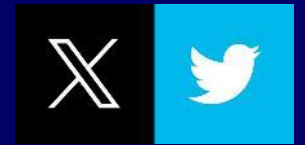




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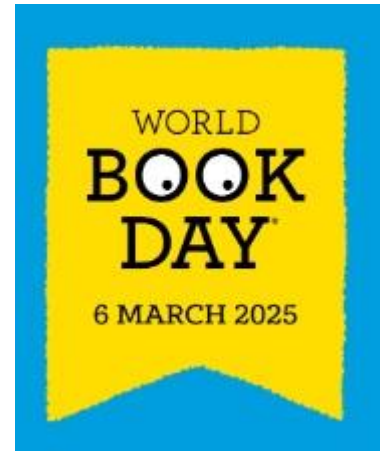
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We hope you all had restful half term breaks! We have another busy half term ahead which includes the wonderful World Book Day- see further information below.

World Book Day 2025

NEXT WEEK 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 can 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 by clicking this link.

Year 2 Learning

Year 2 are learning about measurements and took metre sticks outside to learn how to measure length and height!



Parent Community event: Smartphones and children

Join us for a presentation and Q&A session on parenting in the digital age on **Tuesday 25th March, 6.30-8pm, Gillespie top hall**. We will hear from four expert speakers on what the evidence says about smartphones and children, how to introduce your child to technology safely and what Islington Council is doing to support the community on this subject. Speakers include Professor Ben Carter, from King's College London, a professor of medical statistics who has studied the impact of technology and devices on children; Nova Eden, the Smartphone Free Childhood north London regional lead; Kevin Tibble, digital literacy coordinator, King Alfred School; and Katy Potts, online safety lead for schools, Islington Council. Bring your questions!



PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Supporting parents, carers and schools navigating smartphones and social media with children

Tuesday 25th March, 6.30-8pm
Gillespie top hall

Join us to hear from four expert speakers on:

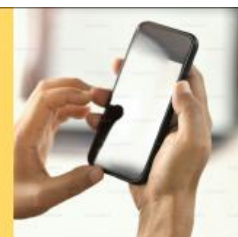
- The impact of smartphones on our children's development
- How to introduce your child to technology in a safe and positive way
- What Islington Council is doing to support the community on this subject

Professor Ben Carter, King's College London (researcher and public speaker on impact of technology on mental and physical health of children)

Nova Eden, Children's Mental Health Advocate and Smartphone Free Childhood North London Regional Lead

Kevin Tibble, Digital Literacy Coordinator, King Alfred School

Katy Potts, Online Safety Lead for Schools, Islington Council



Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 24/02/25
Reception	95.70%
Year 1	98.15%
Year 2	93.70%
Year 3	96.55%
Year 4	95.93%
Year 5	97.78%
Year 6	87.65%
Total	95.07%

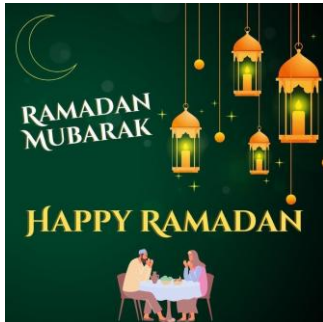


Attendance Cup
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WB 24/02/2025

Year 1!

Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
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
Tuesday 25 th March	Parenting in the digital age workshop
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



To our Muslim families ahead of Ramadan starting this weekend, we wish you all a blessed Holy Month. Those whose children would like to fast during the school day must give their consent via the form sent by text. Thank you.

We will be celebrating pancake day next Tuesday with a special menu featuring sweet and savoury pancakes!

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen
Headteacher

