

Monday 3rd March 2025

Our half term Core Value is Perseverance



Welcome Back to the New Term!

I hope you all enjoyed some quality family time and relaxation over the half-term break.

This week, we launched our new value of Perseverance. We explored the meaning of perseverance and drew inspiration from nature, using the example of how an acorn transforms into a mighty oak tree. We learnt that the latest Mars Rover is named Perseverance, a name reflecting its ability to overcome the challenges of the Martian surface, serving as a perfect example of our new value! March 1st marks the start of meteorological spring, St David's Day and is also the first anniversary of our partnership with the Bath and Wells Trust Schools.

We are delighted in how quickly the Acorn Class outdoor area has been constructed and children have already been enjoying the benefits of learning outside adjacent to the classroom. More work is due to be completed at Easter and we are looking to develop the shelter adjacent to the old school building into an area suited to the older children in Oak Class.

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Monday 17th March - Easter Garden/Bonnet competition launch

Tuesday 1st April - Awards Assembly 2.30 pm

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Information on upcoming events this week and next

Cross Country Team

On **Monday 3rd**, our cross-country team will proudly wear their new team bibs, made possible by the fundraising efforts of Norton teacher Miss Brown last year.

Coffee Catch-Up

Join us **Tuesday March 4th** after school (with the option to drop in at **3.00pm** or **4.00pm** to coincide with end of day and the end of club). This is a great opportunity to connect with Mrs Jaggard, Mrs Brimble and myself, with a focus on Emotional Literacy Support and Wellbeing.

World Book Day

Thursday March 6th is World Book Day where children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Please remember to submit children's entries for the **book cover competition** by **Wednesday March 5th**.

Have a great week - let's make this term a wonderful one!

Mr Caswell

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This week I am signposting to BBC bitesize which has a parents' toolkit section with loads of useful tips and FREE resources on a wide range of topics. Here is just one as an example.



[Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

Happy Family Eating...a fun guide for parents to take control of mealtimes, snacks and 'fussy eating'

Research shows food can have an impact on our child's mood, their sleep and concentration, as well as their weight and overall health. As a parent, there are some simple ways you can encourage healthy eating habits in your children, to make eating together more fun, and help everyone to feel good, without needing to spend lots of money.

BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit has put together a series of articles and activities you can try with your kids at home. You can find links to these below.

We've tried these resources out with a group of families and their responses and feedback are included in these articles. One of the participants, mum Priya, says: "Having the tools and different activities, helped us to [find] fun ways to introduce healthy eating, and also build healthy habits, and lead happy lives!"

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