



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## Pancake Race



We were delighted to still have the annual pancake race in the village on Monday, despite Shrove Tuesday falling in half term. The weather was on our side and it was so lovely to see so many people coming out to support and watch us. Thank you to everyone.

Our winners for this year were Charlie H, Thea, Eva, Iga, Ben, Hugo, Ethan, Orla, Alice, Oscar M, Frankie and Gia.

Well done to you all!

## PTA News

Friday 8th March AM Mother's Day / special person Pop up shop

Friday 22nd March PM Easter Bonnet Parade and afternoon cakes (Weather permitting)

Friday 14th June AM Father's Day / special person pop up shop



**Valentines Disco:** Thank you again for anyone who was able to help in any capacity to allow this event to happen today for the children. We hope everyone had a great time!

**Friday 8th March:** Mothers Day / Special person Pop up shop

A very special annual event where the children 'go shopping' at a little stall for them within the school hall (teachers chaperone each class) to choose a gift for their Mummy or some one special in their life. Requested donation of £2 to be sent in with the children on the day please.

**Friday 22nd March: Easter Bonnet Parade and Letter Hunt around the field**

More details closer to the time however we are hoping our community will join in donating some home made cakes.

**Our learning behaviour this half term is....**

### **Curiosity!**

The children have been thinking about how to be curious and getting their minds to think in a curious way. In next week's assembly we will be looking at a variety of optical illusions which are trying to play tricks on our minds and therefore they we have to be curious about the images we are seeing. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be thinking about how being curious can help us in our learning and even add excitement to the learning.

## World Down Syndrome Day

The 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Every year on March 21st, World Down Syndrome Day is observed to create awareness about Down syndrome.

We would like to invite all of the children to join us on March 21st in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by wearing their funkiest socks to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome - each one valuable, and one-of-a-kind!

**21ST MARCH**

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BOLDEST,  
OR FUNKIEST  
SOCKS FOR  
WORLD  
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## World Thinking Day

February the 22nd is World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day remains one of the most important dates in the guiding and scouting calendar, and every year the theme of the event encourages members to think about the big issues affecting them and their global community.

Previous World Thinking Days have tackled the subjects of poverty, gender inequality, environmental sustainability and access to education.

We were delighted to see so many of our children (and staff) who are members of Girlguiding or Scouting wear their uniforms to school yesterday.



## Music Lessons

We would like to thank the Tipper family for their continued generosity in paying for our specialist music lessons delivered by Entrust. Over the course of their time at school our children each get the opportunity to learn different musical skills. In Year 2 the children learn to play the recorder, in Year 1 they learn to play the chime bars and in Reception the children get the opportunity to play and experiment with a range of different musical instruments.

## Book Tokens

Children will be bringing home a World Book Day £1.00 book token in their bookbags today. The book token can be used to buy one of the special £1.00 books or in part payment for another book. There are books suitable for all ages and are stocked at Spaldings bookshop in the village or Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones and WHSmith. We would love the children to bring their chosen book to school on World book day. Please ensure the book is clearly named.

## Recommended Reads



Our recommendation this week is from Mrs Marshall. The book is *Alfie Gets in First* by Shirley Hughes.

I like this book because of the beautiful illustrations. It is a lovely story about a little boy who is resilient and gets himself out of a tricky situation.

You can listen to the book being read at <https://youtu.be/F9mrQfU44H4>



# WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2024

## TOILET ROLL BOOK CHARACTER



### Your challenge across JTMAT:

- Make a toilet roll into your favourite book character.
- Use any size cardboard roll eg. toilet roll, kitchen roll or wrapping paper tube.
- Keep the roll in its original shape whilst you make your character – that's your challenge!
- Use felt pens, crayons, paint, collage, paper and glue to help create your book character.
- Bring your completed entry to school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, all entries must be in school on the morning of World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March
- The winners will be announced on World Book Day.
- Winning entries from each school will be entered into the JTMAT wide competition.



## Dates for your Diary

*Lunch menu from Monday 26th February will be Week 1 Revised Menu*

**Wed 6 March** - Parent consultations

**Thu 7 March** - World Book Day

**Wed 13 March** - Parent consultations

**Thu 14th March** - Parent consultations

**Mon 18th March**—Y1 Music performance to parents 1SB at 1.30pm & 1L at 2.10pm

**Thur 21 March**—World Down' Syndrome Day  
(wear your funkiest socks)

**Thu 21 March** - Easter assembly in church 2pm

**Fri 22 March** - Last day of term

**Mon 8th April** - Back to school new term starts

**Mon 6th May** - Bank holiday

**Fri 10 May** - Country dancing and whole school singing to parents 2.30pm

**Thurs 23 May** - 1SB parents invited to forest school 1.30pm

**Fri 24 May** - Inset Day school closed to pupils

**Mon 27 May - Fri 31st May** - Half term  
(school closed)

**Tues 4th June** - 2MS parents invited to forest school 1.30pm

**Thurs 6th June** - 1L parents invited to forest school 1.30pm

**Wed 12th June** - Sports Day & Summer Fair

**Wed 26th June** - Reserve Sports day

**Fri 5th July** - Inset Day - JTMAT Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)

**Wed 17th July** - Year 2 leavers assembly to parents 2.00pm

**Thurs 18th July** - Year 2 leavers party 3.15-5.00pm

**Fri 19th July** - School closes

### Friday 10th May

On Friday 10th May the Year 2 country dancers and the whole school will be dancing and singing for parents as part of our May Day celebrations. The performance will start at 2.30pm and everyone is invited to watch. Country dancers will be getting more information nearer to the time.

### Year 1 music performance for parents

Year 1 children have been learning how to play the chime bars with Mrs Glover this term and parents are invited to watch their child perform on the 18th March. 1SB will be performing at 1.30pm and 1L at 2.10 pm.

*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore*