 Lime, Y6 Jet, Y6 Ebony
Bronze 97—96%
96% Y4 Lavender, Y4 Lilac
Classes with 100% attendance earn a mufti day.



Amanpreet Sidhu, an NHS oral health promoter came to the Nursery to deliver a workshop for the parents. They were given information about oral hygiene and tips on how to stay healthy. A big thank you to all the Nursery parents who attended the workshop. Amanpreet also helped the children brush their teeth. Thank you NHS!



The Nursery children had lots of fun at the Christmas party and Santa came to visit too. Thank you Santa for the presents!



All year groups have been holding parent engagement sessions, with parents coming into school and taking part in craft activities with their children. We are looking forward to seeing more parents in school in 2024

Sunshine class had a wonderful morning with their parents. The children and parents decorated biscuits and enjoyed Christmas crafts.



Rainbow class had a lovely parent engagement morning. The children had a great time taking part in all the fun activities! Thank you to our parents for their continued support.





Thank you to all the Year 1 and Year 6 parents who joined us in making Christmas cards and decorations.

We all loved having you there.



Books For Topics have some great book suggestions for Christmas reading, visit: www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/storytime-favourites/

Best Storytime Books for the Early Years

Favourite storytime books for EYFS (ages 3-5), which includes books that are particularly well suited for being read out loud to younger children, browse the list of brilliant books for capturing the magic of storytelling in the Early Years.

The collection of stories for the Early Years helps to immerse young minds in the enchanting world of storytelling, featuring beloved tales such as [What the Ladybird Heard](#) – perfect for introducing children to the wonders of animal characters and rhyming narratives. Also recommend whimsical and humorous adventures with titles like [Aliens Love Underpants](#), adding a delightful touch of laughter to story sessions. The selection includes timeless classics like [The Tiger Who Came to Tea](#) and [Elmer](#), featuring favourite characters that have been entertaining little ones for generations.

These stories promote language development and fire up imaginations as well as making for special storytimes together that create lasting memories and foster the joy of shared reading experiences.

Best Storytime Chapter Books for Key Stage 1

Storytime chapter books for Year 1 and Year 2 (ages 5-7), which includes books that are particularly well suited for being read out loud to younger children. From the best class readers to favourite bedtime stories, browse the list of brilliant books for capturing the magic storytelling with KS1.

Simple chapter books with a story that continues over short instalments make excellent choices for storytime at this age group. Many of the books on this list have memorable characters, integrated illustrations and stories that are favourites with the 5-7 age range.

Immerse young readers in the enchanting world of storytelling with carefully chosen chapter books, featuring favourite animal stories like [Einstein the Penguin](#) and humorous adventures such as [The Legend of Kevin](#). Explore timeless classics tailored for this age group, including the beloved [Mrs Pepperpot](#) and [The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark](#), or stories of family life like the [Betsey Biggalow](#) series.

Discover these thoughtfully selected storytime favourites for KS1, and embark on a journey of lifelong reading joy.

Best Storytime Books for Lower KS2

Storytime favourites for Year 3 and Year 4 (ages 7-9), which includes books that are particularly well suited for being read out loud. Browse the list of brilliant books for capturing the magic storytelling with Lower KS2.

This collection is designed to ignite the love of stories for children aged 7 to 9. Share together stories of enchanting fantasy adventures like [The Land of Roar](#), embark on laugh-out-loud escapades with [Charlie Changes into a Chicken](#) and delve into favourite animal stories such as [Varjak Paw](#). Also included true classics for this age group like [Charlotte's Web](#) and storybooks that stimulate thinking and discussion on real-life topics, such as Hannah Gold's beautiful story of [The Last Bear](#).

The books on this list cater to a range of interests, ensuring that every young reader finds a story that resonates with them and that shared storytimes are ones to treasure.

Best Storytime Chapter Books for Upper KS2

Storytime favourites for Year 5 and Year 6 (ages 9-11), which includes books that are particularly well suited for being read out loud. Storytime is still just as valuable in the older primary years as it is in the early years, and knowing the best books to choose to read aloud can elevate the storytime experience – whether you have fans of thrillers or readers who prefer magical worlds or thought-provoking animal tales. From the best class readers to favourite bedtime stories.

Dive into a thoughtfully curated assortment of stories that cater to a variety of tastes and interests. Experience the thrill of edge-of-your-seat adventures with [Running Out of Time](#), lose yourselves in fantastical adventures like [The Explorer](#) and share a giggle together with the heartwarming humour found in [The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh](#). For those seeking shorter reads, [The Final Year](#) or the [Crooked Oak](#) series awaits, while those who like something to provoke deeper thought and discussion should enjoy [The Lost Whale](#) or [Front Desk](#).

Explore the world of storytelling with BooksForTopics – your guide to engaging choices for Year 5 and 6 story times.





COMMUNITY CAROLS & GIVEAWAY
SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

5PM

GOOD SHEPHERD LOCATION



FAMILY CAROLS WITH NATIVITY

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

10AM

ST PAUL'S LOCATION



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

11PM

GOOD SHEPHERD LOCATION



CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

10:30AM

ST PAUL'S LOCATION



PEACE, HOPE & JOY

St Paul's Location, Bath Road,
Hounslow, TW3 3DA

Good Shepherd Location, Beavers Lane
Hounslow, TW4 6HJ