



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 6th March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers:

*'God of all wisdom*

*Help us to work together to share what we have, so that everyone has what they need.*

*Help us to build a better world, where each of us can become the best person we can be.*

*Help us to live differently during this season of Lent.*

*Amen'*

This term is proving very busy, with lots of school events taking place! This week, Year 3 went on a trip to Wisley Gardens on Tuesday, we had World Book Day today, Thursday, and two of our Year 6 children visited Parliament, accompanied by Mrs Brincombe, to speak to MPs about climate justice as part of Christian Aid's Climate Justice Campaign. Year 6 also sat their 'mock SATs' to give them valuable experience of sitting national examinations.



Looking ahead, we have Easter pause day, Voice in Million, rugby and cross-country sports fixtures, whole school activity days (more information to follow), Year 4 Bikeability, and Easter Experience mornings for our older children at St Mary's church. Please keep your eye on the school diary.

Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent and, as always, we are using this as a time to think about others. In Collective Worship on Wednesday I spoke to the children about '40 Acts of Kindness' (see overleaf) and we will be encouraging the children to try to do one of these acts every day throughout Lent. We will also be welcoming a representative from the York Road project into school on Friday, and the children will continue to think of others through our Lent Prayer, which is at the top of this newsletter. Please do support the school in talking to the children about these different school initiatives as we work together to instil a sense of community and service in all of our children.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

### KEY DATES FOR FRIDAY 7TH—FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

<b>Friday 7th</b>	<b>Cedar Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt.</b> Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into assembly. Photography is not permitted.
<b>Monday 10th</b>	<b>Year 4 Bikeability</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	<b>Year 4 Bikeability</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	<b>Year 4 Bikeability</b> <b>Netball match, year 4 &amp; 5, Bisley School, 15:10—16:15 (by invitation)</b>

**Please remember to book your lunches for week commencing 17th March  
by Sunday 9th March.**

# WORLD BOOK DAY

We really enjoyed watching [Michael MacIntyre's stand up routine](#) which inspired the idea of a Silent Letter Day! We enjoyed lots of book-related activities, and were excited to get a shout out on BBC's Live Book Day Lesson.

We were delighted with the creative and varied costumes our children wore to celebrate silent letters.



Mrs Webb, Jessica, Sylvia, Sophie, Elle and Judy came in **disguise**.

The school was full of children—and staff - in **disguise**, who dressed as a range of **characters**. There were a great many **ghosts, gnomes, knights, scientists, wrestlers, bombs**, and lots of **colourful, fluorescent** and **Christmassy** outfits. Mrs Khan went the extra mile with a multi-sensory costume so you could both see and smell her word, **scent!** We even had a range of children who came as themselves, where their name has a silent letter—clever!



Mrs Brinicombe in **fluorescent** colours and Mrs Wand with a necklace of



Mr Ross wrestled himself into his costume!



Elliott made a great **plumber**.



**Psychic** Lily already knew today would be a great success!



Hannah was all **wrong** with inside out clothes, odd socks and arrows pointing the wrong way. Isobel looked fantastic as **Wednesday** and Abigail looked very **Autumnal**.



Jago was brilliant as a **silhouette**.

**Well done to everyone for your fantastic efforts!**

## WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION WINNERS

Mrs Brincombe was really impressed with the quality of the competition entries this year for our World Book Day competitions. The entrants should feel very proud of themselves. After hard deliberation and a few conflabs, we were finally able to announce the following winners (entries shown with their book prize):

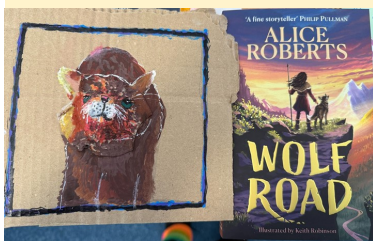
### Winners of the book mark competition:



Emily N, Cedar

Ethan A, Palm

### Winners of the Egg Box competitions:



Ella Y, Oak

And Eleanor,  
Spruce



### Winners of the Front Cover competition:



Evie S and Laurie T,  
both from Cedar



## PTA QUIZ NIGHT RAISES OVER £870!

Last Friday, teams of parents and teachers gathered to test their wits against one another. The team names were awash with class name puns, including “Can’t Outfox Us”, “Otter Chaos” and “Oakademics”, as well as “Quiz Team(a) Millian” and “the Village Idiots”.

The evening started with a delicious Thai red curry, spring rolls and prawn crackers, courtesy of Dee’s Kitchen. Teams then settled down to answer several rounds of trivia from our quiz master, Elliott from A.P.E. events, covering a broad range of topics from current events to local business logos, general knowledge to music.

A special mention goes to the winning team **the Squizzles**, who won £120 worth of vouchers from **Versova**. The second prize was £50 of **Baron’s** vouchers, and third prize was bottles of fizz. Last, and with least points, our smallest team of the night were presented with **the Jolly Jar of Shame**.

A special thank you to Dee for providing the food and for organising the event alongside Mrs Collins. Thank you to Mrs Dutfield, Mrs Gordon and everyone who helped on the night, to Elliott for putting our minds to the test, and to Versova and Barons for the generous prizes! This event raised a fantastic £873.40!



# Young Carers Action Day

CARERS TRUST

Wednesday  
12 March 2025

Young carers and young adult carers are people under 25 that look after family members because of illness, disability or addiction.

With so much responsibility on their shoulders, they have little time for themselves.

They need time out from caring to rest, recharge and focus on themselves – a hobby, studying, or simply spending time with friends.

Help **give young carers a break.**



Find out more and get involved:  
[carers.org/ycad](https://carers.org/ycad)

#YoungCarersActionDay



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To mark Young Carers Action Day, our Young Carers group will be holding a special assembly on Monday 17th March. Our Young Carer's Group meets weekly, and are fortunate to be able to take part in a range of activities from art and cookery, to canal boat trips, with generous donations from the St Mary's Church Friday coffee mornings.

## Experience Easter<sup>©</sup>



Saturday 29th March 10-4pm

St Mary's Church, Horsell

Come and explore the Easter Story with children. Six interactive stations around the Church covering the events of Holy Week.

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## PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you feel that you may be eligible to apply for your child to receive Pupil Premium or Free School Meal funding, please do look through information available at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/at-school/meals>, and contact the school office.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on or Universal Credit.

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Applications can be made promptly, with your circumstances handled with respect.

If you believe you may be eligible and would like any support in applying for funding, please contact the office to discuss further.

Saint Mary the Virgin  
Horsell

Food Fun

Bible Story

Craft Games



This Month's Theme  
Zac's up the tree

Sunday 16th March  
4pm-5.30pm

4pm Doors open

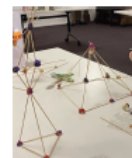
4pm-4.05pm Welcome

4.05-4.45pm Crafts and activities for all ages and interests

4.45pm Bible Story, music and songs

5pm Picnic tea provided

5.30pm Finishes



# 4 acts School wallchart

Sundays are rest or catch-up days

#generosity

1

List 5 things you are thankful for

#encouragement

2

Surprise someone with a compliment

#provision

3

Do you have a duplicate of something, like a sticker or toy? Consider giving one to someone who'll love it

#connection

4

Smile at ten people today

#share

5

Share a ruler, eraser or colouring pencils with someone who asks to use them

#language

6

Learn to say hello to someone in their first language

#wonder

7

Tell someone what makes them special to you. This can be in a letter, or in conversation

#offerings

8

Decorate a giving jar to start collecting loose change, or pocket money that you save just to give away

#blessing

9

Help with washing up after art lesson or load the dishwasher at home/child-minders or school

#support

10

Say thank you every time someone does something for you today, no matter how small

#brew

11

Offer to get a drink for a grown up or fill a friend's water bottle

#seen

12

Smile at everyone who goes past you

#bestow

13

Make a poster about a local food bank and share it with your class

#hospitality

14

Leave fresh water or seeds out for the birds, or refill your pet's food/water bowl at home

#appreciation

15

Find something you have in common with 5 different people

#equip

16

Find something broken and fix it

#feed

17

Thank the person who gave you lunch today

#value

18

Notice something an adult in school does today to help you and say thank you

#message

19

Draw a picture that will make someone smile and give to them

#kindness

20

Offer to carry someone's schoolbag or allow someone to take your place in the lunch queue

<p><b>#wisdom</b> <span style="float: right;">21</span></p> <p>Help someone with a task they find difficult, like reaching or putting on shoes</p>	<p><b>#converse</b> <span style="float: right;">22</span></p> <p>Learn how to say 'hello' in sign language</p>	<p><b>#family</b> <span style="float: right;">23</span></p> <p>Make a friendship bracelet and give it away</p>	<p><b>#care</b> <span style="float: right;">24</span></p> <p>Tidy up for someone without being asked</p>
<p><b>#gratitude</b> <span style="float: right;">25</span></p> <p>Make a thank you card for your classroom/school cleaners</p>	<p><b>#service</b> <span style="float: right;">26</span></p> <p>Offer to carry a friend's schoolbag</p>	<p><b>#presence</b> <span style="float: right;">27</span></p> <p>Help someone with a challenge and support them until they're confident</p>	<p><b>#prayer</b> <span style="float: right;">28</span></p> <p>Take some time to sit quietly and give thanks for all the things you have and all the people you love</p>
<p><b>#champion</b> <span style="float: right;">29</span></p> <p>Turn the lights off as you leave an empty room throughout the day</p>	<p><b>#neighbour</b> <span style="float: right;">30</span></p> <p>Is there someone in your class or school you haven't talked to? Start a conversation and see where it leads</p>	<p><b>#nourish</b> <span style="float: right;">31</span></p> <p>Eat the healthy bits of your lunch first and really enjoy any treats</p>	<p><b>#believe</b> <span style="float: right;">32</span></p> <p>Ask your teacher to tell you a story of a time when they were generous, or experienced generosity</p>
<p><b>#coke</b> <span style="float: right;">33</span></p> <p>Cheer when someone does something great today</p>	<p><b>#light</b> <span style="float: right;">34</span></p> <p>Turn a piece of scrap paper into something artistic and give it away to someone</p>	<p><b>#welcome</b> <span style="float: right;">35</span></p> <p>Invite someone to sit next to you at lunch today</p>	<p><b>#percentages</b> <span style="float: right;">36</span></p> <p>Let someone go ahead of you in a queue</p>
<p><b>#love</b> <span style="float: right;">37</span></p> <p>Tell someone how much you love them, then show them with little acts of love</p>	<p><b>#gifts</b> <span style="float: right;">38</span></p> <p>Share one of your favourite things with a friend</p>	<p><b>#time</b> <span style="float: right;">39</span></p> <p>Ask someone how they are feeling today and listen to their answer</p>	<p><b>#reflect</b> <span style="float: right;">40</span></p> <p>Congrats on reaching 40! Share which challenges were your favourite</p>



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SUPPORTING WELLNESS TOGETHER



**BARNARDOS**



1st & 3rd Thursday's  
of each month  
9.15am-10.45am  
(Term time, babies up  
to 3 months welcome  
in the group with their  
parents)



**18+**

## Parent/Carer Well-being Group

### Catalyst Support & Woking Family Centre

Being a parent/carer can bring a range of emotions and challenges that can impact our mental health. Catalyst Support & Barnardo's, are running themed support sessions. Come along for a friendly chat to help build your support network, resilience and re-focus on your own mental health and well-being.

- Scan the QR code, call or email •  
to register



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