



**Weekly Newsletter 4**  
**Spring Term**  
**Friday 31st January 2025**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are experiencing significant staff shortages at the moment due to the flu. Please bear with us. Our focus is to keep classes open and will keep parents/carers informed if we are unable to manage this.

**Friends Update**

There is a meeting on Monday at 9am on the upper site, do please come along and show support for our school. The children really enjoy the special events that the Friends organise but they need help. The cake raffle has returned today, so thank you for your support with this; the children are so excited to have this back!

**Governor update**

The governors met this week and discussed the budget and the school's progress towards our targets in the School Development plan. Governors have recently visited the school to see the Orchard, to discuss Health and Safety with Mr Cummings and they have joined in with staff meetings. Governors will be spending a day in school in the summer term.

**Sports update**

Thank you to Mr Wells and Mr Spackman who work hard to ensure that Three Bridges Primary school is the best attendee at sporting events. Our aim is that all children have the opportunity to represent the school at these events. There is a lot of organisation involved as I am sure you can appreciate.

**Bedtime experience**

Another great bedtime experience was arranged for the children in Reception this week. The Sleep Foundation recommends that children should have the following hours' sleep: **0-3 months:** 14-17 hours, including naps; **4-12 months:** 12-16 hours, including naps; **1-2 years:** 11-14 hours, including naps; **3-5 years:** 10-13 hours, including naps and **6-13 years:** 9-12 hours. Keep your child off devices in the evening and they will have a better chance of having a good night's sleep.

**Lost Property**

Please check lost property for any clothing your child has mislaid. There is a huge amount and we really need to get rid of the mountains of clothing around school.

**Parent/Carer forum**

I've booked Friday 14th February as our next Parent/Carer forum. Please do come along, I would like to hear from as many parents/carers as possible this time.

Have a great weekend everyone!  
Trudy Emberson  
Headteacher





# Celebrations!



## BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Huge** congratulations go to



**Lower Site - Apple Class**  
with a respectable **92%** attendance



**Upper Site - Sycamore Class**  
with an incredible **98%** attendance

for week beginning 20th January 2025  
Well done!

## BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

**Huge** congratulations go to



**Cedar & Sycamore Class**  
with an amazing  
**96%** attendance



Super job!!

## **Whole School Attendance**

Three Bridges Primary School

**93.06%**

Primary national average

**93.40%**



**Here Everyday Ready On Time!**



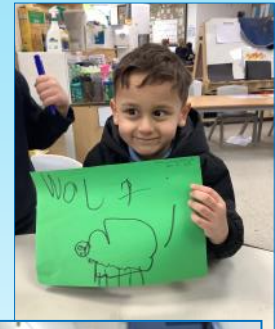
# Headteacher Awards



Well done to all of the following children who have earned a Headteacher Award this week!



- |         |          |            |
|---------|----------|------------|
| Mario   | Hadi     | Scarlett   |
| Aminata | Isabella | Alba       |
| Alex    | Elissa   | Arianna    |
| Lena    | Oliver   | Anais      |
| Teddy   | Sulaiman | Felipe     |
| Theana  | Reeva    | Layla-Skye |
| Alex    | Lilianna | Elias      |
| Ivy     |          | Zack       |
|         |          | Nelson     |



## CLASS DOJO

Well done to everyone for earning so many Dojo points this week!  
The classes with the most Dojo points for this week are:



- 1st - Juniper Class
- 2nd - Oak Class
- 3rd - Willow Class



## Mental Health Week - w/c 03/02/2025





Friends of Three Bridges Primary School

# Monthly Cake Raffle



**7th Feb 2025**

Our popular Cake Raffle is returning! On the first Friday of every month you will be able to buy tickets in the playgrounds for 50p each or buy online in advance at [pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthreebridges](http://pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthreebridges). The Raffle will be drawn in school.

If you are able to donate a cake please contact [friends@tbps.org.uk](mailto:friends@tbps.org.uk)

**Parentkind**  
Member Association



Thank you to the parents who generously offered their time to assist with reading sessions for Year 3.

It has been an absolute pleasure to witness the engagement and support from parents within our school community. The involvement of parents not only enriches the learning experience for our children but also fosters a sense of collaboration between home and school.

Your commitment is truly valued, and it is wonderful to see you actively participating in the educational journey of our children.

If you would like to continue or start helping out with reading sessions, please contact the school office to express your interest.

We would be delighted to welcome you once again or for the first time!



## World Book Day - 06/03/2025

WORLD BOOK DAY

### Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:



- **I wonder...**  
Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.
- **Bring the book to life...**  
Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!
- **That reminds me of...**  
Make personal connections.
- **What have you seen there?**  
Follow their interests.
- **That's made me feel...**  
Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.
- **Oo look at that!**  
Let them know what you have noticed.
- **Again, again...**  
Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website [here](#) for helpful videos and resources.



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day is a registered charity funded by publishers and booksellers in the UK & Ireland.

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# WORLD BOOK DAY®

6 MARCH 2025

# RESPECT CLASS OF THE WEEK

## Elm Class

Elm class have shown respect this week by...



Sitting in the STAR position.

Holding the door open for other children and adults.



Putting our hand up and waiting for our turn to share our ideas.

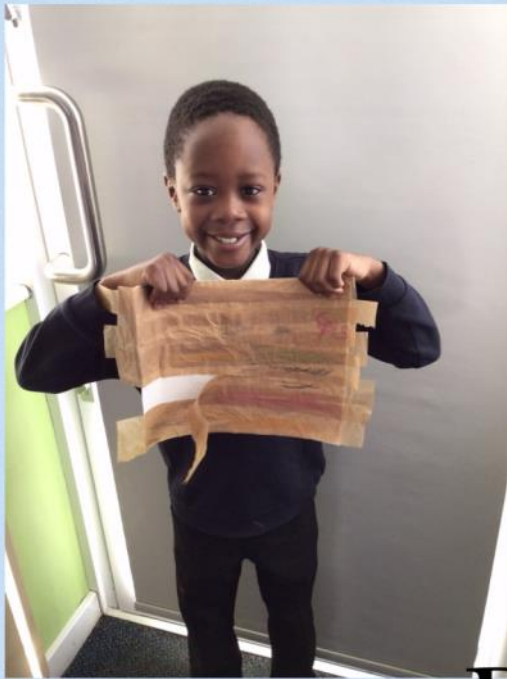


Keeping our classroom tidy.

PIC•COLLAGE

# RESPECT CLASS OF THE WEEK

## Willow Class



I was respectful  
when I shared my  
equipment



I was respectful when  
I worked with others.

# RESPECT





## Important Changes Free School Meals eligibility update



From 1 April 2025 the FSM eligibility check will revert back to the 'old' system. It will not affect those already in receipt of FSM but anyone who applies after 1 April 2025 will be regularly reviewed and their eligibility ended.

The details are below:

### **Update to free school meals guidance from 1 April 2025**

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end.

**Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected.**

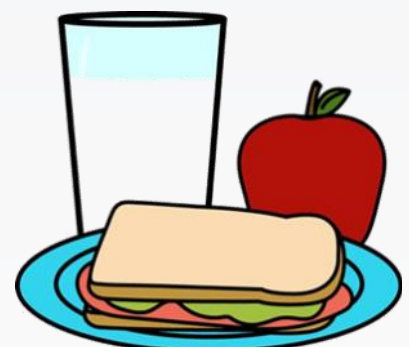
This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status. This will apply to all year 6 moving into year 7 in September 2025. These children will then be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.

**Please be reminded, that if you do not have a current claim or eligibility for FSM to apply for FSM between now and the end of March 2025 if you think your child may be eligible, this will ensure your claim and future funding are protected.**

**Only applications processed before 1 April 2025 will maintain transitional protection.**

Please click [here](#) to submit an application.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.







# Information



FEBRUARY  
HALF-TERM

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#### PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

**Book now** for a half-term full of fun!

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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS



DINOSAUR DETECTIVE

EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE

SPACE MISSION

NERF GAMES

ROCKETS & ALIENS

BUSHCRAFT DENS

BOOK NOW

## THREE BRIDGES PRIMARY SCHOOL (UPPER SITE)

MONDAY 17TH FEB

BUSHCRAFT:  
LIGHT MY FIRE

TUESDAY 18TH FEB

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN:  
MUMMIES, TREASURES & PHARAOHS

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB

SPACE MISSION:  
EXPLOSIONS, ROCKETS & ALIENS

THURSDAY 20TH FEB

NERF:  
MEGA GAMES DAY

FRIDAY 21ST FEB

DINOSAUR DETECTIVE:  
TROUBLE ON T-REX ISLAND

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SOCCER SCHOOLS

## HOLIDAY COURSE

FEBRUARY HALF TERM



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now for our upcoming Holiday Course by scanning the QR code or using the below website and course code.

[Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

Venue	Date	Course Code
Thomas Bennett Community College	18th - 19th February	SS-TBCC-X-43
Timings	Ages	Cost
09:30-15:00	5-12 Years	£48.00



## Dates for your diary

### February 2025

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 3rd	Friends meeting @ Upper site 9am. Year 3 and 4 Basketball K2 1.30-4pm. Young Voices at the O2! MTC parent workshop - 2pm
Fri 7th	Year 5/6 Girls football @ TBCC 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 10th	Sport Crew Training @ The Mill 1.30pm - 4pm.
Mon 10th - Fri 14th	Bikeability Year 6 - change of date! Termly Learning Conferences (EYFS)
Thurs 13th	Year 5/6 cricket @ K2 1- 4pm
Fri 14th	Parent/Carer forum @ 9am Upper Site

### HALF TERM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Mon 24th - Fri 28th	Termly Learning Conferences KS1 (lower site)
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### March 2025

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th	Termly Learning Conferences KS2 (upper site)
Mon 3rd	Friends meeting @ Upper site 9am. Silver Coin challenge this week!
Thurs 6th	WORLD BOOK DAY - more details to follow. Year 5/6 girls football @ Broadfield 3G pitch 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 10th	SEND parent/carers forum @ upper site 2-3pm
Thurs 13th	Year 3 and 4 Badminton Festival @ K2 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 17th	Year 4 Science Dome visit
Mon 24th	Year 3 and 4 Tennis @ Crawley Tennis Club 12.30pm - 4pm

### July 2025

Fri 4th	Sports Day
Fri 11th	Reserve Sports Day

### INSET Days 2024/2025:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025  
Friday 23rd May 2025.

# Brownings Farm Dates

Year 5	Sycamore	18th March	25th March	1st April
Year 5	Cedar	19th March	26th March	2nd April
Year 5	Cypress	20th March	27th March	3rd April

Year 1	Chestnut	29th April	6th May	13th May
Year 1	Juniper	30th April	7th May	14th May
Year 1	Silver Birch	1st May	8th May	15th May

Year 2	Elm	20th May	4th June	
Year 2	Holly	21st May	10th June	
Year 2	Pine	5th June	11th June	

Reception	Apple	17th June	24th June	1st July
Reception	Cherry	18th June	25th June	2nd July
Reception	Mulberry	19th June	26th June	3rd July



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