

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

This week, we are proud to celebrate science across the school and the strength of our science curriculum, recently recognised through the achievement of the Primary Science Quality Mark. From Early Years to Year 6, pupils have been fully immersed in hands-on, investigative learning—exploring sound, materials, forces, and thermal insulation through practical experiments that encourage curiosity and excitement. The activities seen across classes, from creative early scientific exploration to combining science with computing and data analysis, demonstrate the positive impact of a well-sequenced, engaging curriculum that builds skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm for science at every stage of learning.

### Science in the Early Years

The children in Butterflies class have been little scientists this week as they explored sound, liquids, and movement through hands-on investigations. They created their own drums using a variety of materials and tools, discovering how size, shape, and material affect sound, before experimenting with coloured milk and oil to observe swirling patterns and learn that some liquids don't mix. The children then tested ramps with balls, vehicles, and tyres, noticing



how size, weight, and even water changed how far and fast objects rolled.

Throughout the day, they made predictions, shared ideas, and showed fantastic curiosity, concentration, and excitement while exploring the world around them.



### ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%. This week our attendance was **98.3%**

Dragonflies class had the highest attendance with **100%**



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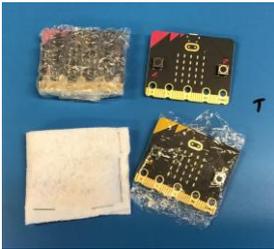
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## Science in Key Stage 1

Dragonflies class are working on a new science project which focuses on boats and the materials used to build them. This week the children researched different types of boats and explored where they might travel, which led to



the classroom being transformed into a creative network of roads and rivers. The session was highly engaging and encouraged curiosity, creativity, and collaborative learning throughout.



## Science in Key Stage 2

Kingfishers class have been combining their science and computing learning by investigating which of three

materials—felt, cling film, or bubble wrap—works best as a thermal insulator to keep a Micro:bit cold after being removed from the fridge. The children carefully created pockets from each material, then programmed their Micro:bits to record and display the temperature every minute. They were so engaged in their investigation that the session flew by, and they will analyse and discuss their results in the next lesson.



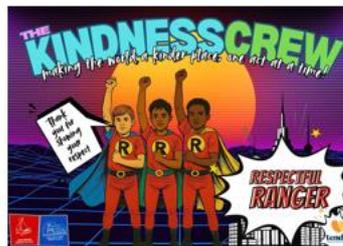
## Healthy Relationships Setting

We have now achieved our Tender Reset Healthy Relationships badge and are recognised as a Healthy Relationships setting



We received some lovely feedback from Suzi who has supported us throughout the programme:

“A huge thank you again for all your wonderful work. I am absolutely certain that you will continue this brilliant work to ensure all your young people have the best start in life that they can. It's been an absolute privilege to work with you all at Surlingham and Rockland St Mary”



## SPONSERED READING CHALLENGE 2026 – apologies for the date error!

The Children are once again taking part in the Sponsored 'Half term Reading Challenge' (NOT Easter!) over the half term. We absolutely love the reading challenge – thank you FORMS for organising this for us.

All of the proceeds raised from this sponsored challenge will be spent on buying some new fiction books for each class to keep their bookshelves up to date

Three lucky winners will win 'Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher' and each child will receive a token gift for taking part.

**Rockland St Mary School**

- GET SPONSORED FOR TAKING PART IN THE READING CHALLENGE. COMPLETE AS MANY AS YOU CAN!
- EVERYONE TAKING PART IS ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW - 4 LUCKY WINNERS WILL WIN 'HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD TEACHER!'
- EVERYONE TAKING PART WILL RECEIVE A SMALL PRIZE
- ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE BRAND NEW FICTION BOOKS FOR EACH CLASS FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!

## SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE

				KS2
BAKE SOMETHING FROM A RECIPE	READ IN YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE	READ A BOOK YOU HAVE NEVER READ BEFORE	VISIT A BOOKSHOP	READ A NON-FICTION BOOK
READ A BOOK YOU REALLY LOVE	CREATE A LIST OF BOOKS YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ	READ ABOUT AN HISTORICAL EVENT	LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK	TELL YOUR FAMILY ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE JUST READ
READ DIRECTIONS ON A SIGNPOST	READ THE FIRST BOOK IN A SERIES	READ ANYTHING YOU WANT!	READ WHILST SNUGGLED UNDER A BLANKET	READ WITHOUT BEING ASKED
BUILD A DEN AND READ IN IT	READ BEFORE BEDTIME	DESIGN A BOOK COVER FOR YOUR BOOK	READ A BOOK A FRIEND SUGGESTS	READ ALOUD TO A FAMILY MEMBER
READ TWICE IN A DAY	WRITE AN ALTERNATIVE ENDING TO A BOOK YOU HAVE READ	SWAP A BOOK WITH A FRIEND	VISIT A LIBRARY	READ IN YOUR PJS

## Dates for the Diary

### Weekly

- **Every Tuesday (ongoing)** – *Snug as a Bug* at the Margaret Mack Hall (morning sessions – all welcome to pop in)

### February

- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Spirit of the Games Festival years selected 3 & 4
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of half term
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Bake sale in the Margaret Mack Room from 2.30pm
- **Half Term Holiday:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- **Swimming:** Dragonflies every Wednesday from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 25<sup>th</sup> March
- **READING CHALLENGE** – over half term
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Return to school after half term
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Dance Festival years 1 & 2
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 6 trip to FEHS to see 'Oliver'
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Selected year 4 Dodgeball at UEA Sportspark

### March

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Nursery Open Morning, 9:00am–10:30am
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day Reading Café
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Music Festival years Reception to year 6
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Bawdsey Residential years 5/6
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of the Spring Term
- **Easter Holiday:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### April

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Return to school after Easter Holiday
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Open Morning
- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Parent/Carers' Information Evening, 4:00pm–5:00pm @ FEHS

### May

- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** –
  - Y7 Director of Learning visit to Year 6
  - Parent Forum @ Margaret Mack Hall – 8:50am

# Holiday CLUB

SPOT ON COACHING



## Kick Off the Fun This Holiday!



Join us for an action-packed day of **football, dodgeball and archery!** Whether you're scoring goals, dodging the ball or shooting the bullseye, we've got fun games, exciting matches, and friendly tournaments, with **medals and trophies** to be won.

Every child gets a **Certificate of Attendance** to remember the day. Plus, there's a **discount for siblings** – because fun is better with friends and family!

Our fully qualified, DBS-checked sports coach with first aid certification ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Holiday club is for 6 to 12 year olds.

Book your spot today and get ready for a day of sport, fun, and memories!

For dates, prices and booking, go to:

[www.spotoncoaching.co.uk](http://www.spotoncoaching.co.uk)

OR email: [spotoncoaching1@gmail.com](mailto:spotoncoaching1@gmail.com) call: 07769 177 587



# FORMS AGM

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 7TH  
6-7PM**



**ALL  
WELCOME**

**1 HOUR ONLY!!!!  
128 THE STREET, RSM**



VALENTINES STUFFED FELT  
HEART CRAFT SESSION

£4pp

*All materials supplied*

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

*Margaret Mack Room*

*Time: 3:15pm - 4:15pm  
(At The Bake Sale)*



**SNUG AS BUG  
NURTURING  
FAMILIES  
STAY & PLAY  
CAFE**



**Now at our new home  
Margaret Mack  
School Lane  
Rockland St Mary**

**Restarts 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

- Book themed weekly sessions
- Activity areas linked early learning goals
- Messy & sensory play
- Toast Time & chat at kitchen table
- Baby area
- Story and Singing sessions

**TUESDAY  
MORNINGS**

**9AM - 11AM**

**£3 for 1st child:  
£1.50 additional child  
includes refreshments**

**£1 coffee for parents /carers wanting a  
coffee and chat**

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## Time Childcare's February Half Term Holiday Club

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th

Full Day 9-5pm - **£49.50**

Half Day 9-1pm/1-5pm - **£26.50**

✧ Early drop off from 8am, late  
✧ pick up til 6pm - add **£4 each**  
**All children Aged 3 - 11 welcome!**

Activities - 17th Valentines Craft  
19th Valentine Cookies

Find us at The Village Hall, The Street,  
Poringland, NR14 7RE (opposite Tesco)

Sessions paid in advance and are non refundable.

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE -

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