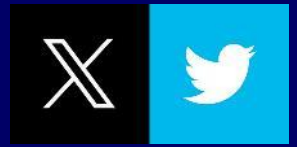




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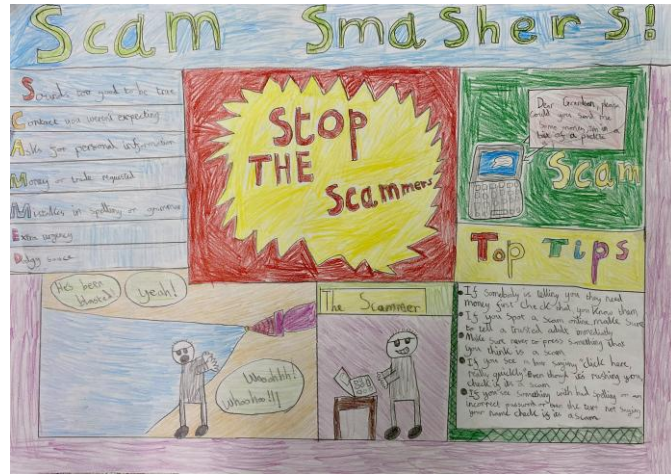
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Safer Internet Day

For 2025 Safer Internet Day Year 4 explored online scams and used their detective skills to spot when something could be a scam. They then created posters with top tips to help other youngsters to spot clues that may suggest something is a scam.

Year 6 went to the Emirates Stadium for their Safer Internet Day event! They explored positive uses of tech and AI and identified how to spot scams and phishing online. They also went on a tech-themed stadium tour.



Year 4, 5 and 6 shared their safer internet day with the whole school in assembly today with really fantastic advice to support children to use technology positively and safely.

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you so very much to families for their generosity and raising well over £1,100 for the NSPCC! A special mention to Audrey who did an extra number day challenge for herself and did 50 games of Monster Multiplication with her best score 42 correct answers! Her relatives sponsored her to do it and she has raised over £70 for the NSPCC, well done Audrey!

The donations page will close on Friday 21st February 2025

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

Class photos

Photos can be seen online and ordered at www.getphotos.co.uk by 28th February for free delivery to school. If you have misplaced your child's proof card and need the class code please email the school office.

Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 10/02/25
Reception	97.42%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	91.03%
Year 3	97.50%
Year 4	95.86%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	94.07%
Total	95.08%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 10/02/2025

Year 3!

Bling your bike to school on 28th Feb!

Our Travel for Life Explorers have come up with a new competition for the school. One where you can bling your bike or sparkle your scooter! You have until the 28th February to participate by jazzing up your vehicle and bringing an entry fee of £1 (for this activity cash only). Money raised will go towards prizes and future Travel Ambassador ventures. Good Luck and come speak to any TfL explorers or Florie if you have any questions.

BLING YOUR BIKE

What is Bling Your Bike? (OR SCOOTER)
Bling Your Bike is about making your bike super colourful, bright and easy to see at night.

£1 entry

Awards to be won!

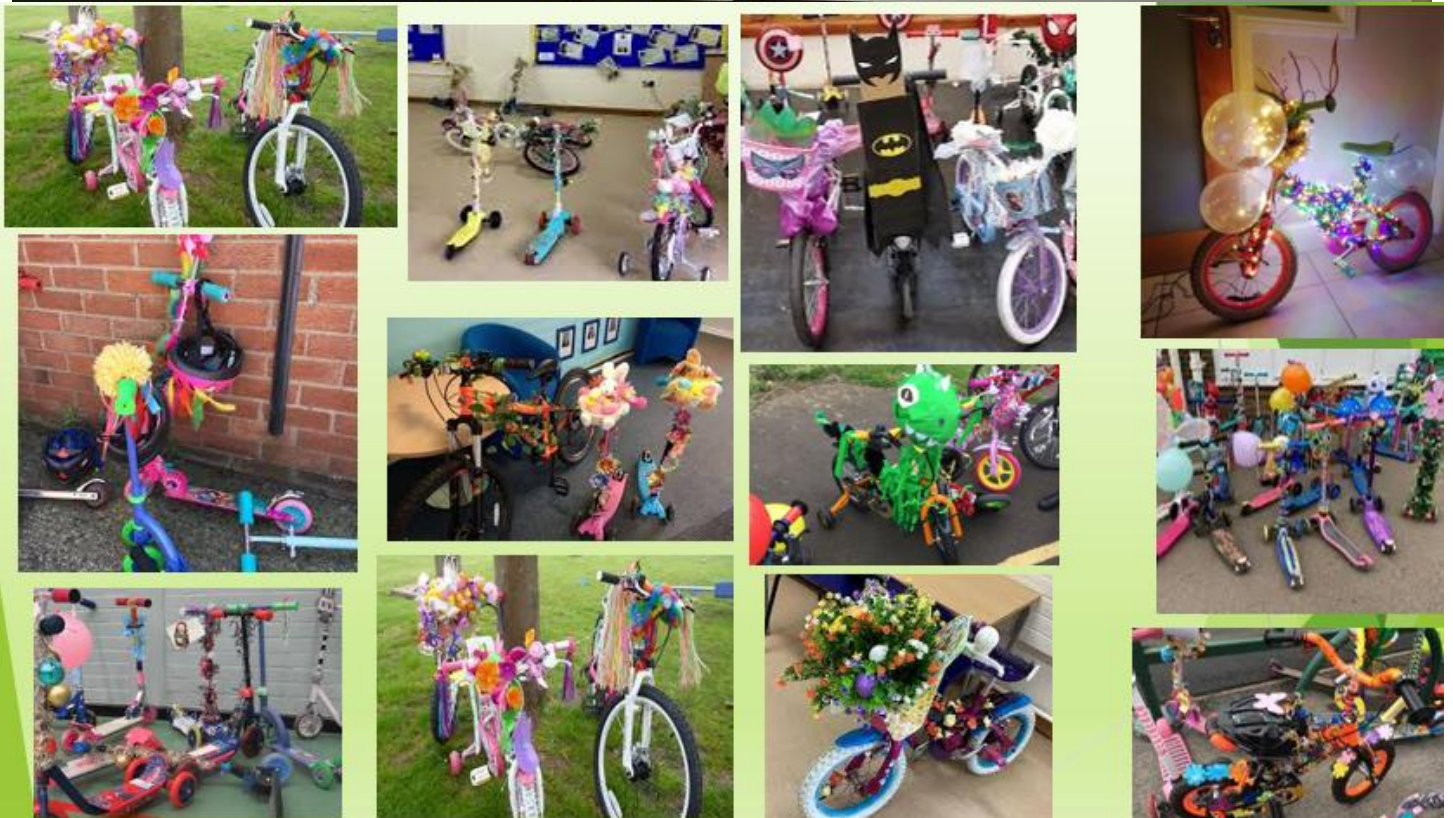
How to Bling Your Bike

- Stick some reflective stickers on the frame
- Add bright lights to the front and back
- Put a glashing wheel light or reflective bands around the wheels
- Wear bright, colourful clothes
- Wear a helmet with sun stickers

When?

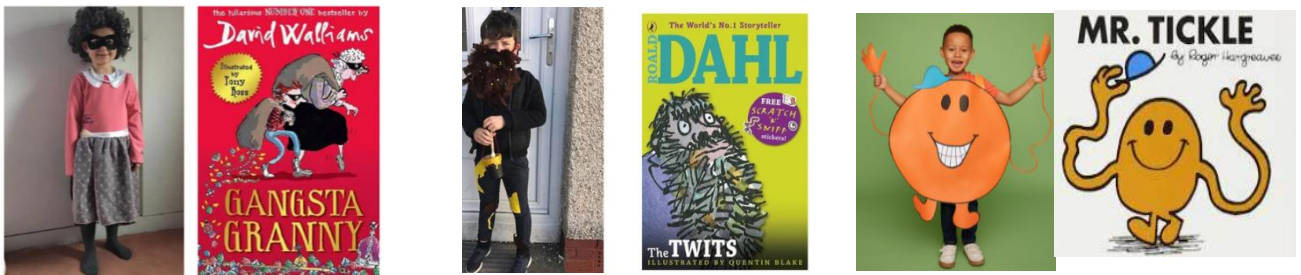
On Friday 28th February
Reception-Yr2 12:30-13:00
Yr3-Yr6 13:00-13:30

Why should you Bling Your Bike?
Biking with bright lights and decorations makes it easier for others on the road to see you, keeping you safe and stylish!



World Book Day 2025

It's time for this year's World Book Day. On Thursday 6th March, we would like all children and staff to come to school dressed as either their favourite book character or author. **Please don't feel you need to buy any brand new costumes.** There are often many things lying around the house that you can use to make a costume and charity shops can have bits that you could use to make part or all of the costume. Here's some ideas of homemade costumes.



This year, all classes from Reception-year 6 will be visiting Waterstones in Angel to pick up the pre-ordered World Book Day books in exchange for the [£1 book token](#). [Your child will bring home this book on World Book Day. This is theirs to keep forever; they do not need to bring them back into school.](#)

[Please have a look at the books on offer this by clicking this link. Class teachers will ask your child for the name of their chosen book in the first week back after half term.](#)

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Monday 24 th February	First day of spring term 2 Reception informal meeting with SENDCo Lyn
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
WKBG 10 th March	British Science Week
Thursday 13 th March	FoG Movie Night (No RSS gymnastics club this day)
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief's Red Nose Day World Poetry Day
WKBG 24 th March	Last week of RSS clubs
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term 1pm school finishes
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 23 rd April	First day of summer term

Wishing all families a wonderful, restful half term break and a Happy Valentine's Day from us all including Nursery Class.



Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen
Headteacher

N4Library
ReadLearnConnect



FAMILY ART CLUB

Arty fun for all the family! Materials are provided, or you can bring your own. Suitable for children of all ages.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 25 January, 2pm
Saturday 22 February, 2pm
Saturday 22 March, 2pm

N4 Library
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW
020 7527 7800

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via

EBBON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

BURGER KING

From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

ZIZZI

From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

HARVESTER

From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

BREWDOG

Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



MOVIE NIGHT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Spring term FoG movie night will take place on **Thursday 13th of March!**

Experience has shown that we need **LOTS** and **LOTS** and **LOTS** and **LOTS** and **LOTS** of volunteers for this one! If you can spare some time to help out we would really appreciate people from 2:30pm to 6pm on the day to get everything set up for a 3:45pm start and then enough people to manage handover at the end of the event. Please please please let Sean, Ally or Max know if you can lend a hand!

Year 3 bake sale

The Year 3 bake sale braved horrendous conditions last week and raised a magnificent £219! Thank you so much to all for your contributions and especially to Ally & Charlie for organising!

FoG is recruiting!



The governor elections have shown just how committed to school improvement and support so many of our parents are, and FoG is offering the perfect opportunity for any parents or carers who are interested in becoming more involved in the hugely rewarding and important work that FoG does to support our wonderful school.

FoG is committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to get involved in any way that they can, so if you think you can help and are interested in learning more (and getting a free coffee in the process!) then **please get in touch with Sean on 07986792367**

Dates for your diary

With the Spring Term now well underway, here are some key dates for families to be aware of in the coming weeks and months:

Fri	21st Mar	All day	COMIC RELIEF	NON-FOG Fundraiser
Thur	13th Mar	TBC	Movie Night	FoG Committee

Ways to Support Friends of Gillespie and the school community

- 1. Financial donations:** A monthly direct debit donation of any amount you choose can be set up [here](#) in less than 5 mins, or you can use this QR code to access the site. As an example, if just half of the families at Gillespie contributed the cost of a cup of coffee on a weekly basis, FoG would raise an extra £20,000 a year!
- 2. Item donations:** Whether it is unwanted toys, books, sports equipment or uniform, any donation that you can make to FoG for reuse or resale is a huge boost to our efforts. Speak to your class rep about delivering the items, or simply drop them in the front office for a FoG member to come and collect them. Easy!
- 3. Time donations:** If you would like to help out in this way then please do get in touch with your class rep or a FoG Committee member - we will certainly have something for you to do!

