



# **Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321**

## **February 2026 Newsletter**

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27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe we are already over halfway through the school year. As we look ahead, we're all hoping for a turn toward brighter, warmer weather, but even the grey skies haven't dampened the energy inside our school. This week has been especially fun with Malawi week and the launch of World Book Day. The children have been wonderfully curious, enthusiastic, and full of ideas—qualities that continue to inspire us daily. With visitors in the building, we couldn't be prouder of how confidently and positively they have represented our school community. Their questions, creativity, and kindness have been noticed and celebrated once again.

### **Reading Café dates 2-3pm**

Thank you to Kingfishers for leading the way with our Reading Cafes. We were over the moon with how many of you could attend and support. We hope that you all enjoyed spending time with the children celebrating reading. Future dates below:

Nursery- April 17<sup>th</sup>

Reception- April 24<sup>th</sup>

Year 2- June 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 3- May 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 4-May 15<sup>th</sup>

Year 5- May 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 6- March 20<sup>th</sup>

### **NSPCC Number Day**

Thank you to the Maths Hub for letting us borrow the large Maths equipment once again. This is proving to be very popular year after year.

### **Malawi week**

Huge thanks to Mrs Phelps for organising such a powerful, thought-provoking week for the children. The focus has been on 'Water.' We have had visits from the Rivers Trust, the Dedza Charity and an ex water engineer. The children have been encouraged to think about how they use water at home. Gardening club and Eco Council have visited Reepham High School to gain ideas for our school grounds. We are very lucky at Reepham to continue to celebrate our international links in such a meaningful way.



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### **Steve Cole**

What a way to launch World Book Day! Thank you to the Friends for making events like this possible. It was a great opportunity to be able to share an author with families. Thank you to those that attended. Huge thanks to Steve Cole. We are passionate about keeping children interested in books and this inspired everyone, especially the adults!

### **World Book Day**

Building on the excitement of our author visit, we are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday. There will be another masked reader for the children to solve – as requested by them! We really enjoy celebrating World Book Day in school but appreciate that asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character can be tricky for families, for various reasons.

This year children can come in appropriate non-school uniform (PE appropriate for those who have PE on Thursdays). Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character if they have an outfit they want to wear, but please don't feel you have to spend money on a new costume that potentially would only be worn once.

Children can also choose to bring their favourite book to school, and we are planning activities for children to share these favourites in school.

### **Book swap**

As in previous years we will be holding a second hand book swap where children can bring in books they have grown out of or no longer want and swap them for something different. A good opportunity to have a clear out! Most years we are desperate for picture books, reference books and books appropriate for our older children. There is no obligation to bring a book in and all children will have an opportunity to have a look and choose something if they want to. Any books that are left over will be on display on the playground at the end of the day.

### **Japan visit**

We are incredibly honoured to have been invited to teach in our partner school in Japan later this month. We are very fortunate that our partners fund this trip, making it possible for us to continue learning from one another and sharing educational practices across cultures. Mrs Henry and Miss Whitby will be representing our school, and they will be taking along Fred the Frog to deliver phonics lessons—something we know the children will be excited to follow! Mrs Henry has also been invited to speak at the school's Graduation ceremony, which is a wonderful privilege. Throughout the visit, they will upload daily updates on SeeSaw so that the children can follow the journey and feel part of the experience. This collaboration is now in its 18th year, and we are incredibly proud to continue being part of such a unique and meaningful partnership.



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### **Poppy appeal**

We are proud to announce that with your help, we managed to donate £422.49 to this year's poppy appeal.

### **Parents' evening**

Please remember to book in for the upcoming parents' evenings on Arbor.

### **Walk, wheel, cycle Trust**

Please see attached the flyer advertising a drop in session at the Bircham Centre regarding the 'Reepham Quietway.' The charity will also be available to talk to parents at the end of school on March 10<sup>th</sup> near the front entrance.

### **Red Nose Day**

School Council will be organising a non-school uniform day for Red Nose Day on March 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be asking for £1 donations.

### **Stars of the month January**

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Inspire</b> | <b>Challenge</b> | <b>Succeed together</b> |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Nightingales | Evie           | Iris T           | Oakley                  |
| Kingfishers  | Eva            | Rupert           | Sophia                  |
| Puffins      | Thomas         | Olive            | Órlaith                 |
| Goldfinches  | Bonnie         | Flo              | Elysia                  |
| Wrens        | Harper         | Lenny            | Lucy                    |
| Barn Owls    | Ella           | Flo              | Archie W                |
| Tawny Owls   | Alys           | Oscar S          | Amyah                   |

### **Stars of the month February**

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Inspire</b> | <b>Challenge</b> | <b>Succeed together</b> |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Nightingales | Penny T        | Everly           | Penny C                 |
| Kingfishers  | Reuben         | Freya            | Jack                    |
| Puffins      | June           | Bonny            | Jasper C                |
| Goldfinches  | Georgie        | Elijah           | Zac                     |
| Wrens        | Willow         | Arthur           | Morrie                  |
| Barn Owls    | Indie          | Audrey           | Marley                  |
| Tawny Owls   | Edie           | Brad             | Stanley                 |



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### **Internet Safety – Online Safety Storybook Digital Version**

You will shortly be receiving via email a story book to teach children about the dangers of the online world. It is a useful resource for you to use at home. It is possible to take pages out or add in pages as you feel is appropriate for your child but helps start discussion on vital topics.

Thanks for your continued support.

Caroline Henry

### **Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)**

#### **March**

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | World Book Day   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> | Parents' evening   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | Class photographs  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | Red Nose Day   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | Celebration Assembly/ Open PM – Internet Safety/ Cake sale R/N |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | Friends Quiz Night   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | Break up Normal time   |

#### **April**

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| 13 <sup>rd</sup> | Return to school          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | World Earth Day           |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Celebration Assembly      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Y4 Trip to Norwich Castle |

#### **May**

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May | Runathon                               |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>     | KS2 SATs week                          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>     | Celebration Assembly / Science Open PM |

#### **June**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                   | Japan week                                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> | Multiplication check for Year 4                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                   | Phonics screening week                          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                  | Y1 Trip to Wroxham Barns                        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | Y2 Trip to Sandringham                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Celebration Assembly                            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Summer Fete                                     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                  | Sports week                                     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                  | Sports day- AM Years 3-6. PM Years N,R,1 and 2. |
| 25/26 <sup>th</sup>               | INSET Days – School closed to pupils            |



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### **July**

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|------------------|--|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Celebration Assembly                             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Play y5/6 6pm                                    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Play y5/6 6pm                                    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Leavers assembly 10:30am- Year 6 parents welcome |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | School closed at 1:15pm                          |