

Welcome back

Dear Parents/ Carers,

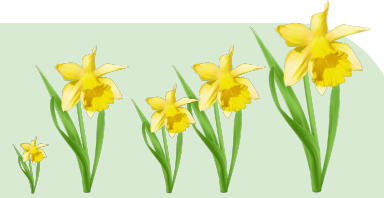
Just like that, we find ourselves half way through the school year following February half term!

Next week will be jam-packed for both children and families as we have our first Messing Maths Week. This is an opportunity to really focus on one of the key priorities of our [school development plan](#) and share with you how we teach maths and tackle some of the more challenging areas, such as problem solving and reasoning. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of these sessions where there will be plenty of tea, coffee and opportunities to have a go and ask questions.

It is also World Book Day and I know the staff are all very excited and busy planning their costumes. Remember, handmade or recycled/ upcycled costumes are far cheaper and more sustainable for the planet. Please do not feel like you need to go and buy something new. The PTFA costume swap is also an ideal opportunity to donate and pick up a 'new to your child' outfit.

Once again this term we will be welcoming parents into school for Stay and Play (in Wrens) and Share and Learn (for the rest of the school), as well as have opportunities to discuss your child's progress during parent consultations. Dates for these and upcoming events can be found on the second page.

Very best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)



Website updates

There has been lots of work put into our school website since September, with small changes happening every few weeks. We are working hard to ensure that the website reflects our current school community, the children's love of learning, our passion for the outdoors and creativity. Most recently, we have added class pages, where you can get a taste of what your child is learning. These can be found by visiting [this link](#), or alternatively by going onto the school's website, click 'Classes' and then select the class from the drop down menu. Happy browsing!



Twitter

Some exciting news to share... we now have Twitter as a school. This is to connect with the online community and share some of our learning achievements with others.

To follow us please search @MessingPrimary

Library Glow Up

Miss Snodgrass has been working hard on our vision for the library to create a welcoming and calm space for independent reading. With a lot of imagination, scouring of charity shops and using thrifted items, we were proud to present the redesigned space to the children this week.

We are also looking for a parent helper to support once every two weeks in the library. If this is something you are interested in, then please let Miss Snodgrass know.

Messing Maths Week Plans

Hold onto your calculators, as [Messing Maths Week](#) plans are announced!

Mrs Eagland has put together a jam-packed itinerary of events for children and parents, so please check your diaries.

Monday

Parent assembly and problem solving- 9am
TTRS Battles in KS2 classes

Tuesday

Family codebreaker challenges (outside)-
2.45pm

Wednesday

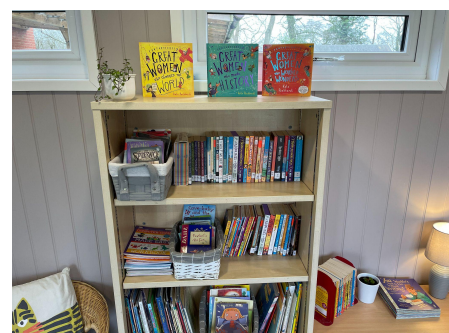
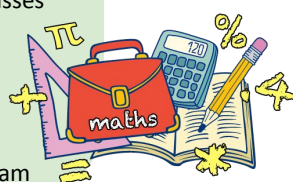
Buddy up STEM construction in classes

Thursday

World Book Day

Friday

Parent Maths Cafe and Games- 9am





Plea for picture frames

Many of you may have now seen our 'Messing Gallery' photo wall in the corridor where we have photos of different areas of school life. All of the frames have been donated or gathered from charity shops as we try to give old items a new lease of life and demonstrate the importance of reusing items to the children. We have now run out of frames, but still have space to add more photos. If you have any old or spare picture frames at home that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off in the school office.

Key dates for Spring 2 Term

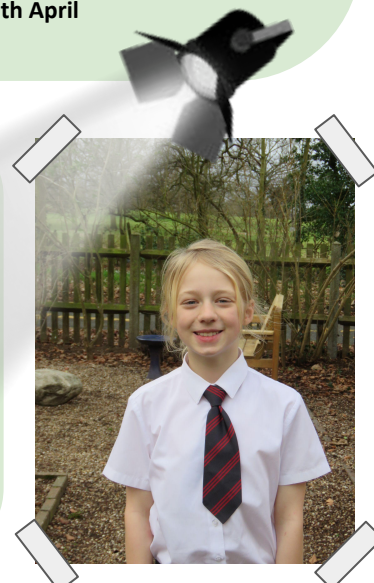
- Costume swap for World Book Day- 24th February
- Messing Maths Week- w/b 27th February
- World Book Day & PTFA book swap- 2nd March
- Reception height & weight check- 6th March
- Comic Relief- 17th March
- Stay and Play/ Share and Learn- 17th March
- Parent Consultations- 21st March
- Parent Consultations- 23rd March
- PTFA Easter Cake Sale- 30th March
- Holiday- 3rd-14th April

Spotlight on Sport

We are very proud to be supporting Erin, in Owls class, as she travels to Holland this weekend on a true sporting adventure. Some of you may already know that Erin is part of the U10s Arsenal Women's Football Academy in her position as goalkeeper. Erin has always been committed to the sport and has a very mature attitude towards managing football alongside her school work.

Today, Erin travels to Holland on the FA National Team Coach to attend an elite PSV Eindhoven goalkeeping training camp. As part of this trip, Erin and her fellow goalkeepers will be taking part in three days training with a former Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, take a trip to Germany to watch FC Schalke play at the Veltins Arena and have strength and conditioning pool sessions.

Keep up your hard work and commitment Erin!



Staying safe online

The CEOP website has provided a series of three animations that aim to give children the knowledge, skills and confidence to help them respond safely to risks they may encounter online. The [Jessie & Friends animations](#) are age-appropriate and do not depict any situations where adults communicate with children online. Instead, they show safe, non-scary situations which help young viewers identify things which might worry them online. In this way young viewers learn how to identify online behaviour which is 'not right', and how to get help by telling an adult they trust. This learning will help keep them safe from many risky situations which they may encounter online.

Red Nose Day

In order to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday 17th March, we are planning a Comic Relief 'Wear Something Crazy on Your Head' day where we are inviting children to either wear a hat/ headband they already have, repurpose an existing one to make it crazy or create something totally new. If your child has a red nose, they are invited to wear this into school. It will be school uniform as usual, with the addition of some crazy headwear.

We are asking for a donation for this and will also be collecting on the gate before and after school. Please support us with fundraising for such an important cause.

Carpark Reminders

No children should be dropped off and wait outside the school gates in the morning- a parent/ carer MUST be with them at all times for safeguarding purposes. Children should also be escorted into the school office if they are late.

