

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025



# NEWSLETTER

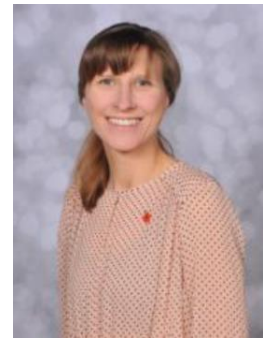
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## Message from the Principal

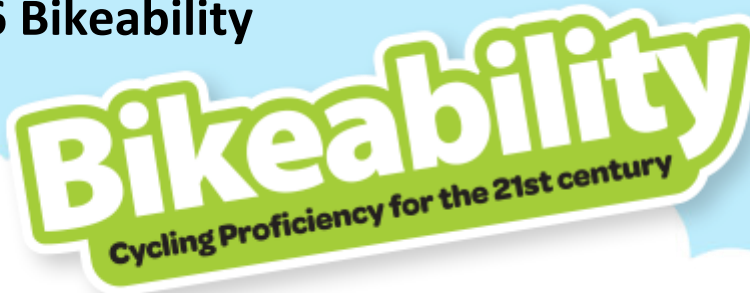
Welcome back! We hope you have all had a restful half term break. Our children returned full of energy this week and are all excited for the half term ahead. As we continue to see our Enrichment Program evolve, children look forward to upcoming trips, visits and visitors. Please keep up to date with our Key Dates list available on the newsletter.

Well done to all of our pupils for their effort and determination during the ongoing Spring Term assessments. One of our school values is **Motivation** and we have seen this and **Resilience** in abundance. We will be looking at the data carefully and adapting our curriculum to support the children's learning. Class teachers will be able to discuss this with you further during our next **Parents' Consultation evenings on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to book these via pupil asset next week.**



Miss Ellington

## Year 5 & 6 Bikeability



Bikeability is the Government's flagship cycling training programme and is designed to give young people the skills and confidence to ride on today's roads. Bikeability has been adopted as the chosen cycle training scheme by all but two local authorities in England.

This year we have extended our Bikeability training offer and in September Year 4 pupils took part for the very first time. This week two professional national standard cycling instructors (not volunteers) delivered the programme to our pupils in Years 5, 6. There was an emphasis this week on training under real road conditions (not just on our playgrounds). The government's aim is that no child should leave primary school without the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training and we want our enrichment program to meet this goal for our children.

This was the most popular session yet with all 30 spaces filled. Well done to all of our pupils that took part. The feedback from pupils, staff and the instructors was extremely positive and we look forward to more children completing the course next year.

<b>Key Dates for your diary</b>	<b>3-8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Year 5 & 6 Careers Week	<b>6.3.25</b> World Book Day Character Dress-up & Aspens Lunch	<b>7.3.25</b> FOSA Preloved Book Fayre	<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup></b> March Tempest Class Photos
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# FOSA Valentines Dress-up 2025

We all had a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Thank you to FOSA and all of our families for your continued support. It was smashing to see so much colour including pink and red in school in support our Valentines themed non uniform day!



## Attendance

Attendance so far in 2025 has been very mixed for many of our pupils, we do understand that we are now well into the winter bugs hitting our households. However, we would just like to remind parents of our guidelines surrounding absence:

- Please inform the office of any absence, via email [office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk) or telephone 01945 773220. Please do **NOT** use class Dojo as office staff cannot see these messages and you will still be contacted.
- Remember we can administer Calpol for minor aches and pains so if your child can come into school with the help of Calpol we will be able to top this up when safe to do so.
- We can only authorise 3 days of absence after this we will need proof of absence – either Dr's appointment card or prescription etc. if no proof is given further absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please can we also remind parents, the gates open at 8.35am and close at 8:45am and any pupils arriving after this time will be classed as late and will affect their attendance.



## Reading Subject Showcase

Thank you all for joining us today for our **Reading Curriculum Subject Showcase**. Once again, our children and staff really enjoyed the morning and the positive feedback is gratefully received.

We promote and nurture a love for reading here at Upwell. We are keen for parents and carers to volunteer to listen to our children read. If you are interested, please contact the office.



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"It was lovely to see so many adults join us today for the reading showcase."

"We investigated the features of fiction and non-fiction, look at comprehension questions and played a game of 'Fiction or Non-Fiction' at the end to test our knowledge."

"We enjoyed exploring Julia Donaldson's poem I Opened a Book during our session. We looked at the meanings behind different metaphors and explored new vocabulary."

"The children were eager to show off their fantastic phonics skills, looking at alternative spellings for the 'ea cup of tea' sound."

"We enjoyed building our fluency."

"I love using my storytelling voice!"

# World Book Day 2025




We're excited about our **World Book Day** celebrations on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We have a full themed day planned which motivates reading for pleasure with fun activities to share stories together in new and interactive ways.

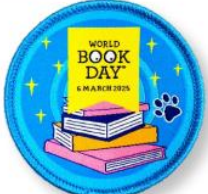


Children and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed as book characters. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up!

Explore [World Book Day's free audiobooks](#) provided with the support of publishers and our audio partner YOTO.



Invite children to complete the [Pawprint Family challenges](#). Reward them with an exclusive World Book Day badge\*.




Younger children will enjoy watching our [Share A Story Corner](#) videos at home. These easy-to-follow video stories include *Ruby's Worry*, by Tom Percival, *Dear Zoo*, by Rod Campbell, and *Elmer*, by David McKee. There are downloadable activity packs to accompany each story.



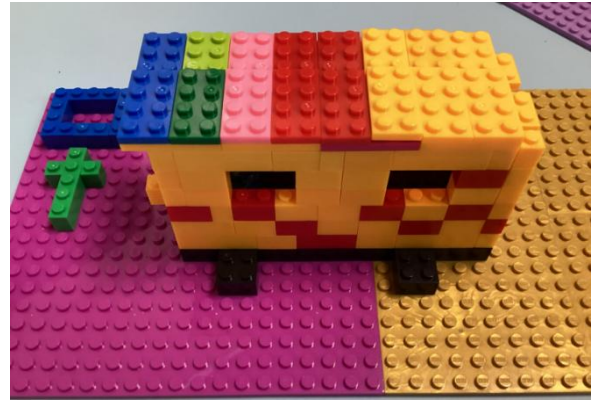
Caregivers can find our free book-club activities, book recommendations and much more at: [worldbookday.com/families](http://worldbookday.com/families)

# Kids with Bricks

The last week of half term the build, under the theme of Transport from Around the World, was cable cars.

The winners this week Year 4 pupils – Chloe and Amber! Great TEAMWORK!

Another smashing week for all of our builders. Please remember to vote for them on the kids with bricks website: <https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



## Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



WOW!



Summer (Y4)



WOW!

WOW!

## Learning Highlights of the Week

### Reception: Cygnet Class

We have had a wonderful first week back! We started our new topic of Growing and the classroom was transformed over the half term break into a florist and the children have been very excited to start planting sunflowers! As the weather warms up we plan to get out into the school's sensory garden and explore and draw the plants and spring flowers which have begun to grow.

### Year 1: Waterlily Class

A fabulous first week back for Year 1. They have all been working extremely hard on their presentation, even writing their own learning objectives down! They have shown great pride in their work which has been fantastic to see. In English we have started our topic of fairytales, and the children have had some great ideas about our own mystery of the missing gingerbread man! I am very excited to see if we can solve the mystery next week.

### Year 2: Otter Class

Otter Class have worked hard this week to finish off their non-chronological report about nocturnal animals. They are now in the process of writing out their final neat copies. In Maths this week, we have been learning about shape. Identifying 2D regular and irregular shapes and their properties. In History, we have started our new topic on the Tudors, the class showed brilliant prior knowledge of the Tudors and King Henry VIII. Next week, we are going to learn about King Henry VIII and his famous wives!



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#### Year 4: Dragonfly Class

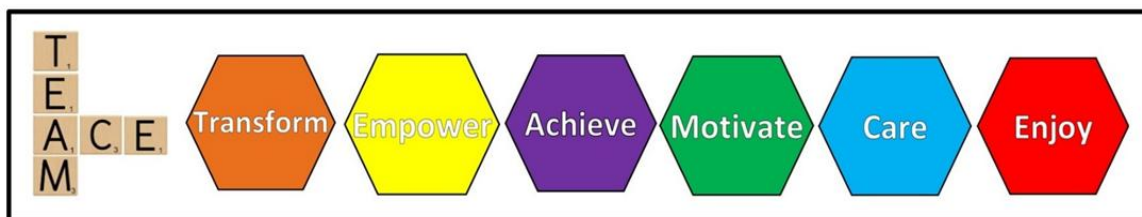
Dragonfly Class have enjoyed exploring persuasive writing in English this week. We have learned persuasive devices such as flattery, hyperboles, veiled threats and presumptions. We are looking forward to writing our own persuasive letters over the next few weeks.

#### Year 5: Willow Class

Willow Class have enjoyed learning about different genres of stories and creating their own short stories. In Maths we have been working on decimal places and the conversion of fractions to decimals. Incredible work by the whole class this week, I look forward to sharing with the school their short stories once finished.

#### Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class have enjoyed the beginning of our work on Harry Potter this week in English. Lots of discussion has been had about the beginning of The Philosopher's Stone specifically about vocabulary choices, what makes a good opening and different strategies for introducing characters. As expected, our history was a huge success as we started our work on World War II. Next week we look forward to continuing our art influenced by William Morris.



Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.

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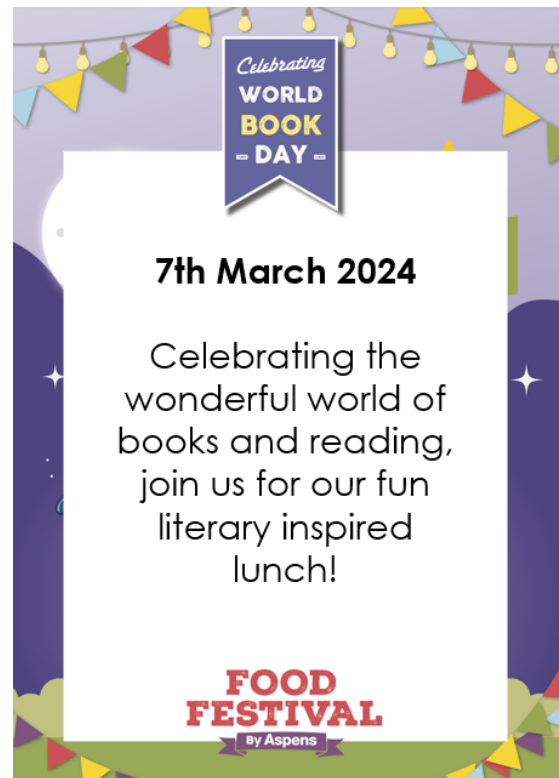
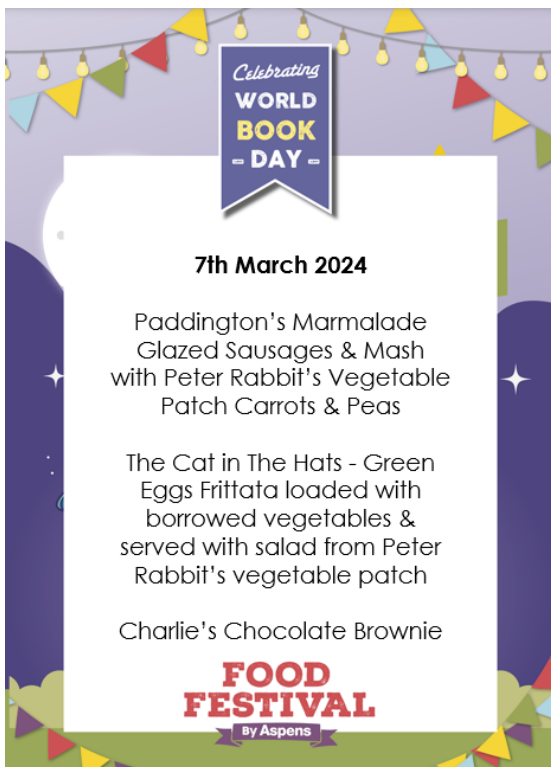
Spring Term 2025	
17th – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half-Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6 – workshops throughout the week
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
7 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSA Preloved Book Fayre
10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Tempest Class photos
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Crafty Cuppa – Y4 Parents invited 1:30-3pm
14 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	British Science Week – STEM Week
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief – wear a comic relief or red accessory
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)



25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King’s Lynn
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Crafty Cuppa – Y2 Parents invited 1:30-3pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSA Easter Disco & Colour Run raffle donations in
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 <sup>th</sup> April	FOSA Chocolate Tombola
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 <sup>th</sup> April –22nd April
<b>Summer Term</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Staff Inset
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Harry Potter Writing Day
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Crafty Cuppa – Y5 parents invited 1:30-3pm
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Aspens ‘Out of this World’ Special Lunch
16 <sup>th</sup> May	FOSA Colour Run & Rainbow Raffle!
21 <sup>st</sup> May	EYFS Crafty Cuppa – Reception Class parents invited 1:30-3pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Crafty Cuppa – Y6 parents invited 1:30-3pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Aspens ‘Dive into the Deep Blue’ Special Lunch
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Afterschool Leavers’ Event
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Week
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 <sup>th</sup> July 9am
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Aspens ‘The Big Picnic’ Special Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm



22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term ends



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It is a sharing app for local communities, on a mission to reduce waste. From food to furniture to clothing.

### ☀️ Share and receive items

- Grow together: Pass on outgrown clothes, toys, books, and more to other families
- Save money: Get free items that your children need, from other local parents
- Declutter: Free up space in your home by giving items a new life with another family

### 🍏 Give and get free food

- Collect free food that would otherwise go to landfill - perfect for feeding your family on a budget
- Don't let surplus food go to waste, share it with people in your neighbourhood instead!

### 🌍 Protect our planet

- Help reduce waste and your carbon footprint by reusing and sharing items and build a better future for our children

## How to get started?

### 1 Download the Olio app

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### 2 Create a profile

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### 3 Start sharing

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