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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week at school! The sun has shone every day (until today!), and we have enjoyed lots of exciting learning and fun.

World Book Day Visit

The children were thrilled to welcome author and illustrator Liz Million to school as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Liz led a series of engaging workshops where she shared her passion for storytelling and illustration.

During the sessions, the children learned how characters are created and had the exciting opportunity to design their own illustrations. With Liz's guidance, they experimented with different drawing techniques and brought their ideas to life on paper.

It was a fantastic experience that inspired creativity and a love of books across the school. We would like to thank Liz for such an enjoyable and inspiring visit to help us celebrate World Book Day.

Book Fair

Next week we will be holding a Book Fair in school. The fair will arrive on **Wednesday 11th March** and will be open to parents, carers and children **after school from Thursday 12th March**. We look forward to seeing lots of families there.

Duckling Eggs

The children have also been very excited to see that the duck eggs have arrived! We had a delivery of five duck eggs, and the children have been visiting the incubator throughout the week. Each class has had the chance to visit, and everyone is keen to see how many hatches over the weekend. We will keep you posted!

Football

Our KS2 mixed football team competed brilliantly this week. They represented the school very well and we are proud of their effort and teamwork.

OPAL Play

We continue to embrace our OPAL play journey and are making great progress in developing and sustaining play opportunities for the children. We are also carrying out regular pupil surveys to gather their ideas and feedback.

To support our provision, we would be grateful for donations of any of the following items:

- Gym balls
- Weighted blankets
- Carpets or rugs
- Wheelbarrows
- Old suitcases

Thank you for your support.

Lent

As we move through Lent, the children will be taking part in a range of Lenten crafts and reflective activities in school. We will also be inviting parents and carers into school to take part in some of our Lent activities. Further details will follow.

Attendance

Good attendance makes a real difference to a child's experience and success at school. When pupils are in school every day, they build positive routines, develop friendships and take part fully in learning and school life. Missing even a small amount of time can make it harder for children to keep up and feel confident in their learning. We ask all families to support their child by making attendance and punctuality a priority so that every pupil has the best possible opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Overall, School Attendance 93.8%

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| Year N | 99.5% |
| Year R | 89.6% |
| Year Y1 | 98.2% |
| Year Y2 | 95.8% |
| Year Y3 | 96.6% |
| Year Y4 | 94.0% |
| Year Y5 | 94.3% |
| Year Y6 | 94.1% |

Key Dates Coming Up

- **Tuesday 11th March** – Book Fair arrives in school
 - **From Thursday 12th March** – Book Fair open after school
 - **Wednesday 18th March** – Parents’ Evening bookings now live via Arbor
 - **Friday 20th March** – Non-uniform day (chocolate donations for the Easter raffle)
 - **Monday 23rd March** – Easter Disco (Early Years and KS1)
 - **Tuesday 24th March** – Easter Disco (KS2) 3:20–4:15pm
 - **Wednesday 25th March** – Parents’ Evening bookings now live via Arbor
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- **Week beginning 30th March** – Easter Raffle draw
 - **Monday 30th March** – Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition entries brought into school
 - **Wednesday 1st April** – Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition winners announced

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Yeoman