



NEWSLETTER

AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Learning, loving and living together with Christ

A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God,

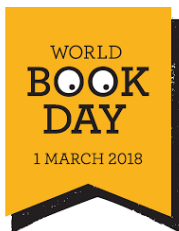
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayerful life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

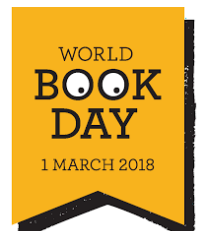
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

*May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.*

**SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY FOR HALF TERM AND RE-OPENS ON
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 8.45am**



**TO CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY, OUR THEME
WILL BE "BEDTIME STORIES".**



**COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PYJAMAS,
BRING YOUR FAVOURITE TEDDY AND CURL UP
WITH A GOOD BOOK.**

KS1 LOCAL WALK AND "WEIRD & WONDERFUL"

As part of the new half-term topic "Animal Planet", the classes will be going on a walk in the local area, looking at animal habitats and how we can live in a clean, safe environment. We will also look at how we can improve our local area. "Weird and Wonderful" are visiting school bringing with them a variety of exotic animals for the children to learn about. A letter has been sent home with your child today.

SICKNESS POLICY

If your child experiences any sickness they must stay off school for a clear 24 hours after the last episode of sickness. If you feel they are well enough to bring them into school part way through a day, please do bring them in as long as the clear 24 hours apply.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 7th March 1.15pm - 6.15pm. Please remember to book your appointment via the school office.

KINSHIP CARERS

Are you bringing up a relative or a friend's child?
Do you need advice, support or information?
Kinship Carers meet at the Home Start Family Centre, 103 Easemore Road, Redditch B98 8EY on the 2nd Monday of each month 9.45-11.45am.
For further information email kinshipcarers@mail.com or visit their website www.kinshipcarersuk.com

WOODROW LIBRARY HALF-TERM

ACTIVITIES

Monday, 19th February 10-4pm - Films Toy theme. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and drink £1.

Tuesday, 20th February 11-11.30am - Rhythm and Rhyme with stay and play afterwards. Craft session 1-2pm.

Wednesday, 21st February - CLOSED

Thursday, 22nd February 11-11.30am -

Rhythm and Rhyme with stay and play afterwards. Craft session 3-4pm.

Friday, 23rd February 11.30 - 12noon - Story time with puzzles and colouring.

Saturday, 24th February 10 - 12 noon - Film: Bolt or WALL.E. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn and drink £1.

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 96%

Percentage attendance in classes:

5th - 9th Feb:

Willow	92.2%
Holly	97.6%
Sycamore	100%
Beech	87.7%
Acer	96%
Silver Birch	100%
Maple	95.7%
Horse Chestnut	99.1%
Oak	92.3%

STAR CLASSES Sycamore & Silver Birch - School average is 95.5% Let's try harder.



In accordance with the law, no holidays will be authorised during term-time.

If you have emergency doctor/dentist appointments, please bring your child to school first/after so they get their mark and also bring their appointment card.

Routine dentist/doctor appointments should be made after school or during the holiday.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Friday	16 th	February	3.00pm	School Closes – Half Term
Monday	26 th	February	8.45am	School Re-Opens
Friday	2 nd	March	All day	Reception Classes Umberslade Farm trip
Monday	5 th	March	1.30pm	Sycamore class – Woodrow Library visit
Tuesday	6 th	March	9.10am	School Mass – All welcome
Wednesday	7 th	March	1.15pm	Parent Consultations – letters to follow
Monday	12 th	March	1.30pm	Holly Class – Woodrow library visit
Tuesday	13 th	March	9.00am	Whole School Pupil Awards Assembly
Tuesday	20 th	March	9.10am	School Mass – All welcome
Tuesday	20 th	March	6.00pm	First Holy Communion – Creation & New Life Meeting
Saturday	24 th	March	5.00pm	First Holy Communion – Creation & New Life Mass
Tuesday	27 th	March	9.10am	Palm Sunday Mass – All welcome
Thursday	29 th	March	3.00pm	School Closes – Easter holidays



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