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## **February Newsletter**

### **School news**

Classes 1, 2 and 3 visited St. Cuthbert's Church, Manor Way. The children had a lovely time and behaviour was excellent as always.

### **Communication**

Every Friday, the office will send a reminder, via email, about upcoming events. Please speak to Mrs. Simcox or Miss Garrod if you would like this as a printed copy. Please refer to the dates for the year.

### **Parents' afternoons**

Thank you to all parents/carers who came to the parent's afternoons. The meetings were well attended. They give an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's progress and future targets. Our next parents' afternoons are arranged for week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Website information**

**<http://www.acrerigg-inf.durham.sch.uk/>**

Our website is updated on a regular basis. You will find information about the curriculum, events in school and policies. All newsletters can be found on the website too.

### **E safety-**

Safer Internet Day 2025 is based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year an online issue or theme is chosen that deals with the things young people are experiencing online.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Over the years, Safer Internet Day has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar. Starting as an initiative in 2004, Safer Internet Day has grown and is now celebrated in approximately 170 countries worldwide.

At Acre Rigg Infant School, we will celebrate Safer Internet Day on Friday 21st February where children will spend the entire day completing Safer Internet Day activities.

### **Marvellous Me**

Teachers will send updates via the app. If you need a code to access Marvellous Me please contact the school office.

### **Parent Mail**

Please download the app, all communication from school will be sent via parent mail.

### **Kidney Cancer Awareness - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Children are encouraged to wear something green to show their support but you do not need to go out and buy anything green as they can wear non-uniform to support too (or still come in school uniform if they prefer). If you would like to make a donation you can send money into school or use the QR code on the letter provided last week.

### **Science Week**

The week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March is Science week. Parents and carers are invited into school for one session during the week to work with their child. Please see details below, more information to follow closer to the time.

	10 <sup>th</sup> March	11 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> March	13 <sup>th</sup> March
AM	Class 9	Class 8	Class 1	Class 3
PM	Class 7	Class 2	Class 5	Class 4

### **Book Fair**

Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place in school from Friday 7th February - Wednesday 12th February.

Between 3:15pm and 4:15pm come and browse the pop-up book store with hundreds of books starting from just £2.99. If you are unable to attend the book fair in person, please contact the school office and a member of staff can complete a 'Wish List' with your child to take home. Payments can be made via cash, online or by pre-paid gift voucher.

There is no obligation to buy. We are also having a raffle in school where 5 lucky children will each receive a £5 voucher to put towards a book of their choice!

Visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents> for more information.

### **School times**

All children in school start at 8.45a.m. and finish at 3.15p.m. Doors are open every morning until 8.50a.m.

Children arriving after these times on a morning will be marked as late. Phonics sessions start straight away every morning.

<b>In a school year, if your child is late every day by.....</b>	<b>Your child would have lost</b>	<b>Or missed approximately</b>
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

### **School lunches**

School lunches are made fresh on the premises every day. We operate a three-week menu which is available from the school office. School lunches are free for all children. If your child would like to change from school dinners onto packed lunch, please give the office two weeks' notice in order for the kitchen to make changes. Thank you for your support.

### **After school childcare**

Our after school child care started on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January and is currently running until 5.30p.m every night.

Child care is available from reception through to Year 2. It is £3.50 from 3.15-4.30p.m. and £6 from 3.15p.m. -5.30p.m. All children receive a wrap or sandwich, crisps, piece of fruit and a drink as part of the provision. If you would like further information please contact the school office.

### **Breakfast club**

Due to increased numbers in our breakfast club, from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we will now be charging £1 for nursery children, for the childcare element of the provision. Two teaching assistants are currently supporting nursery children in the hall.

Children need to be in breakfast club no later than 8.25a.m. to be able to sit and have their breakfast. Thank you for your support.

### **PE kits and shoes-**

Please remember children need to wear their PE kit for school on PE days. PE kit is red t-shirt, navy shorts in summer or black, navy or dark grey jogging bottoms. They can wear their school jumper or cardigan over the top.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 3	Class 7	Class 1	Class 2	Class 8
Class 5	Class 9		Class 4	

### **After school clubs**

After school clubs are running very successfully this half term- they will continue after the half term holidays and will run until Easter. We will offer different clubs after the Easter holidays. After school clubs finish on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **Half term holiday**

School will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February and reopen on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for the half term holidays. I hope you all have a lovely break.

### **Important spring term dates:**

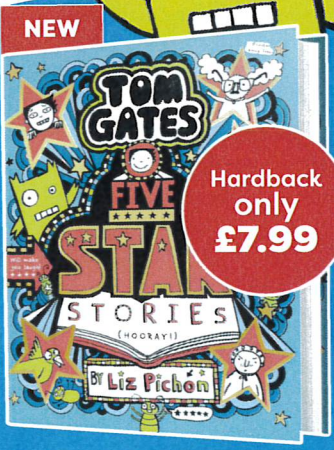
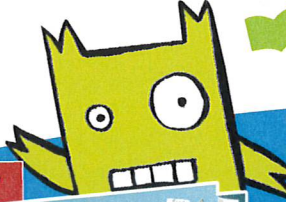
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Swim gala (selected children)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Wear green to support Kidney Cancer day
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February to - Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Class 3 Multi-skills festival
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Quidditch Year 1 and Reception
- Soft Archery Year 2
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Multi-skills Years 1 and 2
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February to - Bikeability Classes 1 and 2
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February - AM Gymnastics festival (selected children)
- PM Class 1 Gymnastics festival

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	-	Half Term holidays
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March to Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Bikeability Classes 2 and 3
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Bikeability Class 4
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Science Week
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Vision Screening for Reception
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Return to School

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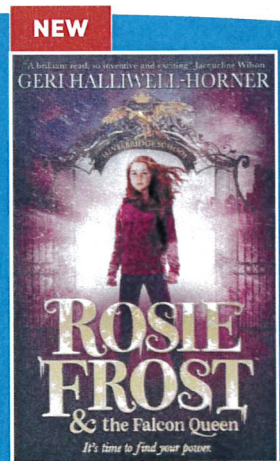
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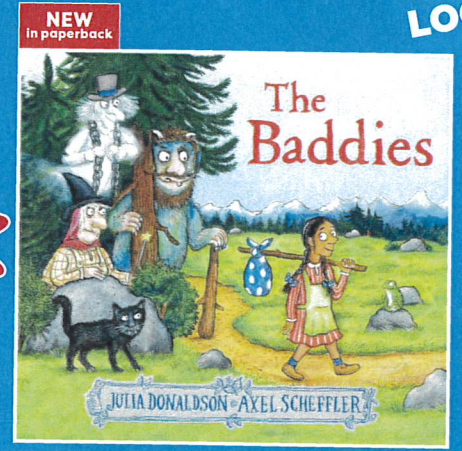


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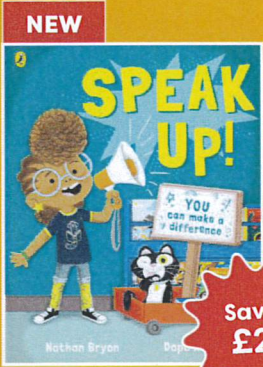
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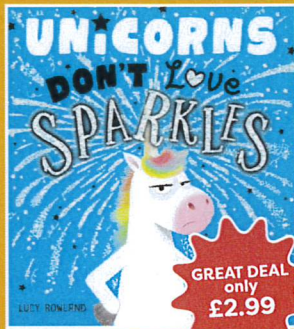
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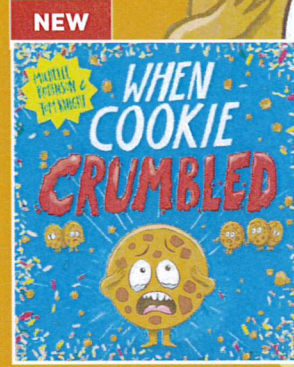


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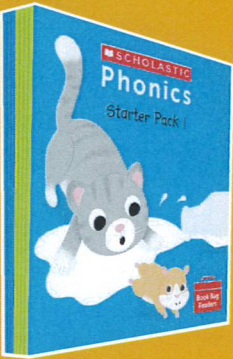
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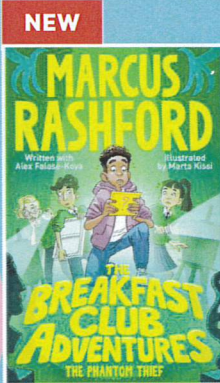


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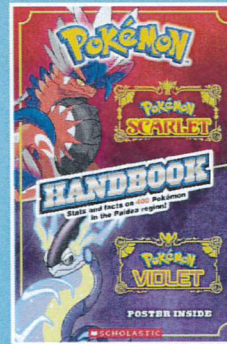


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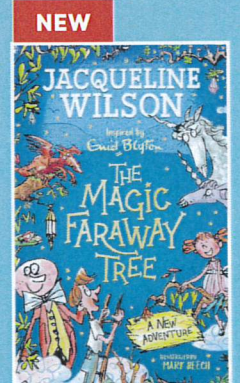


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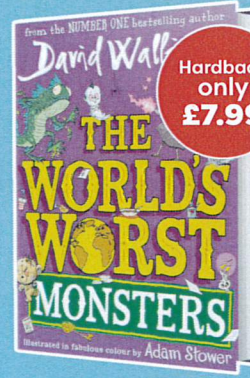


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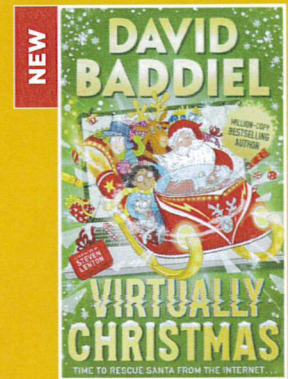
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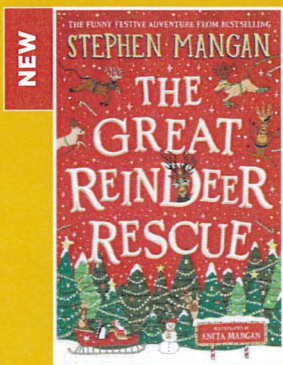


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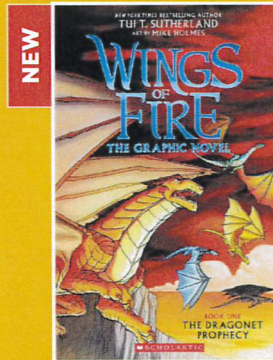
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