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| Key Dates:   |   |
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| W/B 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Holi celebrations                      | 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Big Walk & Wheel assembly with 'Bike it John' |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Year 2 'Little Rotters' work with Hilliers | 11 <sup>th</sup> March- Animal Atlas show from Animal Guyz            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day                             | 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Hockey competition                    |
| W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> March - Ramadan/Eid celebrations               | 16 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March - Big Walk and Wheel         |

| Communications this week: |                            |
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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term, the children have settled really well back into school routines! It was lovely to see some sunshine midweek, let's hope there is more of that to come!

Year two had a fantastic day on Wednesday to launch the Great Fire of London learning. They came dressed up and enjoyed a great morning full of drama and activity. The children were so keen to share their learning with me when I went around the classes. I have also seen some wonderful model houses that have been built over the half term, thank you for your support with this.

To help ensure our toilets are safe, clean, and calm for all pupils, we have introduced a new band system for toilet use. Children will now need to take a band when leaving the classroom, to use the toilet, with only one band available per class during lesson time. This helps us limit the number of pupils in the toilets at once and reduces disruption to learning. At playtime and lunchtime, five bands will be available, and we continue to encourage children to use the toilet during these breaks whenever possible rather than during lesson time.

### Community Book Treasure Hunt

To celebrate World Book Day this year, Sparks Ellison, our local estate agent, have decided to launch a community-wide "Book Treasure Hunt" for the children in our local area! On the evening of Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, their team will be heading out to hide a variety of children's books on the residential roads and public footpaths immediately surrounding our school. When the children walk to school on the morning of World Book Day (Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March), we hope they will spot these hidden treasures! Inside each book is a "You Found Me" note inviting them to:

- Take the book home and enjoy reading it.
- Share the fun by asking a grown-up to post a photo of the find to the Sparks Ellison Facebook page.
- Re-hide the book once they've finished so the magic can continue for another child.

### Ramadan & Eid

You will have seen my separate communication about our work supporting the 'Date Project'. Over the next three weeks we would love for children to bring donations to support this charity, please see the list of suggested donations on the following link: <https://thedataproject.org/gift-back/>

### Caring for our Planet-Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Methodist Churches in the Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey areas will be hosting a community event at Chandlers Ford Methodist Church focused on 'Caring for our Planet'. Entry will be free and the day will include a range of activities from eco themed crafts to seminars with experienced environmental advocates.

## Big Walk and Wheel

We are looking forward to taking part in the Hampshire Big Walk and Wheel from 16<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> March. Bike it John will be leading an assembly with the whole school all about this challenge on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## Opportunities for Tradespeople in Our School Community

We are planning some improvements to our school corridors over the summer months, including fresh painting, new carpets, and updated storage solutions. If you are a parent or carer who works in any of these areas, or you know someone who does, and would like the opportunity to quote for the work, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office to register your interest, and we will share further details about the project and timelines.

We are always grateful for the skills and support within our school community, and we look forward to working together on these improvements.

## Science and Engineering Day - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Discover something extraordinary at Science and Engineering Day this March!

The University of Southampton's annual Science and Engineering Festival (SOTSEF) returns this March, offering an exciting chance to explore the world of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Running alongside British Science Week, the festival's flagship event, Science and Engineering Day, takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

This free, family-friendly day invites visitors to enjoy more than 140 activities, including inspiring talks, interactive shows, hands-on workshops, and behind-the-scenes laboratory tours across the state-of-the-art Highfield and Boldwood campuses. No previous knowledge is needed - just curiosity!

Free tickets are available via the festival website: [www.sotsef.co.uk](http://www.sotsef.co.uk)

## Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop



We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards

Phillippa Longman

