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# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are all keeping well. Some year groups have had significant absence recently due to covid cases and we are glad that many have finished isolating and are well again and back in school. We would like to thank families in those year groups for carrying out regular LFT testing which has helped identified asymptomatic cases. We would like to request that all families continue to regularly take LFT tests, so that cases can be identified as early as possible.

We are very excited about the new activity trim trail that is being installed in the playground. It is almost finished and once it passes the formal safety inspection, the children will be able to play on it! We have also purchased a traversing wall for the year 1 outside area and some climbing and balancing equipment for the Reception outside area—we look forward to showing you these soon.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Fraser—Headteacher



## Sickness

Just a reminder that if your child is sick **for any reason** please do not send them back to school until at least 48 hours after the last incidence of sickness or diarrhoea. This is in line with Public Health guidelines.

**Bike Rack**—unfortunately we do not yet have a daily caretaker who can lock the bike shed. Parents are welcome to put their own bike lock on their child's bike/scooter.



## Thank you from the Parents and friends of William Morris PTA

Thank you to all of the families who donated bags of used clothes and shoes for the recent Bags 2 School PTA fundraising initiative. As you can see, we had a mountain of bags and raised over £195 which will be used by the PTA to support and benefit all of the children at William Morris.

## Big Garden Birdwatch

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) are asking as many people as possible to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, an annual event to record the number of garden birds that land in gardens or local green spaces. This helps the RSPB create an accurate picture of how our feathered friends are getting on, as well as highlighting which species most need our help.

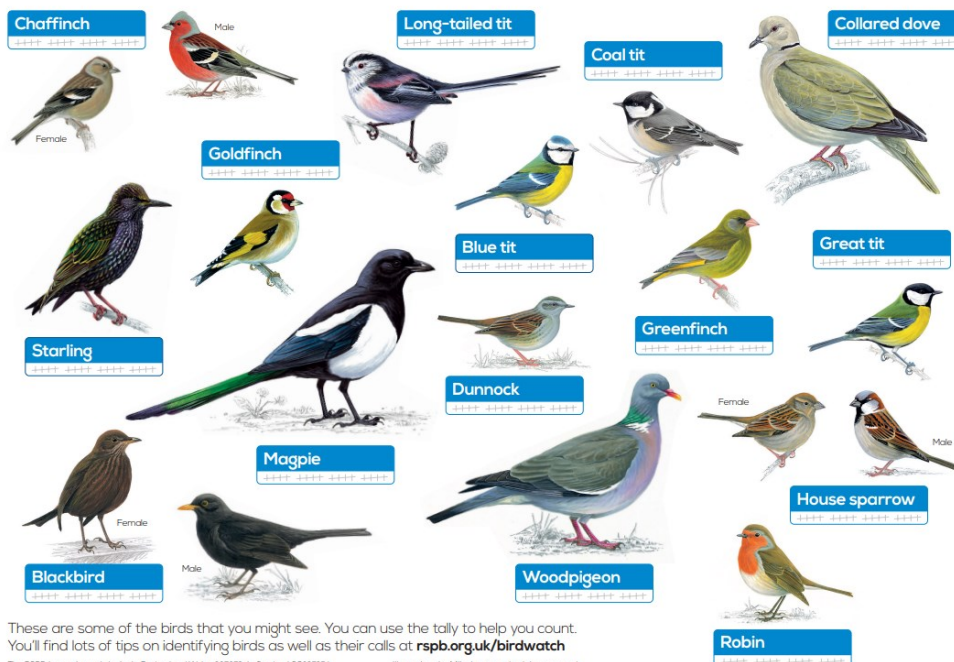


### How to take part:

- This is a fun activity for the whole family. Simply gather everyone together for an hour during the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch weekend and count the different birds that land in your chosen green space – this can be your garden, local park, or bird feeders on your balcony. .
- Submit your results by **15 February 2022** online at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch), and using the code **BH30**, to record what you saw— even if you saw nothing, it still counts.

There is a bird guide and handy check list on the RSPB website : <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

We have also attached the RSPB Guide to the newsletter if you would like to take part.



These are some of the birds that you might see. You can use the tally to help you count. You'll find lots of tips on identifying birds as well as their calls at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)  
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At William Morris Primary, we are very lucky to have a committed and enthusiastic Governing Body. School Governors have a varied and important role helping the school run effectively .

Their core functions are:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Asking questions & holding the headteacher and school leadership to account



Please see the first of a series of governor profiles below, we look forward to sharing more profiles with you in future William Morris newsletters.

## Governor Profile

### Matthew Milne

Co-Opted Governor, Vice Chair of Governors, Chair Elect for William Morris, Chair of the Finance Committee

I am new to the world of School Governance having been selected as a Governor when the Local Governing Body for William Morris & Badbury Park was formed in 2019. I responded to a call from Blue Kite Trust looking to recruit Governors with certain skill sets from within the community ahead of the two schools opening.



My background is in the Retail sector where I am currently a Finance Manager, with a focus on Financial Systems. As a qualified Chartered Management Accountant, I put myself forward to be part of the Finance Committee for the LGB. I find it extremely rewarding to use my skill set in supporting the schools, and for me it is fascinating seeing how finance works in the education sector. The complexity of balancing the income from the DfE vs having the right resources at the required time as the two schools grow.

I am married with 1 child who is now in reception at William Morris. In my spare time I will often be found in the garden, attempting DIY around the house, or spending time with my family. Covid permitting, we love to travel both within the UK and abroad.



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## Gold Book

Well done to all of the children who were in the Gold Book last week and this week — we are very proud of you and your achievements!

### YR

Oscar	Torben
Jaxson	Ava
Tommie	Mollie
Oscar	Tom
	William

### Y1

Brodie	Aoife
Faith	Kieran
Arabella	Starrh
Theo	Mason

### Y2

Matthew	Paul
Advit	Isabelle
Phoebe	Teddy
Sophia D	Sophia C

## Covid Update

The advice from Public Health England remains that if a child is unwell, they should stay at home until symptom free. Where individuals test negative for COVID-19, and they have had a fever, they should still wait until 24 hours post fever to go back into a setting. Persistent coughs and high temperatures should be treated as possible COVID-19 and trigger isolation and PCR testing. **Please do not send your child to school if unwell and book them in for a PCR test if they have any possible covid symptoms** (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell). To try and keep our school community safe, we strongly encourage all families to carry out regular LFT testing to identify any asymptomatic cases.

When returning from isolation, please can parents confirm when dropping off a child that they have had 2 negative LFT tests in line with Government guidance.

## Nursery—Poppy Class



## Daisy Class

We have been reading..

Owl  
Babies

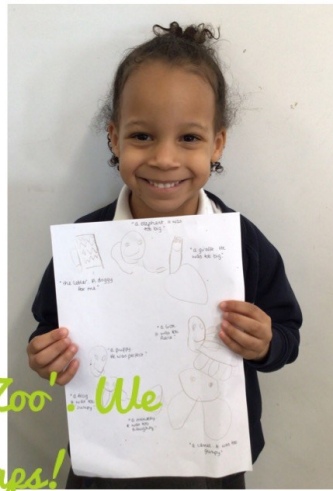
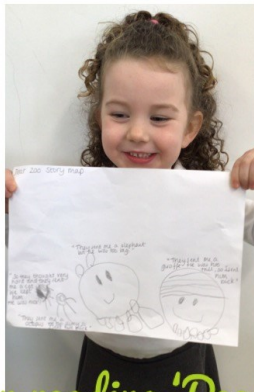
Dear  
Zoo



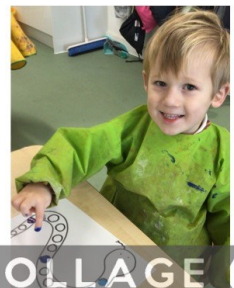
## Our Friday favourites...



## Nursery—Poppy Class



We have been reading 'Dear Zoo'. We created our own story maps!



Poppy Class  
Friday Favourites

## Reception

Well, what a crazy week! Sunflowers and Bellflowers have been great with all the changes that the last few weeks have brought us! We have continued to be busy learning both in school and those who have been poorly at home have also done some amazing work when they've felt better, we are very proud of you all.

We have continued diving into our topic 'Our big world' exploring different our world by looking into recycling and how we can help our world stay clean. We read the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley', which is all about a plastic bag that ends up in the sea! The children have come up with different ways on how we can stop plastic getting into the sea, for example recycling!

This week we have been exploring rhyming and creating our own rhyming strings as well as drawing our favourite animal and finding out where they live, what they eat and what they look like. In Maths we have been learning about pairs, finding pairs and now we are moving onto finding 2 groups that combine together.

### Reminders and upcoming events for Reception:

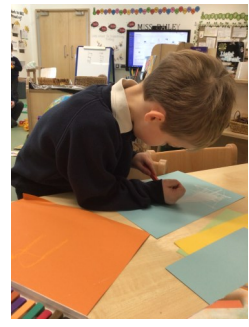
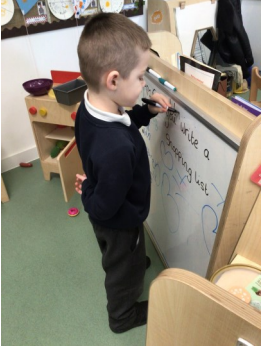
We have been busy mapping out the rest of our topic for the term and would be very grateful if parents and careers can support us with this.

- Reminder: At the end of the school day please ensure your child/children do not play on the equipment in the outdoor area.
- Each child to bring in **one** round pebble – please see photo. We are planning on painting our own minibeast on pebbles to add to our outdoor environment. Please bring in by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**.
- W/C 14<sup>th</sup> February is story telling week. In Reception we would like to invite your child to bring in **one** favourite story that they can share with a friend/class throughout this week. **Please ensure all books are named** so we can return them home at the end of the week.
- W/C 14<sup>th</sup> February we are exploring space as our final week. On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February** we will be launching our week with a '**Space Day**'. We would love it if your child could dress up in a space costume for the day to launch our space week in style.

### *Here are some space costume ideas!*



## Reception





## Year 1

Year 1 have had lots of fun with their 'Superhero' topic and have been learning about historical super heroes including Emily Davidson, Rosa Parks, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children have also been thinking about their personal super heroes and have been making a video about their heroes which we hope to share with you at a later date.

Have a lovely weekend! The Year 1 Team





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Year 1

## *Talk For Writing.....*



## Year 2

Do you know how to make a marvellous medicine? We do! We've been creating our own recipes and using bubble art to create our own marvellous mixture pictures. In PE we've been sending and receiving to practise our ball skills and we've made huge improvements since the start of the year. In class we have been learning about:

**English** – Over the last fortnight we've been learning a set of instructions to make Worm Pie – quiz us at home and see if we can tell you how! We've then innovated our own instructions and created our own recipes on how to make Beetle Biscuits, Snake Noodles, Flea Pie, Slug Smoothie, Stone Stew, Snail Slime Sandwiches and BBQ Bumble Bee Burgers amongst other disgusting dishes!

**Maths** – We have been looking at learning our 2, 5 and 10x table number facts. We have been thinking of different strategies we can use to learn these off by heart, as well as thinking carefully about what 2x10 actually means.

**Reading** – We have been practising summing texts up in 25 words or less. We've found this a real challenge but focussed on writing one sentence for the beginning, one for the middle and one for the end. When you're reading with us at home, can you ask us to sum up the book in three sentences?

We are looking forward to moving on to writing some fantastic poetry based on George's Marvellous Medicine.

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# School Diary

## January

18th YR weight & height  
20th Governing Body meeting  
Week 24th playground trim trail  
installation  
27th PTA Bags 2 school collection

## February

7th Feb Mental Health week  
8th Safer Internet Day  
14th Storytelling Week  
**14th YR space day**  
17th Y1 superhero day  
17th 2-3pm Open House  
18th Feb TD day  
21st—25th half term  
28th C back to school

## March

3rd World Book Day—dress up  
16th Science Day  
18th March—Red Nose day  
24th Governing Body meeting  
**25th Make a Noise**—info to follow

## April

1st Open House  
5th School photos  
8th Easter Egg Hunt  
8th break up for Easter

[New dates in red]

### TD INSET Days:

- **18th Feb 22**
- 4th July 22
- 25th July 22