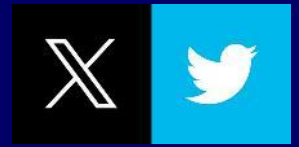




Friday 24th January 2025

Newsletter 461

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Dear Parents/Carers,

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

A reminder to parents that on Monday morning Years 1-6 will be having separate age appropriate assemblies aimed at helping children understand abuse and how to stay safe. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried either to a safe adult or Childline.

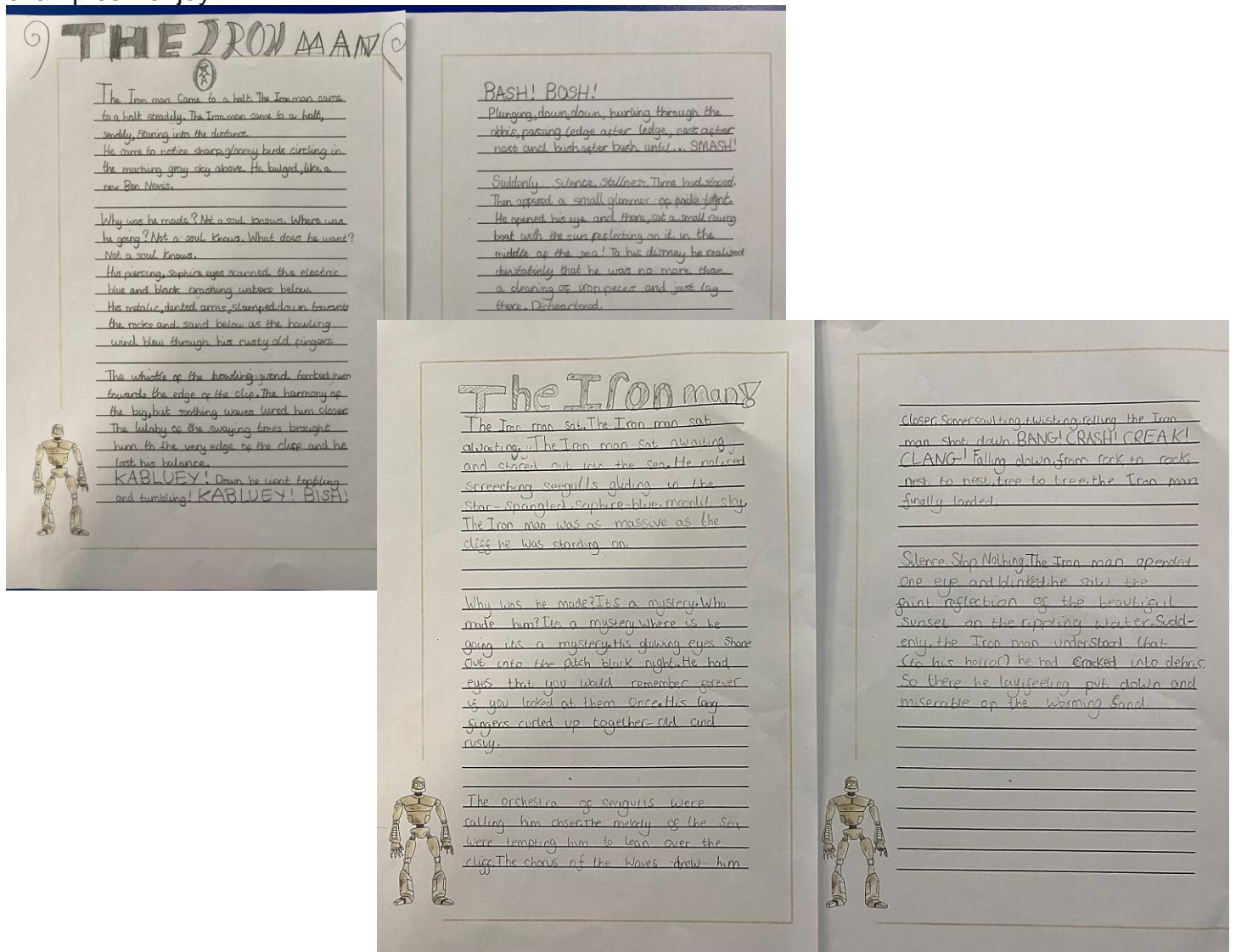
Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

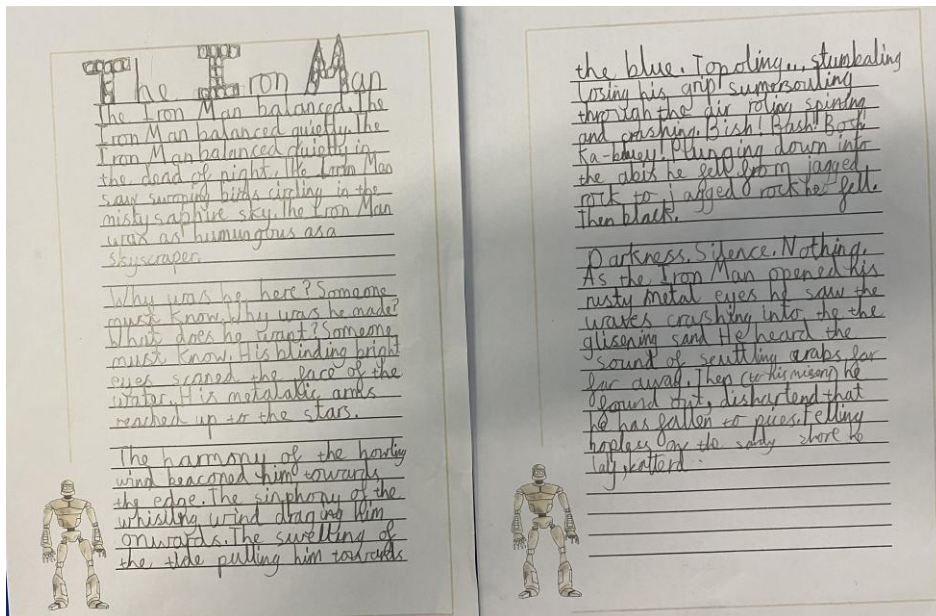
If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit: www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

The following Monday (3rd Feb) Years 2, 5 and 6 will be having workshops following on from the assemblies to support them on staying safe and speaking out led by an NSPCC representative.

Year 4 Learning

Year 4 have been writing the opening to the Iron Man inspired by the work of Ted Hughes. They wrote their own effective sentences drawing on a range of vocabulary and making it their own. Here are three examples - enjoy!





Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 20/01/25
Reception	95.48%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	93.79%
Year 3	99.64%
Year 4	96.55%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	97.41%
Total	97.08%



**Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 20/01/2025

Year 3!**

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 27 th January	Speak out, stay safe NSPCC assemblies See Newsletter 460 for more information
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese New Year
Thursday 30th January	Chinese New Year celebration lunch (see menu below)
WKBG 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
WKBG 10 th February	Safer Internet Week
Wednesday 12 th February	Class photos
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half term



Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen Headteacher

CHINESE NEW YEAR

30th January 2025

Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice
Spring Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles

Broccoli and Roasted Peppers

Mandarin Upside Down Cake



Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 7th February 2025 we will be celebrating another Number day.

This is a day where schools raise money for the NSPCC and make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable children across the UK. Gillespie has taken part in this important event for many years now and we are always happy to be involved.

To help raise some money for the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) we are inviting children once again to come to school wearing an item of clothing with digits on (e.g. football shirt) or a onesie or even dressed up as a dice, ruler or calculator!

We will have an assembly to highlight the work of the NSPCC to the children and in class they will take part in a number challenge and engage in lots of fun maths activities throughout the day.

Early Years will go on a number hunt and be challenged to find numbers between 1-10 (in Nursery) & 1-20 (in reception), Year 1 children will be challenged to know simple number bonds to 10/20 and children in years 2-6 will be challenged on their times tables/division facts. Teachers will set the challenges for their classes (as they know the children best).

Children or parents do not need to bring cash to school but it would be great if you would donate what you are able to online to the NSPCC via the JustGiving link below. We hope as many people as possible can help.

The link to donate to the NSPCC:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gillespienumberday2025>

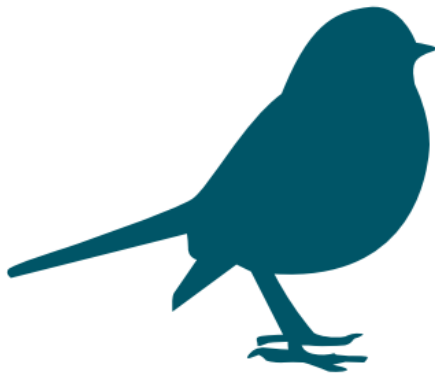
Thank you for all your cooperation and support in advance.

Kind Regards
Katrina Moses
Deputy Head

The Eco-Committee would like to encourage families to get involved in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 24th - 26th of January. Each Eco-Committee member will be bringing home a guide and resources to take part. These are included in the newsletter for anyone else that would like to download them and participate. Meg, Eco-Committee Coordinator.



Your how-to-guide and tally chart



Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1 **Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 24 and 26 January 2025.**
Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where only one bird is shown on the ID Chart, both male and female birds look similar but are not always identical.
- 2 **Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see.**
Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.
- 3 **Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch**
Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture will be of how garden birds are faring.

If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.

Helping you make your Big Garden Birdwatch count



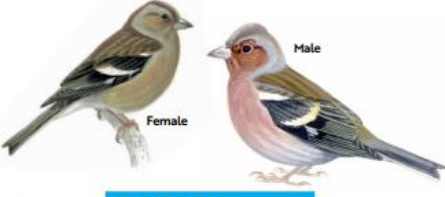










Get involved on our social channels

Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, you can join in the conversation on our social channels. See what other nature lovers are spotting across the UK and you can upload pics and comments about your Birdwatch. Go to #BigGardenBirdWatch

Get ID tips and expert advice

You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Big Garden Birdwatch

 <p>Female Male</p> <p>Blackbird</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Blue Tit</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Female Male</p> <p>Chaffinch</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Coal Tit</p> <p> </p>
 <p>Dunnock</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Female Male</p> <p>House Sparrow</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Long-tailed Tit</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Collared Dove</p> <p> </p>
 <p>Greenfinch</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Goldfinch</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Robin</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Starling</p> <p> </p>
 <p>Magpie</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Great Tit</p> <p> </p>	 <p>Woodpigeon</p> <p> </p>	

Together, let's make it count

Connect to nature. Play your part.



Big Garden Birdwatch

24–26 January 2025

BWMNAM0101

Record your results

What will you see?

Enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park.

How to record your results

- Count the birds for one hour in your garden, from your balcony or local park **between 24 and 26 January 2025**.
- Use the ID chart to tally the total for each bird and then record the number in the boxes below.
- Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time. So, if you see a group of eight Starlings, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- If you don't see any of the birds on the chart, record '0' as your final count – it's important for us to know which birds are 'no shows'.
- Only include birds that land, not those flying over.
- Even if you saw nothing make sure you tell us – it still counts.

Name of bird	Most seen at one time
Blackbird	<input type="text"/>
Blue Tit	<input type="text"/>
Chaffinch	<input type="text"/>
Coal Tit	<input type="text"/>
Collared Dove	<input type="text"/>
Duncock	<input type="text"/>
Goldfinch	<input type="text"/>
Great Tit	<input type="text"/>
Greenfinch	<input type="text"/>
House Sparrow	<input type="text"/>
Long-tailed Tit	<input type="text"/>
Magpie	<input type="text"/>
Robin	<input type="text"/>
Starling	<input type="text"/>
Woodpigeon	<input type="text"/>
Other birds	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>

Discover more about Birdwatch

You can simply use the chart opposite to take part, but if you would like to know more go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

You'll find expert advice, tips and features on how to attract birds onto your patch for a busy Birdwatch.

And you can share your pics and stories on social media using **#BigGardenBirdWatch**

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Let's keep in touch on your terms

Thank you for taking action for nature.

We're working hard to do all we can to save it. You can play your own, very important part, which is why we'd love to let you know about the conservation, campaigning, research and fundraising work that we're doing.

If you're happy for the RSPB and RSPB Shop to keep in touch, please let us know how you would like to hear from us:

Post	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks
Text	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes please	<input type="checkbox"/> No thanks

You're in control. If you'd like to change your choices at a later date, all you have to do is call us on 01767 693680 or go to www.rspb.org.uk/preferences. If you decide to stay in touch, we'll also keep you up to date with news about membership, products, offers and competitions. Your details will be kept safe and secure, only used by us, or those who work for us, and will not be shared with anyone else. We analyse information you provide, and about how you've helped us, to decide what communications will be of interest to you (and so that we can save our resources for conservation work) and to help us understand our supporters. We also use this information to run our charity's operations, e.g. if you place an order or make a donation, we'll need your details to process those. If you would like to know more or understand your data protection rights, please take a look at www.rspb.org.uk/privacypolicy

Please use CAPITAL letters.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mx etc)	<input type="text"/>
First name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>
Your address	<input type="text"/>
Town	<input type="text"/>
County/Council area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Email (over 18s only)	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth if under 18	<input type="text"/>
How many people took part?	Adults <input type="text"/> Children <input type="text"/>
If you didn't do your Big Garden Birdwatch at home, where did you do it? Postcode (if different from above)	<input type="text"/>

How to submit your results

When you've done your Birdwatch, go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch and submit your totals using the online results form. **Submit your results by 23 February 2025.**

If you'd rather send us your results by post, send this completed form to us in an envelope addressed **FREEPOST RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** by **18 February 2025**. This is a short address, but it will definitely reach us.