

**World Book Day 2024**

What a wonderful week! The children and staff celebrated a fantastic World Book Day and they loved sharing stories and writing riddles. We are so pleased that so many children joined in with events by coming to school dressed in their pyjamas, bringing their favourite bedtime story to share, completing the reading challenge or sending us some wonderful photos of children reading in strange places!

The staff team surprised the children with a couple of events too! On Thursday morning, Mrs Daniels organised a story raid, with different staff members of staff dropping in to read stories and poetry to the children. There was such a lovely feeling in the school.



The children loved being read to by different adults and were full of enthusiasm, asking for more, more, MORE!

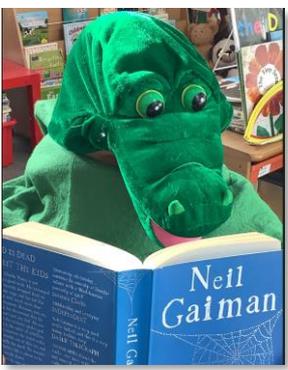
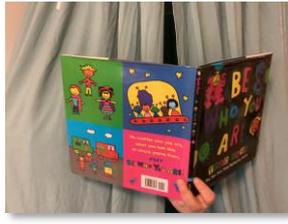
**Book Tokens**

On Thursday, each child was given a World Book Day Book Token, which you can use to pay for a £1 book. For more details, please see the original letter sent to parents on the 28th February which details the books available for each stage of reader.

Upcoming School Dates for Your Diary	
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Open classroom – Ash class parents
12 <sup>th</sup> March	NHS Shooting Star Performances Open classroom – Ash class parents
13 <sup>th</sup> March	NHS Vision & Hearing Screening for Reception
14 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Pamper Night
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Evening Appointments
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Evening Appointments
28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term



The staff team took part in a masked reader event for the children. Can you guess who are behind the masks?



Thank you for sending in photos for our **Reading in Strange Places** competition. The children have certainly been caught reading in some very unusual places! They have loved looking at our display and discussing the images! We will be selecting a winner next week.



The children have loved reading riddles and sharing their own.

Oaks made riddles where you could guess at any point but were out if you were wrong and got that many points if you guessed it on that clue. Oaks invite parents to have a go at our class riddle below!

*I am not the main character. (5 points)*  
*I once was told I have the emotional range of a teaspoon. (4 points)*  
*I have lots of brothers but only one sister. (3 points)*  
*I come from a poor background. (2 points)*  
*My hair makes me stand out. (1point)*

Who am I?

Ron Weasley

Here are some short riddles from Mrs Gosling:

*What has teeth but can't bite?*

A Comb

*I am easy to lift but hard to throw?*

A Feather

*What goes up but never comes down?*

Age

**A huge thank you to Mrs Daniels for organising our Book Day Events. We all had a wonderful day and had the opportunity to celebrate our love of books and reading together**

### Parent Evening Appointments

Thank you for booking your appointments for our upcoming parent consultation evenings via the school website. If you have not yet booked your appointment, there is still time. The booking system will close on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. If you experience any problems, please contact the school office

### Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is Red Nose Day. Children should come to school wearing something red – anything from a red hair band to red trousers. Please ensure that children only wear one red thing on the day. Thank you



### PTA News:

**Next Thursday March 14th 7-10pm:** Please come along to our Pamper and Shop evening. This is always a lovely social event, guaranteed to leave you with a spring in your step! It's a great way to support yourself, the school and many local businesses.

Thank you to those who have already booked a treatment - we look forward to seeing you on the night. Spaces are filling up quickly so please do have a look at what is available, and request your slot before it's too late!

For more information and to book please visit: <https://idehillschoolpamper.webador.co.uk/>



<b>Saplings</b>	<p><b>Remy</b> - You should be very proud of your magic maths this week! You have been a great help to others helping them to understand odd and even numbers.</p> <p><b>Casper</b> - Your World Book Day story was fantastic! It was a great idea to make your own book - thank you for sharing with us.</p>
<b>Elms</b>	<p><b>Poppy</b> - For the huge effort that you are putting into your writing. Keep it up!</p> <p><b>Alex</b> - For the huge effort you have made to learn all your sounds in phonics and for using them to help to work out unknown words.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p><b>Harriet</b> - For writing an excellent riddle using adjectives and conjunctions</p> <p><b>Aadi</b> - For super knowledge about different instruments in the orchestra and describing the music.</p>
<b>Willows</b>	<p><b>Mia</b> - For her interesting and thoughtful contributions to our RE learning.</p> <p><b>Ivy</b> - For her enthusiasm and positive attitude towards all her learning but especially in her work on division this week</p>
<b>Hazel</b>	<p><b>Abel</b> - For being brave and settling in so nicely into his new school. He has already become a valuable member of the class in such a short time.</p> <p><b>Treyon</b> - For coming into school with so much energy every day and for tackling all his work with a positive mindset.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p><b>Harvey</b> - For challenging himself and going beyond in all his learning areas this week.</p> <p><b>Keyan</b> - For his perseverance and positive attitude to all challenges this week.</p>
<b>Oaks</b>	<p><b>Lucas</b> - For his incredible efforts with his tricky arithmetic out of class</p> <p><b>Emma</b> - For her excellent blog writing in English</p>



**Attention!**

Have you called the advice line?  
0300 123 7004

Professionals from Children's Therapies are ready and waiting to help any practitioners and parents with:

- Suggestions of strategies that may support a child in your care/setting.
- Signposting to appropriate **free** workshops/websites.
- Guidance on whether to refer a child into our service.
- Advice on when to re-refer a child.

Available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.	
Speech and Language Therapy	10.00 am -12.30 pm and 13.30 pm -15.30 pm
Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy	9.30 am - 12.00 pm <b>or</b> 14.00 pm - 16.30 pm

Press option 1 to speak to the Admin Team – they will connect you to the Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist working on the Advice Line that day. ☺

**Please note this is a service for children who are not already being supported by the Children's Therapies Service.**

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**LOOK!**

Calling all practitioners and parents!

Did you know that there is a fabulous NHS website that you can visit full of helpful information created by professionals surrounding Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy?



The website is full of helpful workshops, links to useful sites and information covering:

**Speech and Language Therapy:** Communication Aids, Autism, Bilingualism, Cleft Lip and Palate, Early Language and Communication, Feeding/Swallowing, Hearing Impairment, School Aged Language, Selective Mutism, Speech Sounds, Stammering and Voice.

**Occupational Therapy:** Dressing and Undressing, How to help your child learn new skills and have fun, Meal times, Movement and Coordination Skills, Pre-writing and writing, Sensory processing and strategies.

**Physiotherapy:** Being active, Co-ordination and gross motor movement development, Hypermobility, movement and co-ordination skills.

You can also refer children via The Pod, with more information and useful supporting documents available.

 Give it a try, you might find something that can support your child!

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>

