



Newsletter 27.02.26

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely half-term break and fingers crossed that we manage to see some sunshine over the next few weeks.

Firstly, a thank you to everyone that was able to attend parents evenings and for your feedback. It was overwhelmingly positive about the return to in face appointments. We would also like thank the many families that were able to attend the maths workshops. We do understand how tricky it can be to manage these events with different commitments but we are always happy to welcome, grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends of the family if it is challenging for parents.

This half term is my favourite one of the whole year; the children really fly along with their learning, they enjoy their playtimes and lunchtimes outside and their confidence just goes from strength to strength.


Warmest wishes,


Mrs Gordon


Attendance

Whole school attendance currently sits at 95.2%, with the national average at 94.6%. Attendance is above the national average which is something to celebrate; let's work together now to keep improving so that we are the very best that we can be!

Congratulations to the attendance cup winners from the last few weeks

 Gold: 2ET, 3LC

 Silver: 5KG, 3LC

 Bronze: RCA, 4KH, 5SS, 6ECT, RHH, 3MM

The Spring 1 half term winners were:

1st: 5KG with 98 %

2nd: 2ET with 97.7%

3rd: 3LC with 96.8%

What an achievement!

New form for Term-Time Absence Requests

We would like to inform parents and carers that we now have an updated version of our Absence Request in Term Time form.

The new form is available to download from the school website or can be collected from the school office. If preferred, we are happy to send a copy electronically or provide a printed version.

Please ensure the form is completed in full. Ideally, completed forms should be returned to the school office in person or scanned and emailed to the school office. Photographs of the completed and signed form will be accepted; however, we would prefer to receive the original document wherever possible.

If you have saved or printed a previous version of the form, please delete and dispose of it. If an old version is submitted, or if any required information is missing, you will be asked to complete the new form or provide the missing information before we can process your request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW Procedure - Reporting Child Illness on Arbor



To improve the accuracy and efficiency of our attendance reporting, we now ask that all illness absences be recorded via **Arbor**.

To log an absence, please:

1. Log in to Arbor
2. Select **Quick Actions**
3. Click **Attendance**
4. Click the green **Log Absence** button
5. Select a reason and provide full details (e.g., "Sick on 6th March – high temperature," "Tonsillitis," "Chicken pox," etc.)

6. Click the green **Log Absence** button again to submit

Important reminders:

- Absences must be logged on the **day of illness**. You cannot log an absence in advance.
- Each day of absence must be recorded separately.
- If your child is absent for several days, we may contact you to check on their wellbeing.

Please use Arbor as first option for reporting illness, rather than using the absence line or email. Signals can be unreliable, messages aren't always clear, class names may be missed, and those who have experienced it know the line can sometimes cut out or fail to record your message. Emails are also less reliable than Arbor, as inboxes are very full first thing in the morning and may not be dealt with in a timely manner.

Using Arbor ensures improved accuracy, faster processing, and helps us keep attendance records up to date.

Of course, if you need to speak to a member of staff to discuss your child's absence in more detail, we are always happy to do so.

If you are having any issues using this system, please get in touch and we will be happy to help.

Stars of the Week



We are super proud of our stars over the last few weeks:

Reception

Khalid

Year 1

Lowen, David

Year 2

Bethany, Evie H

Year 3

Lunar Mae

Year 4

Joshua, Aria

Year 5

Olivia S, Jackson

Year 6

Blake

Opal

Eli (2ET)

WAC

Jack (2ET)

Last chance to record you Shires MAT Miles – Let's Make It Count, Webheath!

Deadline Monday 2nd March

February half term may be over... but the miles our families walked, ran and cycled still count!

Last year, our pupils completed an incredible **1,200 miles** — and this year we know our children, families and staff have been just as active (if not more!) over the February break.

Now it's time to make sure those miles are recorded.

The **Shires MAT Mile** isn't just about getting active — it's about school pride. Every single entry earns points towards the overall **Shires Super-League**, where schools across the Trust go head-to-head in friendly sporting competition.

And wouldn't it be fantastic to see **Webheath Academy** right up there at the top of that leader board?


We *know* our community was active over half term:

- Family bike rides 🚲
- Park runs 🏃
- Long countryside walks 🌳
- Active days out
- Even those extra dog walks! 🐕

Now we just need to log them! **How it works:**

- 1 mile = 1 point for the school
- Every additional mile = bonus points
- Pupils, staff and family members can all contribute

Every mile recorded brings us closer to climbing that Super-League table. Imagine the impact if every family logs just one activity they completed over half term!

 **Deadline: Monday 2nd March 2026** There is still time to submit your February half term miles using the form below:

[Form](#)

Let's give this a push and show what an active, enthusiastic and competitive community we are. We know the miles were done — now let's make sure they count!

Come on, Webheath — let's do this! 💙🏆

Maths Worskops

A big thank you to all the families who came along to our recent Maths KIRFS workshops. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and we really appreciate you taking the time to join us.

We hope you found the sessions helpful and informative, and that they gave you some useful ideas to support your child at home. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning and working alongside you – it was lovely to see such positive engagement and enthusiasm.

If you would like to look back at any of the materials, the workshop resources are now available on the school website within the relevant year group pages.

We would also really value your feedback or any questions you may have. Please take a moment to complete the short form using the link provided.

Thank you again for your continued support – it makes a real difference!

[Parent Maths Workshops – Fill in form](#)

Year 1 Reading Café

It was wonderful to see so many families sharing their love of reading with their children. There was a real sense of excitement in the hall, with children thoroughly enjoying a wide variety of books.

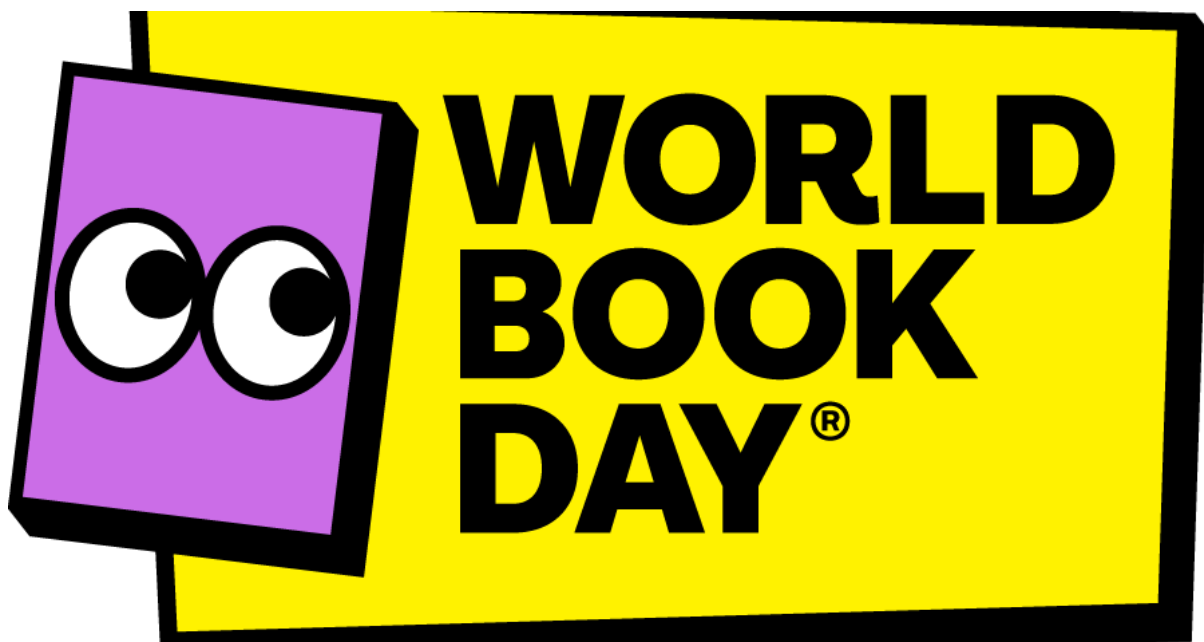
A special thank you to the Friends for providing refreshments and for their continued support in developing and enhancing our library book provision.







World Book Day & Character Spoons



📖 ✨ World Book Day 2026 – Let's Celebrate Our Love of Reading! ✨ 📖

We are delighted to announce that our school will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to come together as a school community and celebrate our love of reading during the **National Year of Reading 2026**.

There are lots of exciting activities planned, and we can't wait for the children to get involved!

🔑 **World Book Day Competition – *Character Spoons!***

We would love your child to design and create a **wooden spoon decorated as their favourite book character**.

- Please bring entries to school on **Thursday 5th March**.
- The **top three entries from each year group** will go through to the **Webheath Grand Final**.
- One overall winner from each year group will receive a **book voucher** to spend on a book of their choice!

If your child needs inspiration, searching online for "*Book Character Spoon Designs*" may help. Teachers will also be exploring creative ideas with the children in school.



Dress Up as a Book Character Day

Books introduce us to unforgettable characters and inspiring real-life figures. To celebrate, children are invited to come to school dressed as a **character or person from a book or story they enjoy**.

We kindly encourage families to **reuse or recycle existing costumes and materials** where possible. This keeps costs down and supports our commitment to being environmentally friendly.

Bring Your Favourite Book

On World Book Day, each class will pair up with another class to share their favourite reads.

Please encourage your child to bring in their **favourite book** to share with others.

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day together and continuing to nurture a lifelong love of reading across our school community.

Thank you for your continued support — let's make it a wonderful celebration of books!



Book Fayre

Scholastic Book Fair Returns!


Following the success of last year, we are thrilled to announce the return of our annual **Scholastic Book Fair**.

Families will be able to purchase books at discounted prices after school, and during the school day each year group will have time to browse the fair.

Last year, thanks to your incredible support, the school received over **£970 in book credits** to replenish our library — thank you! We are so grateful for your continued support.

Location

The Book Fair will be held in **The Studio** (next to the school hall).

A one-way system will be in place, and we appreciate your patience if we need to manage numbers during busy times.  **£1 Book Token**

During the week beginning **23rd February**, your child will receive a **£1 book token**, redeemable against any purchase at the fair.

Payment Options

Payments can be made by:

- Cash
- QR code (card payment)
- Payment app (connection depending)

Please note: **Cash payments are the quickest way to reduce queue times.**

Book Fair Opening Times

- **Tuesday 3rd March:** 3:20 – 3:50pm
- **Wednesday 4th March:** 3:20 – 3:50pm
- **Thursday 5th March:** 3:20 – 3:50pm
- **Friday 6th March:** 3:20 – 3:50pm

Children attending **After School Club** will have the opportunity to visit the fair with staff.

[Year 1 Trip to Hartlebury Castle](#)

Year 1 enjoyed a day filled with curiosity and wonder. The children explored toys from different eras, experienced what it might have been like in a Victorian schoolroom, and even discovered hidden rooms along the way. Throughout the day, they conducted themselves beautifully and were excellent role models for the school.









Internet Safety Day



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February, Safer Internet Day focused on the theme *“Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.”*

The children took part in activities to help them understand how AI works, how to question what they see online, and how to make safe, responsible choices when using technology.

As digital tools become part of everyday life, it is vital that children learn to use them thoughtfully and safely. Parents can find helpful guidance and support here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

[Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Year 3 Forest School Session

As part of Y3's art unit, we enjoyed an afternoon at forest school. We were inspired by British Sculpturist Andy Goldsworthy to create our own sculptures out of natural materials.









Nursery & Reception - Chinese New Year

Nursery and Reception have been learning all about what happens during the celebrations for Chinese New Year. We created some beautiful pictures of blossom trees, made concertina dragons and modelled our own dragons from boxes. We then held a parade which was led by our dragon dancers, using the large dragons that we worked together to decorate. We had a fabulous time!







Children's Mental Health Week

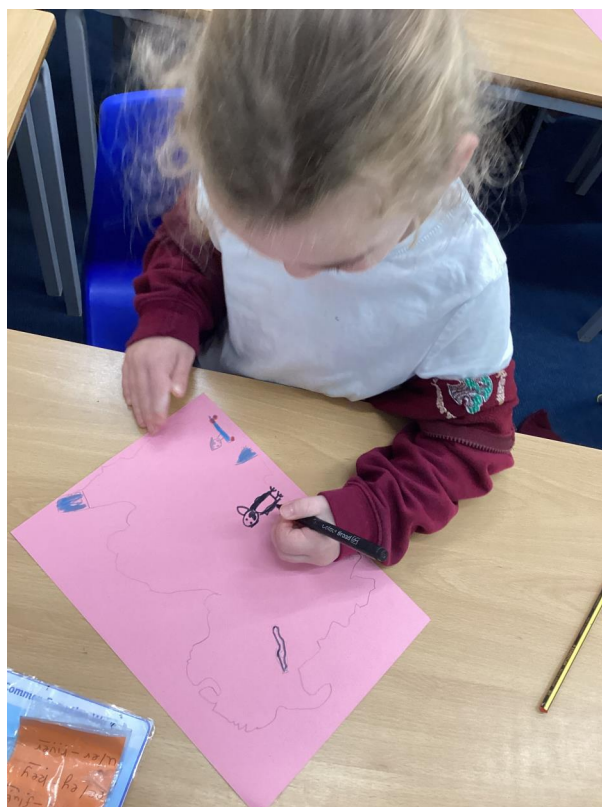
We were proud to take part in **Children's Mental Health Week**, beginning with a special whole-school assembly. This year's theme, *'This is my place'*, encouraged us all to reflect on the importance of belonging and feeling connected to the people, places and communities around us.

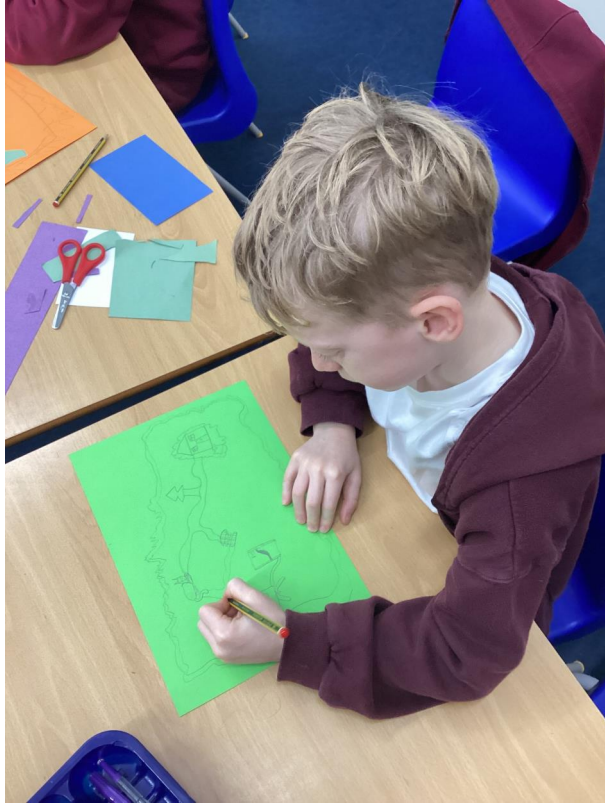
Throughout the week, classes explored what belonging means to them. In Year 2, children created thoughtful and imaginative "personal maps", identifying the places, groups, activities and even special memories that help them feel safe, valued and included.

All classes also enjoyed a wellbeing dance session with Miss Harris, our resident dance expert. The sessions were filled with energy, creativity and smiles — a wonderful reminder of how movement and self-expression can support positive mental health.

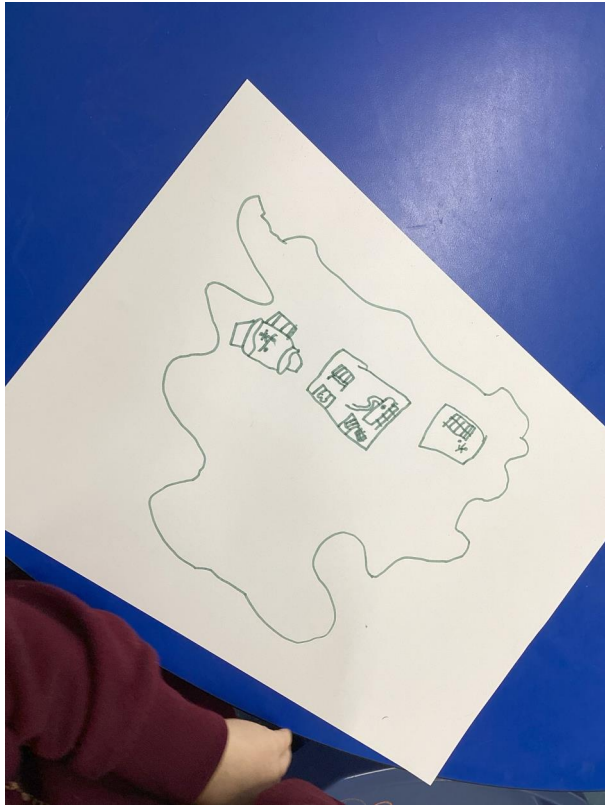
If you would like to find out more about supporting children's mental health at home, please visit:

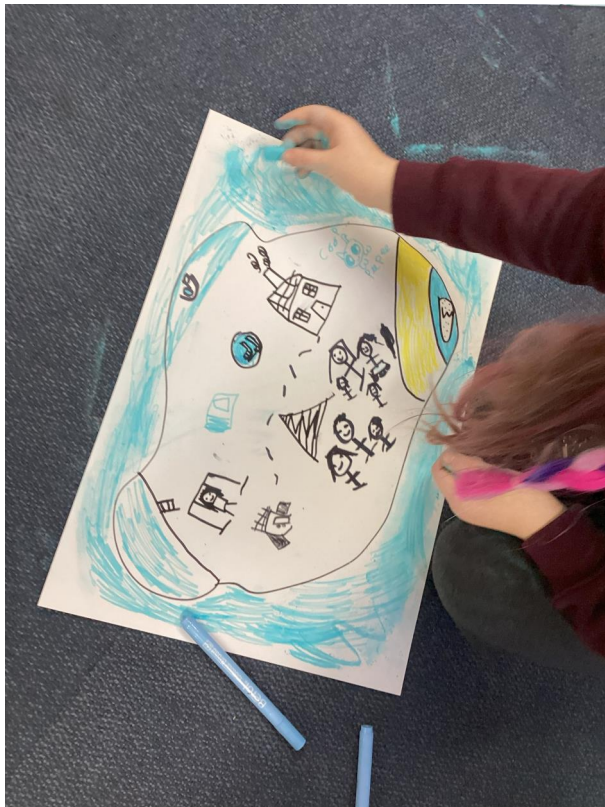
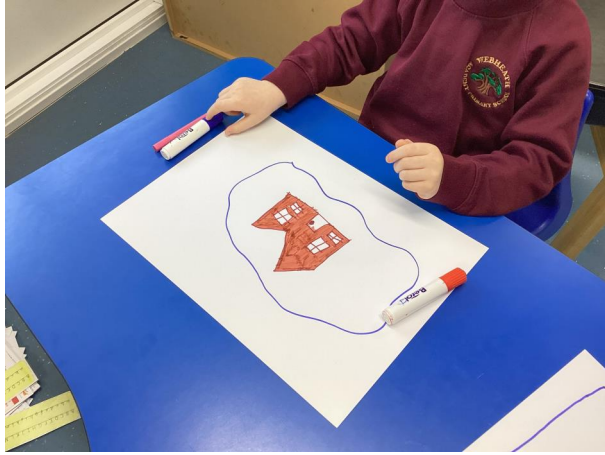
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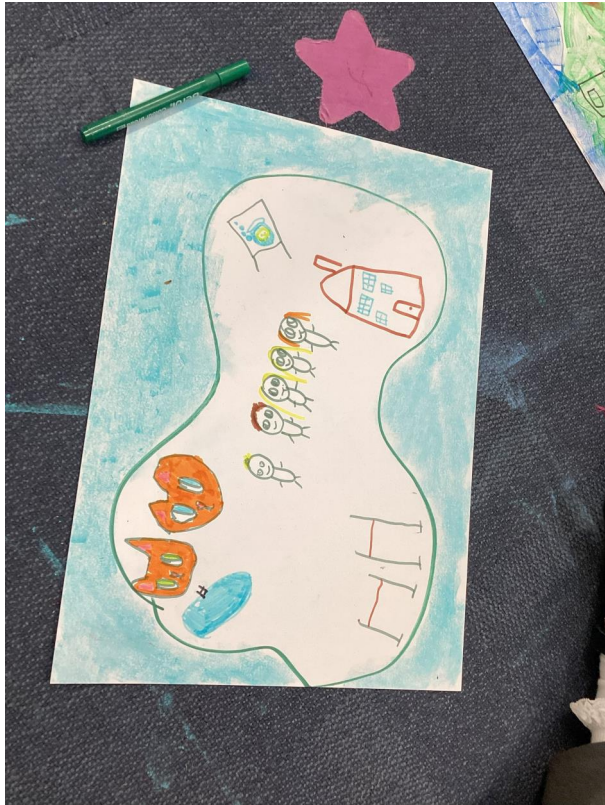


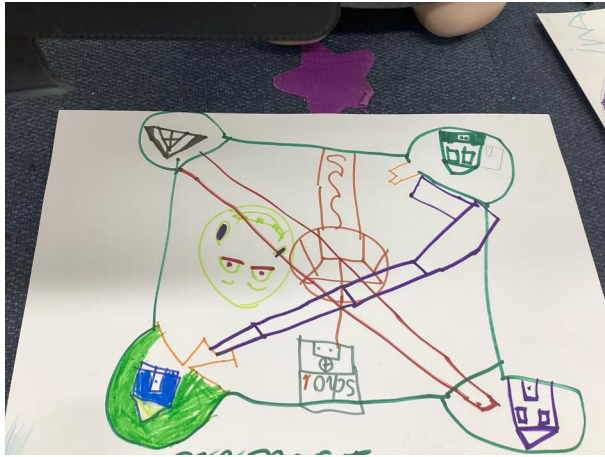
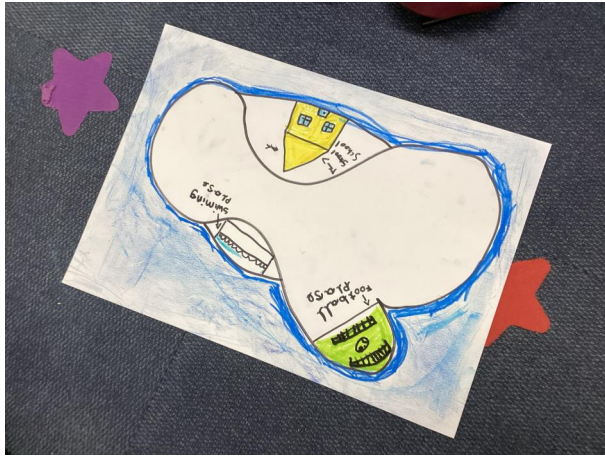














Fun Hair Day




Fun Hair Day


 at Webheath Academy Primary
 

Children must wear uniform but can wear their hair styled in a fun or creative way. We suggest colourful hair accessories, temporary hair colour or other fun hair accessories!
 Let your imagination go wild!

A huge thank you to our Webheath families for your amazing effort in making Fun Hair Day such a success! The creativity, colour, and time you put in truly made the day extra special for the children. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and such fantastic hairstyles on display, and a perfect way to celebrate our Zest Value day.

We're pleased to tell you that we raised a fantastic £375.23 on Fun Hair Day! We think it was a great success and had lots of positive feedback. Thank you for supporting us by donating and for helping create such fabulous hairstyles.











Zest Ambassadors



Congratulations to our Zest Ambassadors who were awarded on the last day of the half term. Chosen by their teachers and classmates because of their zest for learning and life, it was a pleasure to see these children awarded their badges and certificates in front of their loved ones.

💕 Love Is in the Air 💕 - Valentines in the School Kitchen

Our puddings in the kitchen on 13th February were very cute, and the children loved them! The heart-shaped biscuits and mini puddings brought lots of smiles and a little extra sweetness to the day.



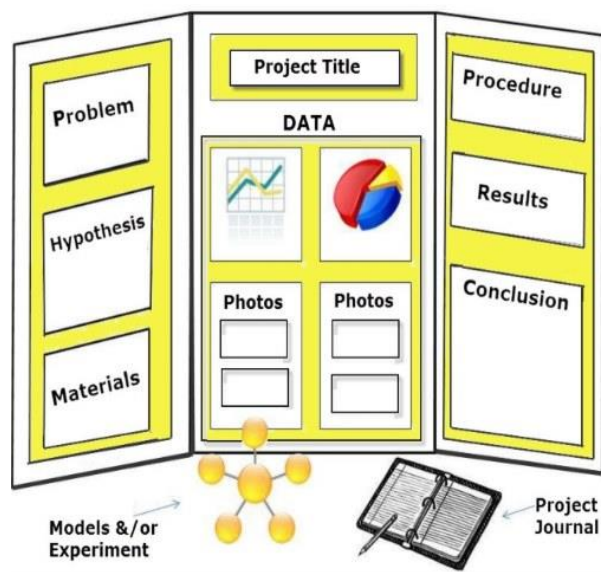
British Science Week

16th – 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year's theme is all about putting children and young people in the driver's seat and encouraging them to find answers to the most pressing questions they have about the world. Curiosity is at the heart of STEM, driving research and innovation, and anyone can get started this year by simply asking a question.

During British Science Week we are excited to be running a Science Project Fair in school. Your child has been invited to participate by doing their own science research at home and making a display board or large A3 poster of their findings. There are loads of STEM topics to be explored. Do you have a pet at home? Perhaps you're interested in animal behaviour. Or maybe you're curious about the world around you - what questions do you have about your local environment? Or would you like to know more about your favourite toy or snack. Whatever you are curious about start an investigation today! The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better!



When your child has carried out their research, they need to make a display board or poster to share their learning with others. This can be made from a large cardboard box, opened out, painted/covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape. It needs to have two or three panels of information (as shown). This display board should show the project title/question/problem, what your child has found out or investigated and include drawings or photos. All projects need to be brought to school by **Wednesday 18th March** for our School Science Fair.

Every child who enters will receive a certificate. The pupils will vote for their favourite and decide on the best projects in each Key Stage, there will be a prize for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come and find me.

Miss Pettit

Reminders



Monday 2nd March – Friday 27th March – Careers Month – further details to follow

Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th March – Book fayre

Thursday 5th March – Nursery Parents Maths Workshop 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day- dress as your favourite book character and decorate a 'book character' wooden spoon competition.

Friends Association





The Friends Association

Who we are and what we do:

<https://webheath.worcs.sch.uk/key-information/friends-of-webheath/>

Join our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245770362115411/>



Chocolate Non-Uniform Day & Tombola!

On **Friday 20th March**, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of chocolate. All chocolate donations (bars, boxes, bags - the more the merrier!) will be collected by Friends on the playground that morning.

Then the fun continues on **Friday 27th March from 3:15pm** with our **Chocolate Tombola!** Children will have the chance to win some of the delicious chocolate prizes.

 Tickets are 3 for £1 or 50p each.

Send in chocolate, come back to win some - and help support our school at the same time. We can't wait!



WEBHEATH FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION
**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Disco Tuesday 17th March
3:45 – 5:45pm
6-8 volunteers

 Chocolate Tombola Friday 27th March
3:00 – 4:00pm
10 volunteers



email: friendsofwebheath@gmail.com

The Friends Association Need Volunteers!

Disco Tuesday 17th March - 6-8 Volunteers

We need volunteers from just before the 4pm start until 5:45pm finish. Jobs include serving squash and biscuits, supervising the hall, entrance door and ramp.

Chocolate Tombola Friday 27th March – 10 volunteers

We need help setting up from approximately 3pm then on the tombola from 3:15 selling tickets, checking tickets for winners and helping pupils choose their prizes until 4pm.

If you think you could help with either of these events, please email friendsofwebheath@gmail.com Thank you!



Disco Announcement

The **Friends Association** are turning up the tunes and lighting up the dance floor at their **School Disco for ALL year groups** on **Tuesday 17th March** - and you're invited!

Tickets: £3 (Please pay via ParentPay)

Your ticket includes a **drink and a biscuit** to keep those dance moves going strong!

📅 Disco Session Times:

🌟 Reception & Years 1-2

🕒 4:00pm – 4:45pm

🌟 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

🕒 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Put on your dancing shoes, bring your biggest smiles, and get ready for an afternoon of music, fun games, and fantastic moves!

🚫 Please remember: **Mobile phones are not permitted** at the disco.

We can't wait to see everyone on the dance floor! 🎵🌟



Stikins - Order Name Labels - Earn Money for School!

Keep Uniform out of Lost Property – Label With Stikins!

We all know how quickly jumpers, cardigans and PE kits can end up in the lost property pile. The simplest way to make sure your child's belongings find their way back home is by clearly labelling everything - and **Stikins name labels** make it quick and easy.

Stikins labels are:

- ✓ Easy to apply - just stick onto the wash-care label
- ✓ No sewing or ironing needed
- ✓ Durable and long-lasting
- ✓ Suitable for clothing, shoes, bags and lunchboxes

Not only will labelling help prevent lost items (and save you replacing uniform!), but it also helps staff return belongings to children quickly and easily.

Support our School While You Shop

Don't forget - every time you buy Stikins labels, **Friends receive 30% commission** from your order, which directly benefits our school.

To make sure your purchase counts, simply click [ORDER HERE](#), quote our fundraising number **24663** and complete your purchase.

It's a simple way to keep track of uniform *and* support school fundraising at the same time. Thank you for your support!