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Monday 2nd	Infant Skipping Workshop
Monday 2nd— Friday 6th	Year 6 Residential Trip
Friday 6th	World Book Day
6th—13th	Book Fair in School
Monday 9th	Year 1 and Year 2—Roots to Food
Tuesday 10th	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 11th	Year 4 and Year 6—Roots to Food
Thursday 12th	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Thursday 19th	Year 1 trip to Jimmy's Farm
Thursday 19th	Year 4 Choir at Charter Hall
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term
30th March— 10th April	Easter Holiday



Dear families

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We do hope you had a good half term break with your families.

We have started this half term with some exciting workshops. Reception and Year 2 classes took part in a Chinese New Year dance workshop. Year 2 and Year 4 enjoyed some virtual reality with the VR workshops about the Great Fire of London and Climate Change.

Geology Day Experience for Year 3

This week, year 3 could not contain their excitement when the Geology Lab arrived at our school. They enjoyed investigating rocks; re-creating their own Boscastle village, which was later flooded; making their own sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, plus many other interactive activities throughout the day. We even had our very own volcano erupt. One child said " I didn't like today, I LOVED IT! We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to our volunteers that included parents and some retired teachers. We are so lucky to have such a supportive school community, so our children can enjoy these wonderful experiences.



Do you struggle to get your child into school?

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that we are running a workshop for parents who are struggling to get their children into school. The session is called "Understanding Emotionally Based School Avoidance". The workshop is on either the 12th or 13th March at 9.15am. You need to sign up directly with Adult Community Learning by going to their website aclessex.com and typing PRETTYGATE in the "Find a Course" box. (Alternatively there is a QR code at the junior school office or in the e-mail all parents were sent last week).

Please note that this is an in-person course and not online. It will be held at the junior School.



Parent Consultation Evenings

Our parent consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March. Booking will close on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm. You can access the booking system from our website. From the home page, click on 'useful links' in the circle at the bottom right of the screen and then choose either the infant or junior school. If you need any assistance booking your appointment, please speak to the office staff.

Starting School Roadshow

If you have a child starting school in September 2026 or if you know someone who has, we are hosting a 'Starting School' Roadshow on 4th March from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. For more details, please see the ['Starting School' page on our website](#).

Forest School

A massive THANK YOU to Friends of Prettygate Schools and everyone who has been involved in their fundraising over the last year. During the half term holiday, wooden structures have been built in both the Infant and Junior Forest School sites. The children have absolutely loved playing on and under the new additions.

In addition, last half term, we won a **£500 OVO Foundation Nature Prize in the Adaptation and Resilience Category**, which we have used towards building a storage shed at the pond plus two water butts, with an overflow that goes directly into the pond. We hope this will keep the pond level higher during the summer months.



Bravery Award for Sibling Pupils

The bravery of two young siblings who raised the alarm when their mum needed urgent medical help has been recognised by the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST).

The attending ambulance crew were so impressed by the actions of eight-year-old Kayla and her five-year-old brother Kiyam that they nominated both children for a Trust bravery award.

Well done Kayla and Kiyam we are very proud of you!





World Book Day 2026



At Prettygate this year, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Friday 6th March**

Dressing up

This year, we would like the children to dress up as a **word** of their choice e.g. vibrant, brave, artistic, sporty, etc. The list is endless! You really don't have to go out and buy anything extra (please see some pictures attached for ideas). If your child already had a World Book Day costume in mind, then they could still dress as a character and choose a word associated with them. For example, Harry Potter could be 'courageous' or 'heroic', or The Highway Rat could be 'greedy'! Equally, they could come as 'colourful' and wear some of their own colourful clothes.



Book swap

On this day, we would also like each child to take part in a book swap in their year group. We are asking every child to bring in an age appropriate book in good condition which they no longer read and would be happy to swap with another child in the class to take home.

We hope that this will encourage the love of reading, recommending books to a friend and also being able to reuse books.

Book tokens

At the end of this week, your child will be given a book token – this can be used to purchase one of the £1 World Book Day books available in most supermarkets and book shops. Alternatively, they can use this as money towards a full price book, including the books at our school book fair which will run from 6th-13th March.

Thank you for your support—we're really looking forward to seeing the children's ideas and celebrating World Book Day together.

Prettygate's Green Corner:

As part of our sustainability project, which all schools are being encouraged to develop, we have created a Climate Action Plan. Part of this is to share information with staff, parents and children. As a result, you will see a regular 'spot' in the Newsletter called 'Prettygate's Green Corner'.

This half-term, we shall be composting food waste. We received a grant from One Stop last year and have purchased 3 HOT composters, which you may have seen around the school site. There are also storage units (for bark and shredded paper) near them. We have placed smaller compost caddies on the front, back and infant playgrounds, by the rubbish bins. Eco-Warriors will encourage everyone to place their **fruit waste only** in the caddies, which will then be transferred into the larger HOT composters. The eco-warriors will then place the appropriate amount of bark and shredded paper in the hot composter, during their weekly meetings.

Our aim is to also compost food waste from our staffrooms and kitchen too. Once our HOT composters are up to temperature, we are hoping that all food waste from our kitchen can also be added to the HOT composters. This will save the school money as currently we pay for waste food to be collected, plus by producing our own compost we won't have to spend money buying this for garden and science projects in the future.

We have been talking to children in an assembly last term. We'd be grateful for you to reinforce our Green Message during conversations at home.

Thank you – the Eco-Warriors and Mrs J.





Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday, we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Class teachers choose one child from their class who has demonstrated all three values consistently. A certificate is presented in the assembly and their parents are invited to come along. See the photo of this week's winners below!

Class	Name of Child
RB	Leonie J
RLI	Jackson E
1T	Amaya J
1S	Noah S
2MB	Amelia K
2N	Buddy S
3FJ	Emray B-B
3G	Muhiballah Z
4K	Poppy C
4M	Elodie W
5D	Ava T
5RG	Ava-Rose B
6L	Sophie J
6MH	Mia D-G



House Points:

Mars – 234	1st
Pluto – 206	2nd
Jupiter – 178	3rd
Venus – 166	4th