



Our Big Question for this term is:
“Why do rights exist?”

Welcome back to Term 2!

We’ve kicked off our exciting new whole-school topic with a thought-provoking Big Question: “Why do rights exist?”

To get everyone thinking, we began in a very hands-on (and slightly mischievous!) way by taking away the children’s right to their own identity — replacing their names with numbers! The challenge was then set: could they convince Mrs Ribbans and Mrs Moon that they had a right to their name and wanted it back?

What followed was brilliant! Some classes chanted outside the Heads’ office, others swapped all the staff names for numbers on the staff board, and one group even staged a silent protest in the hall until their right to a name was restored. We were so impressed by the creativity, teamwork, and passion the children showed in standing up for their rights.

It didn’t take long for everyone to earn back their names, and we’re now looking forward to exploring why rights exist and how they help us live, learn and grow together this term.



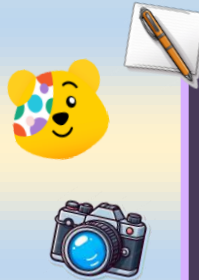


CARNIVAL

To celebrate Black History week, Year 3 have been learning about the Notting Hill carnival. To end our learning, we performed a Notting Hill carnival for the whole school and took our glitter and celebrations into all the classes.



This week, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to The Rare Breeds Centre to launch their new enquiry question, "Are all farmers treated the same?" The children had a wonderful time exploring the different farm areas, meeting and petting the animals, and learning about how to care for them. They listened beautifully during the talk and asked thoughtful questions throughout the day. We are very proud of how well they represented our school — they were a real credit to us all!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 5th – 7th Nov: Year 6 Residential
- 6th Nov: Outdoor Classroom Day (Coats and outdoor shoes for all)
- 10th – 14th Nov: Anti-bullying week (Odd socks at the ready!)
- 11th & 12th Nov: Parent Consultation evenings (more details to follow)
- 14th Nov: Children in Need (please wear something spotty)
- 18th Nov: School photographs



We hope our Y6 children have a brilliant time on their residential next week! They're off to PGL's Windmill Hill on Wednesday!

DECEMBER DATES



- 12th Dec: Christmas jumper day & Fair
- 15th Dec: Year R Christmas play at 9:30am
- 16th Dec: Year 1 Christmas play at 9:30am
- 16th Dec: Year 2 Christmas play at 2:00pm
- 17th Dec: Christmas dinner day



NEXT WEEK

As we get ready for our Christmas Fair, we'd be so grateful for your support with our donation days. Each week we'll be collecting different items to help make the event a great success!

31st October: Gift for a child

7th November: Bottles for the tombola

14th November: Gift for an adult

21st November: Smellies or small gifts

8th – 12th December: Cakes

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make this year's Christmas Fair magical for everyone!



Fireworks will scare your pets, so keep them safely indoors.

If you are given a sparkler, always wear gloves. Always hold sparklers at arm's length and only hold one at a time.

Never give sparklers to a child under five.

Only adults should handle and light fireworks.

When you are watching fireworks, always stand well back.

When a sparkler goes out, **DON'T TOUCH IT.** It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water, hot end down.

You have to be **18 years old** before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops. **Never play with fireworks.** They are dangerous and can hurt you.

Never go near a firework when it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.