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# NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

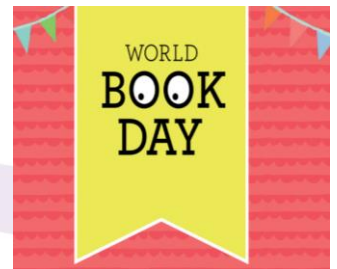
## **Sacriston's youngest star**

We are delighted to announce that over the half term break, Miss Paul gave birth to a beautiful baby girl! Mum and baby are both well. I know you will all join us in congratulating Miss Paul on this wonderful news!



## **World Book Day Competition!**

This year we are holding a World Book Day competition. All children from school can enter by sending in a photo to [admin@sacristonacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@sacristonacademy.co.uk) of a weird and wonderful place they have read. Your child could read up a tree, in a park, upside down or even in a box. The children with the most unusual reading places can be in with a chance of winning one of five £5 book fair vouchers. All entries need to be in before World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024 and will be announced before lunch.



## **Nursery's New Book!**

Nursery have started Spring 2 with an amazing attitude towards learning! Our new book 'We are FAMILY' by Patricia Hegarty has been a huge hit, the children have loved using their new vocabulary to discuss their families.

*"I am happy I am different."*

*"I comfort my daddy by touching his head."*

*"Giving hugs to your family is important."*

*"I live with mam, dad and me."*

## **Reception Butterfly Cycle**

This week Reception have been learning all about the butterfly life cycle in their new topic 'Watch them grow'. The children expressed using movements, materials and positions the different stages of the life cycle and how it changes. We worked through 4 stages as the children started as the egg, then the caterpillar, they created cocoons and then fluttered around like butterflies. From week one, our children are using lots of scientific vocabulary such as chrysalis and keep your eyes open for our new visitors that are arriving on Monday!

keep up to date with all school news on our website [www.sacristonacademy.co.uk](http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk)



### **Year 1 Precious Items in RE**

This week Year 1 began to learn about Judaism in RE, thinking about the question 'What is precious to Jewish people?'. First they thought about what precious means and discussed examples of items that are precious to them like special teddy bears, understanding that items are not always precious to everyone. Next, they explored some precious items that might be found in a Jewish home including a menorah and a dreidel. Finally, they created their own mezuzahs, which are hung above doorways to Jewish homes.

*"The Mezuzah has a Star of David on it." – Isaac*

*"I think the Torah looks very special and important because it has a special cover." – Eleanor*

*"I think you could put candles in this because it looks like a candlestick (about the menorah)." - Rosie*







## **Year 4 Start Their Dance Topic!**

This week, Year 4 were excited to start their new PE topic - dance! We are lucky to have an amazing dance coach joining us this half term and hope to have a dance routine to a song from the film Wonka completed by the end of term. We started our lesson by having a fun dance warm up where we all showed off our amazing dance skills before starting on our routine. Year 4 are really excited to complete their routine!



## **Year 5 Make Parachutes!**

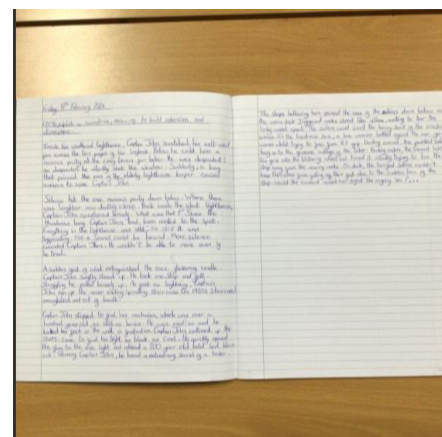
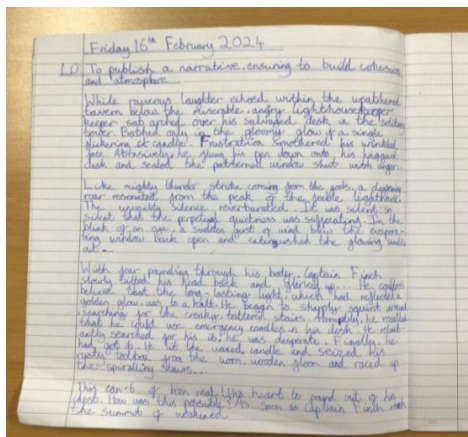
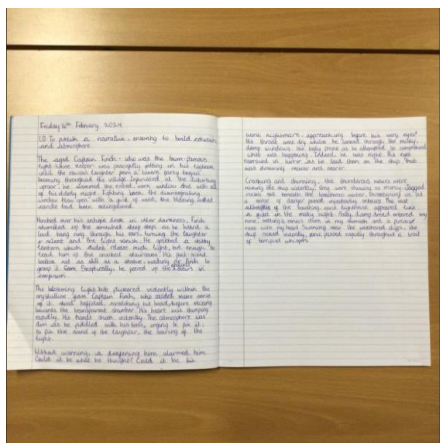
This week, in Science, Year 5 made parachutes. We were testing different sized parachutes and how long they took to fall to the ground. We found the bigger the parachute, the more time it took to fall to the floor. This was due to it having a larger surface area which lead to more air resistance.





## Year 6's Narrative Writing Cycle

Year 6 have spent several weeks on a narrative writing cycle. They used a video called 'Lighthouse' to write in role as a light housekeeper. In the narrative, the lighthouse breaks! Children then switched perspective and wrote in role as somebody on a ship who was struggling due to the choppy seas. Children worked hard to build a tense atmosphere and use punctuation such as semi colons and colons. Children in Year 6 should be very proud of the quality of work which they have produced!



## Flag Bearing at the Stadium of Light!

On Saturday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children were selected to be flag bearers at the Stadium of Light for Sunderland vs Swansea. After rehearsal, our children were able to take part in activities such as football and face painting at the Beacon of Light. Then, they were able to go onto the pitch to wave the flags for the teams coming out.



## School Football Team First League Match

On Wednesday, our school football team took part in their first league matches of the Spring league. We ran out 3-0 winners in our first game thanks to goals from Hollie and Ernie (2). In our second game, we manage to snatch a point thanks to a goal from Alfie with the last kick of the game.



The menu for week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March is Week 1. School dinners are £12.50 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacrisonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>



## Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.25%	96.49%	98.15%	92.31%	91%	92.33%	91.50%	94.74%

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

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**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Y1 Sports Festival

Theme Lunch – World Book Day

Theme Lunch – Red Nose Day

Y5 Rugby Sports Trip

Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts (More info to follow)

Parent Consultations Face to Face

Early Years Stay and Play 10:30am

Parent Consultations Phone Call

**SCHOOL CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY**

**SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

Children return to school

Uniform Swap Shop 3:30pm

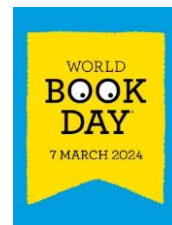
Reception vision tests

**SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

Y6 Residential

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## **Weekly Awards**

Our Headteacher Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Harry Dixon

Reception: Sam Hubble

Year 1: Lewis Sharpe

Year 2: Riley Walker

Year 3: Emily McDonald

Year 4: Libby Marshall

Year 5: Penelope Taylor

Year 6: Sophie Bladen

Class Awards this week were presented to **Year 2** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 5** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!