



NEWSLETTER

February 2026





Spring: Key Dates

- **World Book Day – Thursday 5th March**
- **British Science Week – ‘Change and adapt’ – Friday 6th March – Friday 13th March**
- **Living Eggs arrive in Nursery – Monday 9th March**
- **Y1 Elvington Air Museum Visit – Tuesday 10th March**
- **Y3 Ancient Egyptians Workshop – Those History People – Tuesday 10th March**
- **Spring Parent Consultation Meeting – Wednesday 11th March**
- **Reception Teach Rex Workshop – Monday 16th March**
- **Nursery Welcome Meeting – April Intake – Wednesday 18th March**
- **Y2 Great Fire of London – Temple Newsam Visit – Thursday 19th March**
- **Eid Class Assembly – Friday 20th March**
- **Comic Relief Day – Friday 20th March**
- **Easter Class Assembly – Monday 24th March**
- **World Maths Day – TTRS Rockstar Day – Wednesday 26th March**
- **Decorate an Egg and Easter Bonnet Competition – Thursday 26th March**
- **Easter Coffee Morning – Friday 27th March**
- **School Closes for Easter – Friday 27th March**



February Round Up



As we begin Spring 2, it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the academic year! February has brought a wealth of enriching learning opportunities, including experiences and memories that will last a lifetime—especially for the pupils who took part in the Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Utilita Arena.

We're hopeful that this new month will bring brighter, warmer weather and provide even more opportunities for outdoor learning to enrich our curriculum. Please can you ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled, as this helps us return misplaced items quickly and reduces the amount of lost property in school.

Last week, we welcomed a team of His Majesty's Inspectors from Ofsted, who spent two days in school visiting lessons, meeting with staff and leaders, and speaking with our pupils. The visit gave us an invaluable opportunity to share, celebrate and reflect on all things Oyster, and to showcase the incredible work our whole school community does to provide the very best opportunities for our children. Once the report has been published, we will share a copy with parents.

This month, we will also be welcoming parents and carers into school for our Spring consultation meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity to talk about your child's learning and progress and to celebrate their achievements. Please ensure you make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher. We look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Mrs J Chapman - Kemp



Children's Mental Health Week

February was the month we celebrated Children’s Mental Health Week. This year’s theme, *“This Is My Place,”* focused on belonging—helping children and young people feel accepted, valued, and appreciated. A strong sense of belonging plays a vital role in building confidence, emotional wellbeing, and resilience.

Throughout the week, staff shared key messages about the importance of children's mental health and reminded pupils that it is always okay to talk about how they feel. Children took part in a range of activities designed to strengthen their sense of belonging, explore what belonging means, and reflect on the importance of self-love and caring for themselves.

Dressed to Impress

On Friday 13th February 2026, in support of Children's Mental Health Week, we took part in 'Dress to Express!' Children and staff were invited to come to school in non-school uniform, choosing an outfit that expressed something about them. It was fantastic to see how people chose to express themselves – allowing us to celebrate everyone's uniqueness.



Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

This Children's Mental Health Week we have followed this year's theme of **'This is My Place'** which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong.

What does belonging mean to me?

"I belong at home and with my friends, because we care and look after each other."
Lucas R

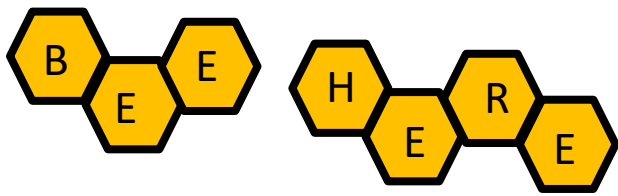
"I belong with my family, because they take care of me and love me. I have a special relationship with my twin." Maya

"I belong at school because I get to see my school family and learn."
Raeley

"I feel that I belong in my classroom, because I feel safe and cared for. I also feel cool that I belong at home with my family because they love me unconditionally!"
Bentley

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Congratulations to all our 'Bee Here' pupils!



Congratulations to all our amazing children who achieved 100% attendance over the last 15 school days of the Spring 1 Term! On the Friday before we broke up, the children enjoyed a sweet treat in recognition of their commitment and dedication to school.

Parents and carers are such an important part of their child's journey. One of the simplest ways to help children succeed in school is by building good attendance habits early on. Coming to school regularly helps children stay confident, keep up with their learning, and feel connected to their classmates and teachers. Every day really does make a difference!

Year 5 and 6 Fire Safety

The children in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from Castleford Fire Service. The children took part in a workshop where they discussed the dangers and causes of fire, how to make an escape plan at home and what to do in an emergency. They then had the opportunity to walk around Castleford's only fire engine.

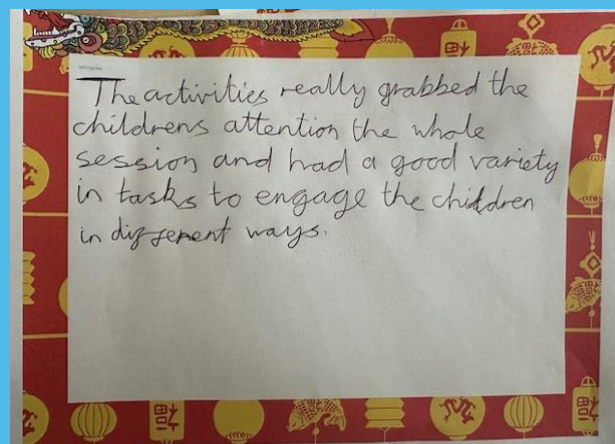
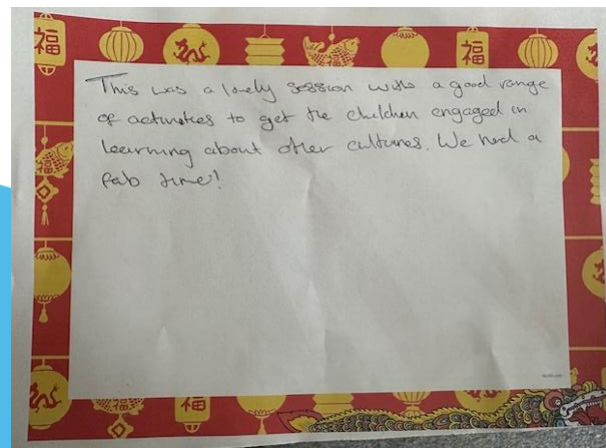




Fine Motor

Stay & Learn Nursery

Last half term, it was wonderful to welcome so many parents into our Nursery for our Stay and Learn: Fine Motor session. Children and parents enjoyed a variety of fine-motor activities linked to Chinese New Year, and it was lovely to see everyone getting involved. Staff also shared lots of practical ideas to help support fine-motor development at home. We received fantastic feedback from our families and are already looking forward to planning our next Stay and Learn session!





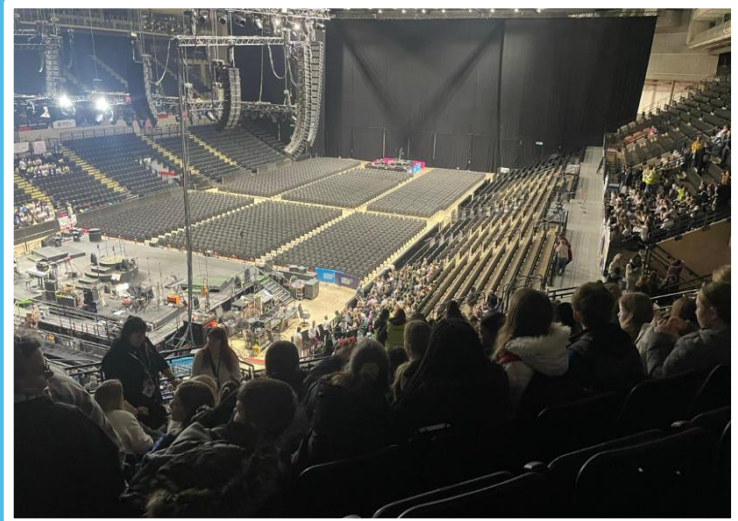
Y5's Virtual Reality Space Adventure!

Year 5 blasted off on an unforgettable VR space experience! Equipped with headsets, the children explored distant planets, drifted through star-filled galaxies, and even stood on the surface of the Moon. The experience sparked brilliant questions, lots of awe and wonder, and gave our budding astronomers a chance to see space in a whole new way. It was an inspiring adventure that brought our science learning to life!



Young Voices Sheffield 2026!

We are beyond proud of the children who took part in this year's Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Utilita Arena. They sang their hearts out alongside live musicians and special guest artists. The atmosphere was electric, and both the children and staff had an amazing time and a credit to our school. It was a truly unforgettable experience — a memory that will stay with them for a lifetime!





Whole School - Judaism Workshops

Last Thursday and Friday our children took part in a fantastic Judaism Workshop delivered by *RE Online*.

This hands-on learning experience provided every pupil the chance to explore one of the world's oldest faiths through engaging, interactive activities.

Across all year groups, children learnt about important aspects of Jewish life, including: Special objects such as the **Menorah**, **Kippah**, **Mezuzah**, and **Torah Scroll**.

Key festivals like **Hanukkah**, **Passover**, and **Shabbat**.

The traditions, stories, and values that shape Jewish culture and community.

Our pupils enjoyed handling real artefacts, listening to stories and asking thoughtful questions, taking part in activities that encouraged curiosity, respect, and empathy. A brilliant opportunity to develop our pupil's understanding and to celebrate diversity across our school community.





