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Newsletter

27th February 2026- Issue No. 21

Core Values: **Compassion, Enthusiasm, Cooperation, Determination, Respect**

Message from the Co-Headteachers...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely first week of the new half term it has been here at school! It has been wonderful to see everybody back after the half term break, ready for the new term.

It has been a particularly exciting week for our Y6 pupils who spent Wednesday at The O2, performing as part of the Young Voices 2026 choir. The Young Voices mission is to inspire a lifelong love of music by giving children the opportunity to perform in the world's largest school choir concerts. They believe, as do we, that music has the power to bring people together, build confidence and create lasting memories – not just for the children who sing, but for their teachers, families and communities too. The aim is to make music fun, inclusive and meaningful – helping every child to find their voice and shine. Our Y6



pupils were truly amazing on Wednesday and we are very proud of them. They listened well, were fantastic ambassadors and truly lived and breathed our school values. They also brought an enormous amount of energy and fun! As did the brilliant team of school staff who accompanied the pupils to the O2. They were on hand all day, all evening (and even a little bit of the next morning thanks to a very long journey home!) supervising, helping, singing and dancing to ensure that every pupil had a fantastic time. We are so grateful to them for enabling the children to take part in this unforgettable experience. We'd



like to say thank you for the many lovely messages that we have received from parents following The O2 trip too- it really makes a difference and is always appreciated.

We hope that all of our families enjoy a restful and relaxing weekend. See you next week for another week of fun and learning.

Mrs Grover & Mrs Jones-King,

Co-Headteachers

Caversham Primary is a Rights Respecting School

RIGHT OF THE WEEK: Article 6 You have the right to be alive.

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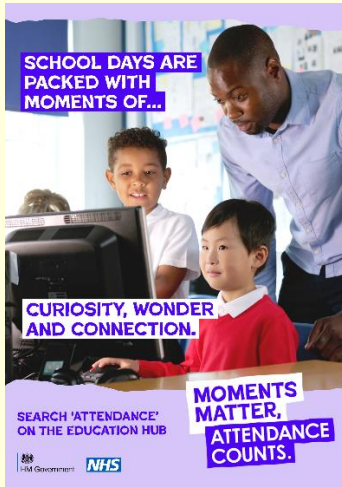


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ATTENDANCE:



From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. Attendance Counts.

SAFEGUARDING

As it is the start of a new half- term we would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the Caversham Primary School Safeguarding Team:

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are Mrs Grover and Mrs Jones- King.



Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are Ms Sutton, Mr Brown and Mr Crockford.



Our safeguarding governor is Mike Lambden.

If pupils are worried, we will always make time to listen to them.

If you, as a parent, are concerned about the safety of any child in our school, you must report this to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL).



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MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that if your child is bringing their mobile phone to school, you must have completed the Google form linked [here](#).

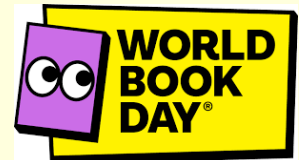
PARENTS' EVENINGS- SPRING TERM 2026

If you have not yet booked an appointment to speak to your child's teacher, please do so. If you are having difficulty booking, please contact the school office so that we can help!

Teachers are looking forward to meeting parents on **Tuesday 17th** and **Thursday 19th March 2026**.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. We're so looking forward to a day of celebrating all things reading and books!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting school on Wednesday 11th March, Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March after school and , in response to a parental request, we are also trialling having the book fair on Thursday 12th March in the morning before school. The book fair is a wonderful opportunity for the children to choose a new and exciting book at the same time as raising money to support the school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

04/03/26	Year 6 Hockey Festival @ Highdown (whole year group)
05/03/26	World Book Day 2026
11/03/26- 13/03/26	Book Fair at school
16/03/26- 20/03/26	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1 & 2)
17/03/26	Parents' Evening (In person- at school)
18/03/26	Year 4 trip to the Living Rainforest
19/03/26	Parents' Evening (Virtual- online)
24/03/26	Open Classrooms 3.15pm- 3.45pm)
26/03/26	Open Classrooms 3.15pm- 3.45pm)
27/03/26	TERM ENDS



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ADVANCE DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

13/04/26	INSET- school closed to pupils
14/04/26	TERM STARTS
04/05/26	Bank Holiday- school closed to pupils and staff
Wk beg 11/05/26	Year 6 SATS week
22/05/26	TERM ENDS
	25/05/26 -29/05/26 – HALF TERM
01/06/26	TERM STARTS
12/06/26	INSET- school closed to pupils
01/07/26	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1pm- 3pm
02/07/26	Y5/6 Sports Day 9.30am-11.45am
02/07/26	Y3/4 Sports Day 1pm-3pm
08/07/26	Reserve EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1pm- 3pm
09/07/26	Reserve Y5/6 Sports Day 9.30am-11.45am
09/07/26	Reserve Y3/4 Sports Day 1pm-3pm
14/07/26	Y6 Production Performance to Parents @ 6.30pm
15/07/26	Y6 Production Performance to Parents @ 1.30pm
16/07/26	Y6 Production Performance to Parents @ 6.30pm
21/07/26	Year 6 Leavers' assembly for parents @ 9.30am
21/07/26	Year 6 Leavers' disco for pupils 6pm- 7pm
22/07/26	TERM ENDS



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CAVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL- ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

TERM 1

Staff Training Day – Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Term Starts – Thursday 4th September 2025

Staff Training Day – Friday 3rd October 2025

Term Ends – Friday 24th October 2025

TERM 2

Term Starts – Monday 3rd November 2025

Term Ends – Friday 19th December 2025

TERM 3

Staff Training Day – Monday 5th January 2026

Term Starts – Tuesday 6th January 2026

Term Ends – Friday 13th February 2026

TERM 4

Term Starts – Monday 23rd February 2026

Term Ends – Friday 27th March 2026

TERM 5

Staff Training Day – Monday 13th April 2026

Term Starts- Tuesday 14th April 2026

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026

Term Ends – Friday 22nd May 2026

TERM 6

Term Starts – Monday 1st June 2026

Staff Training Day – Friday 12th June 2026

Term Ends – Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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Term Ends – Friday 18th December 2026

TERM 3

Staff Training Day – Monday 4th January 2027

Term Starts – Tuesday 5th January 2027

Term Ends – Friday 12th February 2027

TERM 4

Term Starts – Monday 22nd February 2027

Term Ends – Thursday 25th March 2027

Bank Holiday – Friday 26th March 2027

TERM 5

Staff Training Day – Monday 12th April 2027

Term Starts- Tuesday 13th April 2027

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May 2027

Term Ends – Friday 28th May 2027

TERM 6

Staff Training Day – Monday 7th June 2027

Term Starts – Tuesday 8th June 2027

Term Ends – Wednesday 21st July 2027

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YEAR GROUP UPDATES

Reception: Doves and Ducks



Welcome back to the spring term and what a lovely surprise it has been to see a little bit of sunshine! The children have been making the most of a bit of warmer weather, getting outside and building dens and bug houses in our garden. The introduction of our new topic has been met with no end of excitement with the children telling us all about dinosaurs, naming them, building houses for them, even making a huge boat out of an enormous box so that we could travel to Australia to find some more!



This week we have been reading the book 'Tyrannosaurus Drip,' about a dinosaur who accidentally ends up in the wrong nest. This book sparked our theme for the week which was about bullying and acceptance. We have spent the week thinking about the best ways to be a good friend and identifying things that we shouldn't do or say to each other and things that we should be saying to each other to show kindness and empathy. Next week we will be carrying this idea on and thinking about how we can stand up for ourselves if someone isn't being very nice to us.

Also, next week we will be discussing the past and the present in relation to a very famous and important palaeontologist: Mary Anning. We will be finding out all about her life and finding out in what ways it differed to our own lives today.

In maths we have been learning about the composition of 7 this week and the children have become really great at knowing which number bonds go together to make 7. Next week we are learning all about what happens if we add 2 equal amounts together, introducing the idea of doubles and eventually, odds and evens.

Remember, next Thursday is World Book Day. We can't wait to get dressed up (or down!), share our favourite books and do some lovely activities to celebrate all things reading. The following week, we will have the Scholastic Book Fair visiting on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and Thursday morning before school.

Year 1: Skylarks and Swallows



It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the half term break and hear all the things they had been getting up to!

We have started a new book in English called 'Where the Wild Things are' By Maurice Sendak. We started

by reading the book and discussing the story. We thought about the words that the author used and looked closely at the illustrations. We then sequenced the story, thinking about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the book. We ended the week by using drama to tell the story, thinking carefully about our facial expressions and movements. The best part was definitely the 'rumpus', especially playing the drums!





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In maths we have started to use number from 0-50. We used our tens and ones to partition these numbers to help us read and understand them. We looked at a 100 square and had fun looking for all the different number patterns. We then moved on to grouping a large number of objects into groups of 10 and using our counting in 10s to count them. This was so much easier than counting each one individually!

In geography we looked at a world map to find the UK. We then learnt about the four countries that make up the UK and used an atlas to label them.

Our science topic this term is 'Animals'. We started by learning that scientists group animals into two groups; vertebrates and invertebrates. We looked at animal skeletons to see which animals have backbones and sorted some animal pictures into these two groups.

We were very lucky to have a parent visitor this week who came in to talk to Year 1 about Ramadan and Eid. The children were very interested to hear about this important part of the Muslim religion and had lots of questions. The children coloured some decorations and were very lucky to take home a gift too. Huge thanks to Rita's mum.

Our phonic sounds this week were; c making an s sound as in mice and g making a j sound as in giraffe. Our high frequency words were oh and their.

Year 2: Red Kites and Robins



It was wonderful to see everyone back after half term. It sounds like Robins and Red Kites had all sorts of fun last week and everyone has returned refreshed and ready to learn.

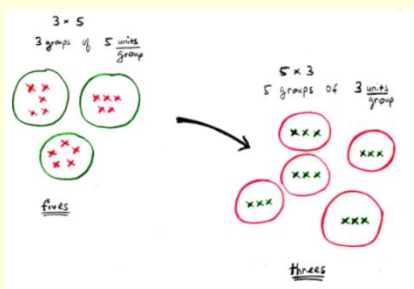


In Maths, we spent some time thinking about the 5 times table. We discussed how to instantly recognise a multiple of 5 – any number that ends in a 0 or a 5 **must** be in the 5 times table!

There was lots of counting aloud in 5s which is really good practise. Then we used our recall knowledge – or ability to count in 5s – to solve multiplication problems.

It's really useful to remember the 'commutative law' with multiplication. Some children see a problem such as 5×3 (5 lots of 3) and immediately decide that they can't count in 3s!

No problem! 5×3 will give the same answer as 3×5 – and we **can** count in 5s!

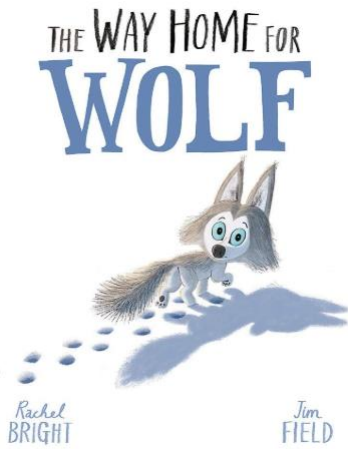




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In English, we introduced our new focus text for this term – The Way Home for Wolf by Rachel Bright.

As always, we started by just exploring the front cover. What does it tell us? What clues can we see about what might happen in the story? What predictions could we make?

We then read the whole story and discussed Wilf, the main character, and what happened to him. Over the next few weeks we'll use the story to get some brilliant writing done!

Other highlights of our week included designing a Ferris wheel in DT (after getting to know the names of the different parts of the mechanism), drawing life cycles in Science and some World Book Day preparation!

Year 3: Alder and Ash



In our first week back in Year 3, we have begun to look at the book 'Zoo' in our English lessons. It has been inspiring our writing and posing interesting questions for us to think about. In Maths, we have begun to tackle fractions, looking at numerators and denominators. In Art, we have created our own papyrus paper as we embark on an exploration of Egyptian artwork. In Geography, we have explored the make



up of our Earth with a view to exploring the nature of volcanoes. In PE, we have begun to work on our gymnastics and rounders skills and in science we are looking into where we get our nutrition.

Year 4: Beech and Birch



This week in Year 4 we have started a new book in English - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We have been thinking about how it would feel to step inside a different world and what we might do in that situation. In maths we have been learning about placing fractions on a number line and how to find their equivalent fractions. We are looking at the



digestive system in science, and found out that our small intestine is 10x the length of our height! In computing, we are looking at HTML and in DT we are researching cars because we are going to make our own slingshot cars later in the term.

Birch class



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Year 5: Hazel and Holly



This week we began looking at a new text, *The Jungle Book*. We concentrated on the idea of belonging and then looked at the use of parenthesis.

In Maths we are learning about decimals and percentages. This week we worked on equivalent fractions and decimals. We partitioned thousandths in flexible ways.



In Geography we are looking at the importance of oceans. We talked about why oceans are important.

In PE we learnt about Mayan dance and how they worshipped Gods through dance and ritual. In rounders we were practising out throwing, catching and stumping of bases.

In Science we dissected flowers and named all the parts of them. We drew and labelled diagrams and learnt how plants produce seed.

Year 6: Spruce and Sycamore



Our year sixes went on a big trip to the O2 this week to perform in 'Young Voices 2026'. We were in a massive stadium and in the afternoon we did rehearsals. After the rehearsals we sang to the parents with lights shining around us.



In PE we did Benchball, in English we published our stories about why the King of the Never-Reads dislikes Nicholas Crowne so much and we also watched 'Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang'. In maths, we did decimal work, like multiplying and dividing decimals.

By Oliver H and Jacob.



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Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Anxiety workshop for parents of Primary Aged Children

With the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

This parent workshop is designed to help you:

- Understand what anxiety is and how it can show up in your child's thoughts, feelings, bodies, and behaviour
- Learn about the key factors that maintain anxiety
- Explore practical ways parents and carers can provide support
- Understand when and how to seek further support if your Young person is struggling



Microsoft teams

Wednesday the 25th of February 18:00-19:00

Sign up here: [Anxiety Workshop for Parents \(Primary School\) | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



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Introduction to MHST workshop for parents

With the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

This parent workshop is designed to help you:

- Understand what the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is and how we work with schools
- Learn about the support and interventions the MHST can offer to young people and parents
- Understand how to identify mental health difficulties and when to access MHST support
- Understand the referral process



Microsoft Teams

Monday 2nd March 09:30am – 10:30am

Sign up here: [Introduction to MHST Workshop for parents | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



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Microsoft teams

Tuesday the 21st of April 12:00-13:00

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Positive parenting programme



Thurs 23 April - Thurs 25 June 2026



9.30-11.30am



Saint Mary & All Saints C of E Primary School, Wensley Road,
Reading RG1 6DU

- ★ Is your child aged 4-11 years old?
- ★ Do you want to support your child when they show distressing behaviour?
- ★ Do you need some help to manage their behaviour?

Join our evidence-based flexible parenting programme.

The group aims to strengthen the relationship between you and your child. It will help you to understand your child's development and equip you with strategies to help them.

The programme is delivered in nine two-hour weekly group sessions on Thursdays, term-time only.

To enquire or book your place, please contact:

parenting@reading.gov.uk or call 0118 937 4858





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Email enquiries to
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SOUTH STREET ART CENTRE
21 South Street
Reading
RG1 4QU

SOUTH STREET can be found on the south side of Reading Town Centre, 5 minutes walk from The Oracle Riverside, on the corner of South Street and East Street.

For Youth Theatre information visit whatsonreading.com/youth-theatre

SOUTH ST YOUTH THEATRE



Come and join South Street Youth Theatre for ages 5 to 18 years.



SOUTH STREET YOUTH THEATRE offers young people the opportunity to develop drama skills in a relaxed and fun environment. Led by experienced, professional tutors the groups will work towards performances which are then staged at **SOUTH STREET's** professionally run main theatre space.

The emphasis is on the imagination and creativity of the young people, so all their performances are devised, written and performed by them in collaboration with the directors. As well as performing regularly at **SOUTH STREET** in recent years the young people have performed in a bus on Broad Street, at The Museum of English Rural Life & the Riverside Museum at Boke's Lock.

JUNIORS

Saturdays mornings (during term time)

Juniors 1: 10am – 11am
Years 1, 2 & 3

Juniors 2: 11.15am – 12.15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6

Performing in February & July

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SENIORS

Monday evenings (during term time)

Seniors 1: 4.30pm – 6pm
Years 7, 8 & 9

Seniors 2: 6pm – 8pm
Years 10, 11 & 12

Performing in February & July

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Junior groups are led by **Jo Hodder**, a vastly experienced primary school teacher and drama practitioner, who has been with us for over 15 years.



Senior groups are directed by **Benedict Sandiford** whose CV includes a wide variety of professional theatre, TV & film credits as well as writing & performing several shows for **SOUTH STREET's** professional programme including Jackson's Corner, The Final Whistle, Being Gordon Greenidge & Amelia.



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FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN YEAR 5 & 6

Has your child enjoyed Netball at school this year?

Has your child attended one of our Netball Masterclass holiday courses?

Are you struggling to get your child into an oversubscribed Netball club?

Following some successful Netball Masterclass holiday courses and after school clubs this academic year, Performance Sports Group are exploring the viability of a Summer Term Netball Academy for boys and girls in school years 5-7.

We plan to start the Academy in the summer terms following the Easter Break, as well as some **free** taster sessions on Wednesday 18th and 25th March 2026. **All sessions will be led by Karen Edwards.**

The free taster sessions and subsequent weekly programme will be held at **Sonning Common MUGA and Sports Plateau, which is located at Memorial Park off Reades Lane and is behind Kidmore End War Memorial Hall. The nearest postcode is Kedge Road: RG4 9DQ.**

To explore the viability of this Academy, we would be very grateful if you could complete the expression of interest form below, and interested parties will be emailed directly with the booking link and further information when the programme has been set up on our website, following your feedback.

[Expression of Interest - Performance Sports Group Netball Academy – Fill out form](#)

Kind regards,

Annette Bevan

Chief Operations Officer

Working days: Monday-Thursday

The Performance Sports Group

Performance Cricket

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