



# News on the Nineteenth

WITH *God*  
ALL THINGS ARE  
*possible*

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope that you all had a healthy and happy Christmas. Thank you for the lovely cards, good wishes and gifts.

Hoping and praying for a wonderful 2024.



## HALF TERM

**19th - 23rd February**

## EASTER BREAK

**29th March - 12th April**

Children return on  
**Tuesday 16th April**

## DREAMS AND GOALS - SPRING 1



This half term, **Spring 1**, our Jigsaw unit is '**Dreams and Goals**'.

This unit will focus on goal setting, identifying success and achievements, identifying obstacles and overcoming them, learning styles, team skills and co-operation, perseverance, motivation and new challenges, our future dreams and having a positive attitude to succeed.

### Whole-School Weekly Celebration Targets

Dreams & Goals	Agent	Characteristics
Stay motivated when doing something challenging	Resilient	Power of Yet
Keep trying even when it is difficult	Resilient	Perseverance
Work well with a partner or in a group	Considerate	Collaboration
Have a positive attitude	Confident	Power of a positive attitude
Help other to achieve their goals	Considerate	Collaboration
Are working hard to achieve their own dreams and goals	Confident	Ambition

We are linking this to our school focus - developing independent writers.

In this unit, we deploy our agents. Find out more about this term's agents on the page 5.

## ARE YOU 'NUT AWARE'?

Did you know that 1 in 55 children are estimated to have a peanut allergy? (Food Standards Agency, 2016.).

For some, a reaction to exposure to nuts can be mild. For others, coming into contact with a nut can have serious consequences.

It is, therefore, vital that robust measures are in place to minimise the risk to any child with a nut allergy.



We have children in our settings with a nut allergy and some of them are likely to have a severe reaction, therefore, we aspire to be a '**nut free**' zone.

**Please do not send nut products into school for snacks or packed lunches.**

## YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT THE O2 ARENA

Our school choir attends the Young Voices Concert at the London O2 Arena tonight.

We're so excited to be going to perform there. Lots of our families will be there to enjoy the atmosphere. Good luck to the choir.



## ACT OF KINDNESS

Last weekend, two of our pupils decided to take part in a random act of kindness - litter picking around our school. Children really care about our community and for all that live there, including the animals, birds and insects that share it with us. Thank you.



Any child who cares about the environment can apply for a Blue Peter Green Badge. Just follow the link below:



Blue Peter Green Badge

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>

## Y3 AND Y4 HISTORY TRIPS TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM



As part of our history studies, Y3 went to see the Egyptian mummies at the British museum.

They were able to learn all about the Pharaohs who ruled Ancient Egypt and learnt about their beliefs of the after-life by seeing the sarcophaguses and mummies



On Tuesday 30th January, Y4 will also visit the British Museum to see the Greek pots.

They will be able to learn a lot about life in Ancient Greece by looking at the pictures on the pots and thinking about what the pots were used for.



Thank you to our PTA for paying for one of the coaches which meant we could organise these educational trips without cost to families.

## NEW SPORTS KITS

We are sharing a photo of our new sports kits: football kit, running kit and netball skorts/shorts were purchased partly using money raised from the sale of pre-loved uniform.

We also had a donation from one of our lovely families. Our teams will be looking smart as they try to win tournaments!



### CONTACT DETAILS

Have you had a new phone with a new number for Christmas?

Have you moved?

Please make sure that you have let the school know of any important changes in case we need to contact you in an emergency.



### PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that children are arriving at school punctually by **8:55 the latest**.

Learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom at 8:45

A late start is very difficult for children.

### READING CHALLENGE TERM

**Spring is our reading challenge term.**

For the children, the challenge is on... How many books can they read this term? How many authors can they try? Can they read equal amounts of non-fiction to fiction?

We are encouraging our children and their families to stretch themselves with a reading challenge over this Spring Term.

The aim is for *every child* to read daily, from a range of sources: books, newspapers, comics, adverts, magazines, myON, Epic! the internet etc.

Children in Y1-6 must keep a record of their reading. Children in Y2-6 can quiz on Accelerated Reader to develop their comprehension and improve their reading age. Teachers will be looking for children to reward by putting their name forward for a limited edition **Wormley Reader Bear** and other prizes.



**Don't forget to record reading together in the children's reading records as these are vital as evidence in assessing children's reading to see if they read widely and with commitment to a book.**

### WIN A BLUE PETER BADGE DURING READING CHALLENGE TERM



The exciting new Book badge, was designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

To earn your badge, share your thoughts on a favorite book, draw a character or scene and tell us about other books and writers that you love.

Simply, follow this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

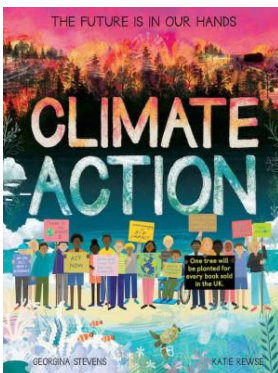
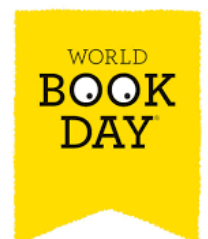
### WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 7th March**.

As World Book day falls within our Science Week, we will be having a different theme this year.

We would like the children to share a favourite **non-fiction** book with their peers. They can bring a book into school or borrow one from our school libraries.

Children are able to dress as scientists this science week.



## BUILDING VOCABULARY AND READING/WRITING FLUENCY

In Reception, your child has around 45 high frequency words to learn over the year - the aim is for them to be able to recognise these words and to be able to read them on sight. Children learn these words as part of their phonics learning and may also read these words in their reading books.

High frequency words are *common words* - words that appear very often in written texts. They are a mixture of **decodable words** (words that can be sounded out) and **tricky / exception words** (words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way, which means the words have to be learned and recognised by sight).

It is really important that children learn how to *read* these words as they will make up a large proportion of the words they will be reading in everyday texts.

They also need to learn to *spell* these words as they will find they will need to use them a great deal in their writing. (Research has shown that just 16 words, such as 'and', 'he', 'I' and 'in', but also the more phonetically-difficult 'the', 'to', 'you', 'said', 'are', 'she' and 'was', make up a quarter of the words in a piece of writing, whether it's for adults or children.)

	Decodable words	Tricky / exception words
Phase 2 phonics high frequency words	a, an, as, at, and, back, big, but, can, dad, had, get, got, him, his, if, in, is, it, mum, not, on, of, off, up	the, no, to, into, go, I
Phase 3 phonics high frequency words	down, for, look, now, see, that, them, this, then, too, will, with	all, are, be, he, her, me, my, she, they, was, we, you
Phase 4 phonics high frequency words	went, children, it's, just, from, help	come, do, have, like, little, one, out, said, so, some, there, were, what, when

In Years 1 and 2, the list is expanded and includes 'about', 'because', 'once', 'could', 'house', 'laugh', 'people', 'their', plus days of the week, months of the year and the child's own address and the school's address. By now children are expected to be able to read most of them and progress to writing some of them.

This table shows the kinds of high frequency words children will be learning to read and spell during Key Stage 1:

	Decodable words	Tricky words
Phase 5 high frequency words	don't, day, old, made, I'm, came, by, make, time, here, saw, house, very, about, your	Oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, looked, called, asked, could

How can you help your child?    Help them learn.    Make it fun and don't overdo it.

For example, why not try:

- **Flashcards** - but don't use drawings alongside or your child may simply stick to looking at the drawing, not the letters
- Cut out **high frequency word lists** and stick them in a prominent place (the fridge, the back of their cereal packet, etc.), so your child has a visible reminder while they're learning them
- **Memory games** - place flashcards downwards for a game of pairs.
- **Make sure your child sees you reading.** You are their best role model.



## OUR VALUE THIS MONTH IS RESPONSIBILITY



We will be considering our responsibility for ourselves, for others and particularly for our planet.

We are called to be responsible stewards of God's creation: In Genesis 1:27 - God said to human beings, 'Fill the earth with people and look after it. Care for all that I have made'. And Jesus commanded his followers to 'care for one another, as I have cared for you' John 13: 34.

Responsibility is one of our core values: Have **Faith**, show **Respect**, take **Responsibility** and **Achieve**.

### SCHOOL DISCO Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Tickets are now on sale on Arbor

**Reception:** 2pm - 3.15pm. Tickets £3

**Years 1-3:** 3.30pm - 4.45pm. Tickets £5

**Years 4-6:** 5:00pm - 6.15pm. Tickets £5

Tickets include a drink, packet of crisps and a glow stick



Come along for a boogie!

### AGENT CONSIDERATE - THE POWER OF WONDER



**Agent Considerate** - the power of thoughtfulness Agent Considerate is very **thoughtful** and thinks deeply. This agent enjoys **collaborating** with others and shows **courtesy** towards others' ideas, opinions and beliefs. Agent Considerate has **empathy** for people, shows **compassion** and can **forgive** them when things go wrong. Agent Considerate is a good **listener** and tries hard to be **friendly** and **inclusive** of everyone which makes for a very popular agent.

### AGENT RESILIENT - THE POWER OF YET

Agent Resilient demonstrates **perseverance** when taking on new challenges and uses **grit** to overcome obstacles. This agent has incredible **bouncebackability** and **optimism**, even when stuck in the **learning pit**. Agent Resilient knows that the **power of yet** helps us to be resilient along the learning journey. When tackling something difficult, Agent Resilient shows **bravery**, **determination** and **commitment** in achieving their goal.



### AGENT CONFIDENT - THE POWER OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Having **faith** in their own capability, their knowledge and **understanding** is a key aspect of Agent Confident. This agent is gaining **wisdom** whilst embarking on a learning journey. Agent Confident has the **ambition** to achieve their goals and realise their potential. On their journey they show **humility** to ask for help if needed and feel **empowered** to maintain their vision. Deploying Agent Confident leads to improved **self-efficacy** which is a learner's belief that they can succeed.

Check out the website to see the videos about our Agents

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 4th - 8th March

We are currently planning for our **Science Week**.

The theme is **ANIMALS, LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS**.

We will be inviting Safari Pete into school who will be bringing a range of interesting animals and reptiles

Our older children will be visiting the Natural History Museum to learn more about evolution and inheritance.

**Charles Darwin** will be the scientist of the week.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN 2024

### KEY STAGE 1:

The Y1 Phonic Screening will take place in the week commencing **3rd June**

### KEY STAGE 2:

The Y4 multiplication tables check will take place in the 3 weeks commencing **3rd June**

The KS2 SATS is timetabled from **13th - 16th May**

## ROCKSTEADY

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>



## FOREST SCHOOL EDUCATION

The positive impacts of Forest School on children include confidence, social skills, language and communication, motivation and concentration, physical skills and knowledge and understanding of our world.

We have a new Forest School Leader who has joined our school. Her name is Melissa and her company is **Twiggles Explorers**. She is teaching Y1 and Y2.



Melissa hopes to run an after-school club soon and possible holiday clubs.

## OUTDOOR PLAY

The weather has started to get very cold again recently and since all of the children in school concentrate extremely hard in lessons, at break times they will go outside to play, except in very bad weather.

Please ensure that your child has a warm **coat or waterproof jacket**, clearly labelled, in school each day.

Unless it is pouring with rain, PE and games may well be outside - children must have the appropriate clothing for this also.

Children in YN and YR spend 50% of their time outside so would benefit from hats, gloves and wellies in school each day please.



## TT ROCKSTARS

Please support your children to keep up with multiplication tables practice using

**TT Rockstars.**

## HEALTHY EATING

### Food Scanner App (Public Health England)

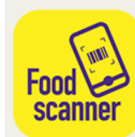
We are trying hard to encourage healthy eating including eating vegetables and fruit at lunchtime. It is quite hard work!

However, it is very important to establish healthy eating habits from a very young age.

You could help by downloading the Food Scanner app.

The NHS Food Scanner app brings food labels to life and helps families make healthier choices. Simply scan the barcode to see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink then choose one of the healthier swap suggestions. The app is part of a healthy eating campaign and the 'scan, swipe, swap' take-home pack has plenty of resources to help encourage children to build healthier habits for life.

Find the resources here: <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/healthy-eating/overview>



Download the free NHS Food Scanner app

We also need your help teaching children to cut their food with a knife and fork please.

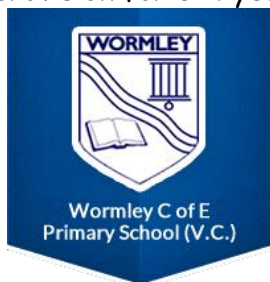
### WORMLEY PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN MORNING

If families are looking for a place in preschool or nursery for their 2 and 3 year olds, come along to our

**Open Morning**

on **Saturday 10th February, 10am-12pm.**

This is an opportunity to take a look around, meet the team and to ask about provision (including 30 hours provision for 3-4 year olds?)



### BAG2SCHOOL

Do you have any

- ✓ unwanted clothing
- ✓ paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Hats
- ✓ Bags
- ✓ Scarves and ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Belts
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen
- ✓ Household curtains
- ✓ Household towels
- ✓ Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



If so, please bring into school on **Monday 22nd January**. This will help us to raise funds.

### FREE BREAKFAST AT WORMLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE



Just a reminder that Wormley Community Centre offer a free breakfast at the community centre every week day morning.

### LEARNING CONSULTATIONS

This terms dates are below:  
**Tuesday 27th February**  
and  
**Thursday 29th February**  
Appointments can be booked via Arbor from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

### SUPER STAR SPORTS CAMP 2024

We are so excited to announce our fantastic upcoming February Half-Term Camp which will be held at a local school in Cheshunt!

Our Camps are designed to provide an engaging and memorable half term experience for children, filled with enjoyable sporting activities, games, and learning opportunities.

Please see the flyer and booking links. Our flyers will include essential details such as camp dates, location, times and SO MUCH MORE!

Booking link for full day (Year 1 - 6 children):

- <https://superstarsportuk.classforkids.io/camp/344>

Booking link for half day (Reception children):

- <https://superstarsportuk.classforkids.io/camp/345>



### SHOE AID

Shoe Aid Stepping Up Charity can provide shoes and boots for children and adults who are unable to afford new ones.

You can follow the link below:

<https://www.shoeaid.co.uk/>

to find out more.

### A WISH FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 2024

Wishing you all a year of hope, community, love and kindness.

Our God is a 'with us' God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start.