



# West Twyford Newsletter

## Friday 13th February 2026

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### **Congratulations from the Secretary of State**

I am delighted to have received a message from Bridget Philipson, the Secretary of State for Education, this week, congratulating us on our results for disadvantaged children. The email points out that our results are some of the best in the country and she has praised the whole team at West Twyford for their excellent work here. Our school vision says that all children can learn and I am delighted that through the hard work and dedication of our staff we make this happen everyday. I also want to thank parents and carers who work with us to support our children and help them to achieve.

I am very proud to have received this commendation and to work in a school and community that gives our children such a high quality education and I look forward to continuing our great work and improving our school even further.

You can read the email below:

**Dear Mr Shapland,**

**Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at West Twyford Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. *Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.***

**This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.**

**Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.**

**Bridget Phillipson**

**Secretary of State for Education**

## **Learning in Reception**

Reception have had lots of fun learning about Chinese New Year this week! Linked to the story '*Love Chinese New Year*', the children experimented with using chopsticks to pick up noodles. We also got creative, using a range of techniques and tools to paint cheerful blossom trees. The children also enjoyed making a dragon using junk modelling materials and paint. They loved observing letters and numbers in Mandarin, and some even had a go at creating their own! In addition, we re-created the animals of the zodiac by making different poses in our outdoor classroom.

We cannot wait to continue with this theme and join in with the Chinese Dragon Workshop after half term!

Here are some comments from the children:

"I love noodles!" -Karim; "This is a tiger" -Maryam; "I did the branches. I made a line first. I made the flowers for the blossom tree with pink and red" -Siel;"I made a Dragon for Chinese New Year"- Ayla; "It means so happy" - Rima; "I'm making number 7" - Aaliyah











## Get Ready for World Book Day 2026!

We are very excited to be celebrating **World Book Day 2026 on Friday 6th March** and have a fantastic day of reading, creativity and fun planned for the children!

Here's how you can help your child get involved and make the most of the celebrations:

**Dress Up as a Favourite Book Character**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes don't need to be expensive or shop-bought – simple, creative ideas are perfect! Children who prefer not to dress up will also have the chance to make a character mask in class.

### **Potato Book Character Competition**

Yes... you read that right! Turn a humble potato into a book character! We'll have prizes for EYFS & KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2, so start planning your designs. We absolutely love seeing the children's imaginative creations each year! Please bring your potato character to school on **Friday 6th March!**

### **Extreme Reading Photo Challenge**

Can your child read somewhere unusual or exciting? In a tree? Under a table? Upside down? We'd love to see children reading in fun or unusual places! Please submit photos by **5th March**, and we'll be sharing them during assembly.

### **EYFS & Year 1 Reading Morning**

We are delighted to invite parents and grandparents of children in EYFS and Year 1 to join us in the hall from **9:00–9:30am** for a special shared reading session. There's nothing better than enjoying a book together!

World Book Day is always such a joyful celebration of reading in our school. Thank you for helping us make it magical - we can't wait to see the costumes, creations and brilliant book choices!

Let the reading adventures begin!  

**Creative Competitions & Challenges**

**Extreme Reading Photo Challenge**  
Submit photos of reading in fun ways by March 5th for the assembly.

**Potato Book Character Contest**  
Create a book character from a potato to win prizes across different age groups.

**Dress Up as Your Favorite Character**  
Join the costume competition or make a character mask in class.

**Get Ready for World Book Day 2026!**  
Explore creative challenges, school-wide competitions, and collaborative reading sessions designed for students and families.

**WORLD BOOK DAY®**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Interactive Reading Events**

**"Where's Wally?" School-Wide Search**  
Find hidden Wallys around the school to earn certificates and cards.

**EYFS & Year 1 Reading Morning**  
Parents and grandparents are invited to the hall from 9:00-9:30 AM.

**Staff Secret Readers**  
Watch clips of disguised staff members reading their favorite books.

Prizes: EYFS & RS1 (1 Prize Each), Lower KS2 (1 Prize), Upper KS2 (1 Prize)

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## Discos!!

Reception, year 1 and 2 had a wonderful disco this week with lots of smart dressing up, bright lights and wonderful dancing! Please enjoy the wonderful photos.

Our KS2 disco is after half term (26th February 4-5.30- tickets available on school money) and we are looking forward to another fun evening. Discos are about children enjoying themselves and having fun. We want all children to be able to enjoy this event to attend but in the case that a child is having issues with behaviour in school it may not be appropriate for them to attend.





























## School Council Update

*During Term 1, our School Council led an important whole-school decision about which charities we would support this year. Demonstrating true pupil leadership, the councillors carefully researched and selected a range of charities they felt reflected the values and compassion of our school community.*

*These suggestions were then shared with every class, and pupils were given the opportunity to discuss the options before taking part in a democratic vote. Each child cast their vote during a class meeting, ensuring that every voice was heard and valued in the final decision.*

*We are delighted to announce that the two charities chosen by our pupils are **Save the Children** and the **British Red Cross Gaza Appeal**.*

*Throughout the year, a portion of the money raised through our fundraising events and themed days will be donated to these pupil-selected charities. We are incredibly proud of the empathy, thoughtfulness and sense of responsibility our children have shown in leading and participating in this process.*

? Which charities would you like the school to support this year?



## Role Models of the Week

Well done to the following children for their outstanding learning and behaviour in school this term!

**Behaviour Award:** Marcel & Zeina (Year 1), Aselle & Eyuram (Year 2), Dominic & Arianna (Year 3), Omar & Moataz (Year 4), Kadija & Abraham (Year 5), Ibrahim & Jade (Year 6)

**Learning Award:** Mariyam & Valentino (Year 1), Ishith & Bazyan (Year 2), Jana & Nour (Year 3), Mohamed & Sala (Year 4), Yousef & Mila (Year 5), Maria & Tasnem (Year 6)

## Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to say that **these classes achieved 95%+ attendance this week!**

**Congratulations!**

**Well done to: Year 3 Maple, Year 6 Poplar, Year 5 Aspen, Year 4 Elder, , Year 2 Sycamore, Reception Oak**

Punctuality, coming to school on time, is very important. **Learning in school starts at 8.55, and we need all children to be in school ready to learn.**

We teach phonics first thing in the morning, if children are late then they miss an very important learning opportunity. **School gates open at 8.45: please ensure that your child is on time to make the most of the school day.**

**Punctuality cup winners: Year 1 Ash**

## **Lunchtime Stars**

Every week we award a trophy to the best behaved class at lunchtime

This week's winners are: **Year 3 Maple**