

Southdale SPARKLE

Celebrating Reading!



We know that reading for pleasure has the most powerful and positive impact on a child's future success. It really does change our lives. We do everything we can to celebrate books and promote reading, not just on World Book Day, but each and every day. At Southdale, it is World Book Day every day.

We loved sharing books with other classes and reading different genres with them. It was also fantastic to welcome parents in to share our story time; we hope you all enjoyed it.

We had some fabulous costumes that helped promote books.

Not sure what to read, then check out our recommendations on the homework page.

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WORLD BOOK DAY



A SPECIAL SPORTING MENTION!

Matilda, 5AM, represented West Yorkshire in the national cross-country finals last weekend. She finished a very creditable 125th out of 250 runners in the English Schools Cross-Country finals and helped West Yorkshire Y5 girls to a 3rd place finish – this is an awesome achievement. Well done, Matilda!



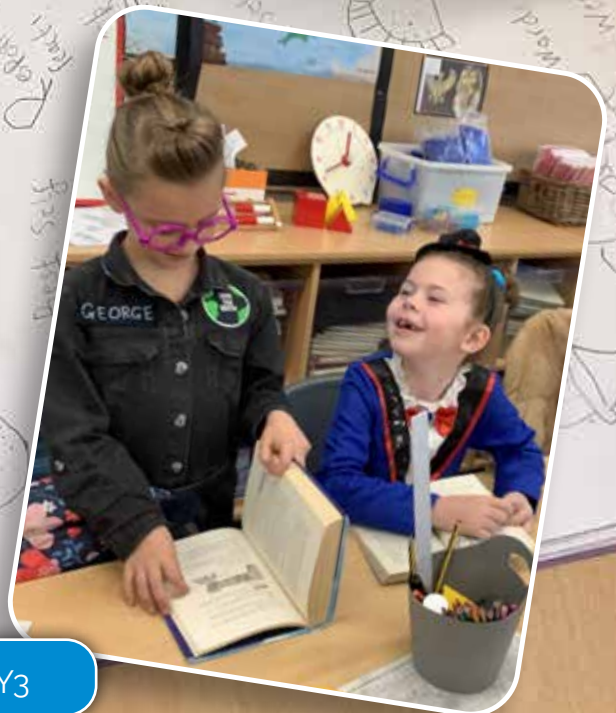
YEAR 3

What a wonderful week!

We have been enjoying learning how to build our social fitness so that we know how to live our 'One Life' really well and show up as our best selves. We have spent a lot of time learning and practising how to be a friend to others. But, this week we have learned what it means to be a friend to ourselves, through the story 'The Friend I Need'.

We have almost come to the end of our multiplication and division topic in **maths**. We have been working hard on our reasoning and problem skills, and then challenged ourselves to use the formal division method with exchanges!

We love to **read** in Year 3! On World Book Day, we enjoyed sharing stories with Year 5 and our parents and carers. 'The Tear Thief' was a story thoroughly enjoyed by all!

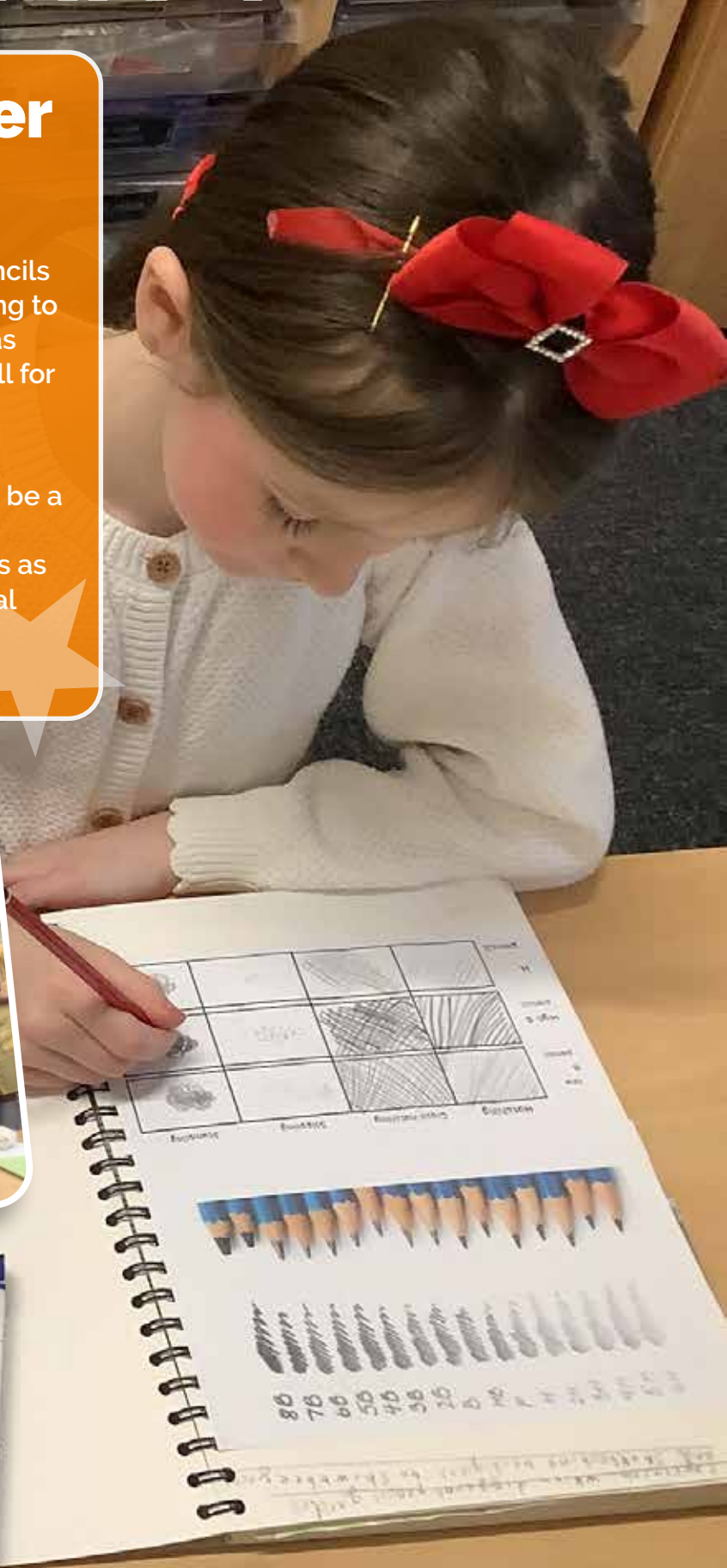


YEAR 4

We've had another busy week!

In art, we explored the use of different pencils including B, 6B, H and HB. We are preparing to start our sketch of Ivan the gorilla, so it was useful to see which pencil would work well for each different section.

In our narrative this week, we have been discussing animal captivity and why it can be a positive and a negative. We explored menageries and how keeping wild animals as pets is wrong, but we also looked at animal conservation and how that can be a really positive thing.



YEAR 5



What a revolutionary week!

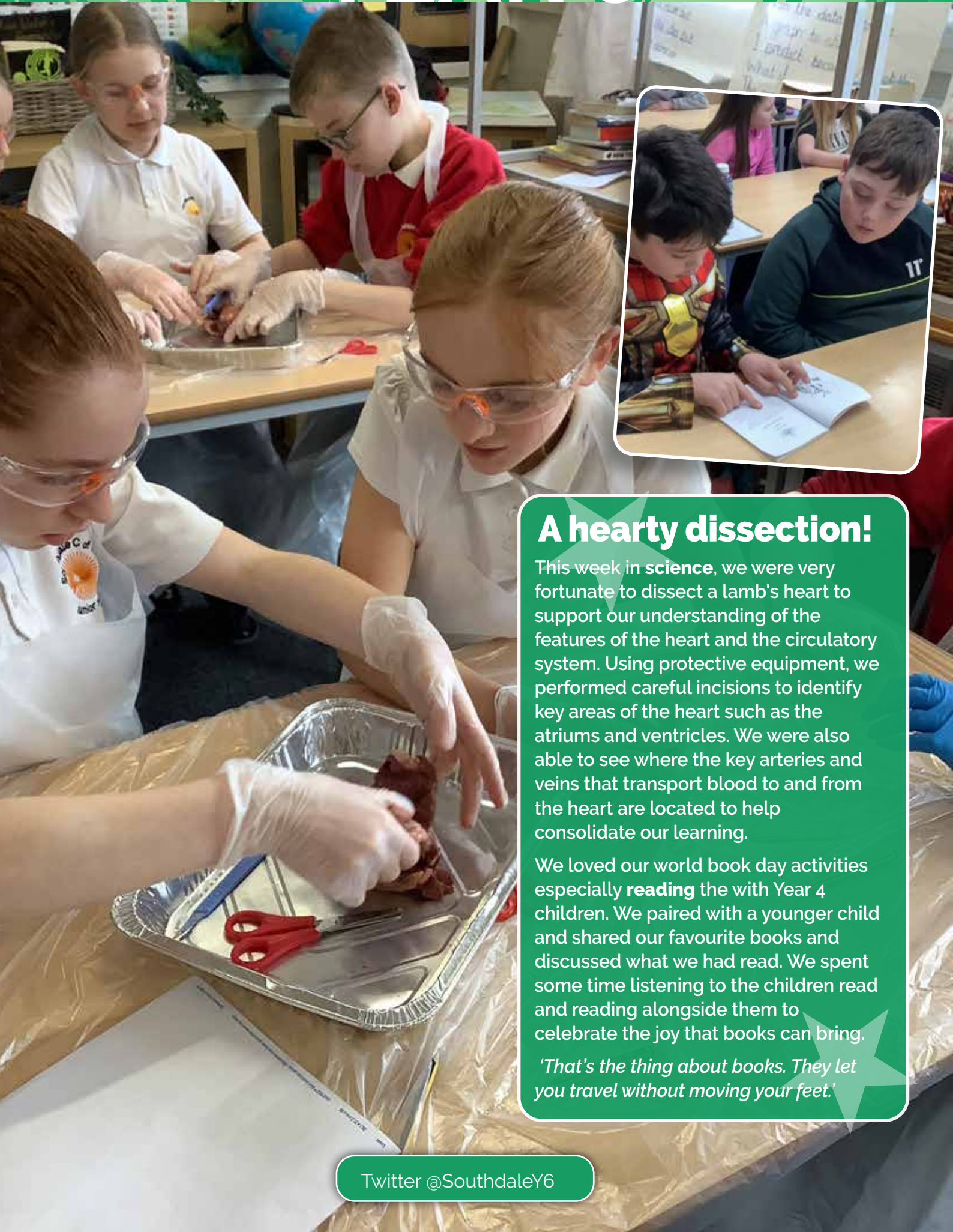
Well, what an exciting week we have had. All three classes enjoyed their trips to **Bradford Industrial Museum** where we had the chance to see some amazing machines, tour a mill worker's house and even take part in a weaving workshop.

We couldn't quite believe the sights and the sounds of what a real working factory would have been like. It really opened up our eyes to understand the conditions men, women and children were expected to work in back in 1750.

Reminder

We will be holding a short information evening for our upcoming Boggle Hole trip on Monday 18th March. On the evening, we will be reiterating some of the key information in the handbook, which was sent out this week on ParentHub, and it will be a good opportunity to speak to the staff who will be accompanying the children on the trip. Also, we will be able to answer any specific queries you might have regarding the residential.

YEAR 6



A hearty dissection!

This week in **science**, we were very fortunate to dissect a lamb's heart to support our understanding of the features of the heart and the circulatory system. Using protective equipment, we performed careful incisions to identify key areas of the heart such as the atriums and ventricles. We were also able to see where the key arteries and veins that transport blood to and from the heart are located to help consolidate our learning.

We loved our world book day activities especially **reading** the with Year 4 children. We paired with a younger child and shared our favourite books and discussed what we had read. We spent some time listening to the children read and reading alongside them to celebrate the joy that books can bring.

'That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.'

THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading:

Please support your child by listening to them read for 20 minutes every day. If your child has a phonics book, please make sure they read this book at least 3 times before returning it to school.

Maths:

Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars and complete their weekly homework sheet sent home.

Spellings and handwriting:

Please practise these spellings and your handwriting.

Minute, eighth, increase, learn, circle.

Year 5

Reading:

This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily!

Maths:

Please complete the MyMaths homework.

Year 4

Reading:

This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily! We have plenty of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our narrative.

Our book recommendation this week is 'With you every step' by Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield. This was recommended by Elliott. It is a gorgeous book about how friendship is so important.

Maths:

Our multiplication facts this week are:

$$1 \times 4 = 4$$

$$2 \times 4 = 8$$

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

Year 6

Reading:

This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day and make a note of how many pages in the planner.

Please complete the weekly 10-minute tests. This is due: 12.3.24

Maths:

Please complete the weekly CGP homework. This week the focus will be pages: 37/38/39. Due back 14.03.2024.

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head teachers Award



**Kelisie W
(6KW)**

For always shining. You speak with such maturity, and you are confident in who are. You shine so brightly!

Special Mentions

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| 3AW | Harley B | For being a kind and helpful member of the class. Keep working hard and shining in everything you do. |
| 3EB | Emily W | For shining in everything that you do. You are filled with kindness and it shows! |
| 3FD | Stanley B | For being such a joyful and kind member of our class. You are always filling people's buckets with your kind words and actions! |
| 4BR | Mollie H | For being a shining example in Year 4 and showing our Christian values in bucketloads. You are amazing! |
| 4LD | Miya A | For your amazing attitude with your writing. You have written a fantastic setting description, taking lots of care with your presentation. Well done! |
| 4LH | Freddie R | For putting lots of effort into focussing in lessons. You have tried hard to listen and contribute as well. Keep it up and well done! |
| 5AM | Jake N | For always working hard and shining in everything you do. This week, just like every other week, you have given every challenge 100%. Well done! |
| 5EZ | Isabella | For being a fantastic role model. You always put in 100% effort and strive to shine each day. Keep it up! |
| 5GH | Max H | For the great effort and care to detail you put into your newspaper report this week. Your interest in the subject shone through and was pleasure to read. |
| 6KW | Isaac G | For demonstrating resilience and perseverance this week. You work so incredibly hard, and it doesn't go unnoticed! |
| 6TH | Beatrice B | For truly shining like a star and embodying our Christian values. Your passion for learning is clear and your drive to push yourself even further is inspiring. Well done! |
| 6ZR | Georgie-Mae C | For being a little diamond! You have made so much progress since the start of the year and everything that comes your way is well-deserved! |

UPCOMING EVENTS

| EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS | | |
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| Tuesday 19th March | Y4 | Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| Wednesday 20th March 5:00pm | | Parents Reading Open Evening |
| Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th April | Y5 | Boggle Hole Residential |
| Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th April | Y5 | Boggle Hole Residential |
| Monday 29th April to Wednesday 1st May | Y4 | Robinwood Residential |
| Thursday 23rd May | | Summer Disco |
| Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th June | Y3 | Little Deer Wood residential - Group 1 |
| Wednesday 5th to Thursday 6th June | Y3 | Little Deer Wood residential - Group 2 |
| Thursday 6th June | Y3 | Coal Mining Museum |
| Tuesday 11th June to Wednesday 12th June | Y4 | Danelaw (Romans) |
| Wednesday 19th June | Y3 | Coal Mining Museum |
| Monday 24th June | | Summer Fair |
| Wednesday 3rd July | Y3 | Coal Mining Museum |
| Wednesday 3rd July to Saturday 6th July | Y6 | France & Belgium residential |
| Thursday 18th July | Y6 | Year 6 Prom |

KEY DATES 2023-24

| Autumn Term 2023 | |
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| Monday 4 September | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 5 September | School opens |
| Thursday 26 October | School closes for half term |
| Friday 27 October | INSET DAY |
| Monday 6 November | School opens |
| Thursday 21 December | School closes for the Christmas Holidays |
| Friday 22 December | INSET DAY |
| Spring Term 2024 | |
| Monday 8 January | School opens |
| Thursday 8 February | School closes for half term |
| Friday 9 February | INSET DAY |
| Monday 19 February | School opens |
| Friday 22 March | School closes for Easter Holidays |
| Summer Term 2024 | |
| Monday 8 April | School opens |
| Monday 6 May | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Friday 24 May | School closes for half term |
| Monday 3 June | School opens |
| Friday 19 July | School closes for Summer Holidays |
| Monday 22 July | INSET DAY |

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you want to talk to us about safeguarding or have any safeguarding concerns, please contact a member of our safeguarding team.



Mrs K Partington

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs R Mohebi

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs J Woolnough

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs L Helliwell

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr V Foster

Safeguarding Governor