



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end, the children have worked incredibly hard and are now ready for a well-earned rest!

Some highlights from this half term have been taking part in a National Storytelling Week event organised by Northumberland Libraries. The children enjoyed working with author Ian Douglas



We have also been enjoying relaxing yoga sessions on Friday afternoons . We have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week and thought about the things that have a positive impact upon our wellbeing. We have celebrated Safer Internet Day and explored ways in which we can stay safe online. We have also completed the first of our 'celebrate a religion' days and have been learning about the Islam festival of Ramadan.

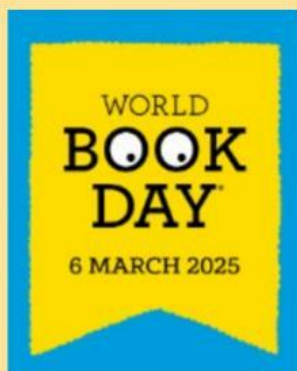


PTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Friends of Rothbury First School have organised a pancake breakfast on Tuesday 4th March. Come along for a flipping good breakfast!



WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day 2025

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025 with.....

The Bottle Book Character Competition.

Turn an ordinary plastic bottle into your favourite book character. One winner will be chosen from each year group to win a prize.



Book Character Cupcake Sale

Get making and baking cupcakes with a book character theme. Cake sale will take place after school.

Surprise guest readers

Any willing volunteers available on 6th March, please let us know.



PTA NEWS (A message from Lindsay Foggin)

Hello to all parents and carers!

This half term has been a bit quieter from the PTA, but we are starting back after the break with a bang and are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Pancake Day Breakfast on Tuesday 4th March from 08.15 in the school hall. Please come along to enjoy some delicious pancakes and raise much needed funds.

We are delighted to have been joined by two new committee members; Gemma Taylor and Hannah Coe. Thank you for volunteering and a warm welcome, we are looking forward to planning and delivering lots of fun events with you. If anybody is keen to join our group you would be very welcome, please do email us on rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com.

Thank you for all of the wonderful gift donations for the Mother's Day event planned for March. If anybody does have any more gifts suitable for Mother's Day, we would be very grateful for donations, there is a box in the school entrance.

Wishing you a happy half term.

Friends of Rothbury First School (PTA)

STAFFING

We have welcomed back Mrs Kular from her maternity leave and she is excited to announce the news of her next bundle of baby joy due to arrive into the world in July. We will keep you posted about plans to cover Mrs Kular's next maternity leave as soon as this is confirmed.

We are sadly losing Miss Campbell who is moving onto pastures new within education at Easter. We wish her all the best of luck in her new role. She has been a real asset to our school team.

We will be welcoming Miss Lightfoot who will be taking over as Early Years Teacher from Easter.

We have also appointed Ms Riding as our permanent wraparound supervisor in addition to Mrs Taylor who has also joined our wraparound team.

NEW ARRIVALS

We are very pleased to welcome Ari, Eliza and Geno to our nursery after the half term holidays.

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Date	Class	Event
4th March	All Classes	PTA Pancake Breakfast 8.15am in the school hall
5th March	Y3/4 group 2	Forest School starts
12th March	YR - Y4	Trident starts
6th March	All Classes	World Book Day Bottle Book Character Competition Cake Sale Guest Readers
19th March	Reception	Heights and weights
w/c 24th March	All Classes	PTA Mothers Day activity tbc
2nd April	All Classes	Parents Evening
7th April	YR - Y4	Alliance football at Ponteland Community Primary tbc
10th April	All Classes	PTA Easter Hunt after school - details to follow
11th April	Y3/4	Invasion games at Dr Ts
11th April	All Classes	School Closes for Easter Holiday

WINTER ILLNESS

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by winter illnesses, such as diarrhoea and vomiting and influenza. In order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are very unwell. In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

FOREST SCHOOL/PE

Y3/4 group 2 children will be starting Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the half term holiday. Please can the children have a pair of wellies to keep in school, and wear long trousers and a long-sleeved top on their Forest School days. Year 3/4 group 1 will have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon.

Y1/2 will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

N/R will now have PE on a Thursday and forest school on a Friday

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming this term. Swimming will begin again in the summer term for Y1/2.

TRIDENT

Trident will start again on Wednesday 12th March

WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday. A parental permission/contact form needs to be completed if you wish to use the service. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all messages will be picked up on Friday 28th February between 9-12am**

WINTER WEATHER:

Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES: If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3rd March at 8.45am.**

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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