



## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our families! I hope you all had a fantastic half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with your children. It has been lovely to see the sun—and even a bit of warmth—put in an appearance this week. I remain optimistic that this is the start of warmer climes and lighter evenings for us all.

During the break, I enjoyed watching some of the Winter Olympics and was struck by the incredible athletes on display. In our assembly on Monday, I shared several examples of these competitors showing our core school values of respect, kindness, and determination on the world stage.

The biggest point of celebration this week, however, was returning from the holiday to find our brand-new Computer Suite completely finished! Our staff received expert training on Monday from Mark (the Trust Computing Lead) and are now all set to deliver our inaugural unit of robotics.

I am truly energised by the wealth of great things planned for this term, including World Book Day, Rail Safety assemblies, our Year R and 1 Medieval Day, and our upcoming DT days. It is going to be a busy and brilliant term!

Mathew Currie  
Headteacher

## Staff shout out!



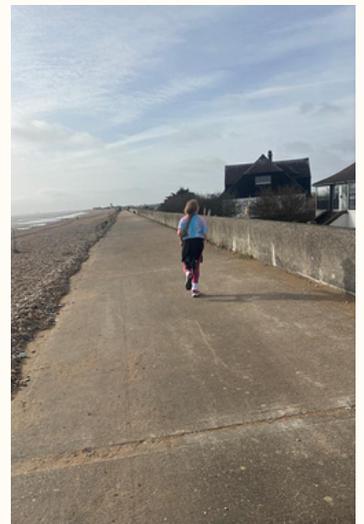
### Mrs Ford

A massive shout-out to Mrs. Ford, one of our amazing Year 3 teachers! Mrs. Ford is a truly gifted practitioner who consistently crafts and delivers exceptional lessons. Her passion for reading truly shines through across the entire curriculum; she loves books and is wonderful at sharing that enthusiasm with her pupils. As a key member of the English Leadership team, she works tirelessly to organise brilliant events like World Book Day. We also want to recognise her incredible drive for self-improvement, having completed several professional qualifications in her own time over recent years. We are so lucky to have your expertise and dedication on the team, Mrs. Ford!

## Celebration corner... Brooke's 5km challenge!

We are delighted to share Brooke's latest success as a runner! During the half term break, Brooke ran a 5k run along the front at Dymchurch. She finished with the most impressive time of 30 minutes, which means that on average she covered 1km in 6 minutes!

Her mindset and determination to push past her barriers is incredible to see and celebrate. Huge congratulations, Brooke!



## Celebration corner... Annabelle's St John Ambulance triumph!



Annabelle has recently been recognised at her St John Ambulance Badgers group, where she was awarded the "Follow Me" badge. This award recognises the support she gives to others in her group and the positive example she sets for the younger members.

Annabelle is now working towards becoming a Super Badger, the highest award available within St John Ambulance Badgers. This award has not been presented in her group for almost eight years, and she is doing exceptionally well in working towards this achievement.

She will be moving on to become a St John Ambulance Cadet in September, and this recognition reflects her commitment, kindness and leadership within the organisation. Well done, Annabelle!

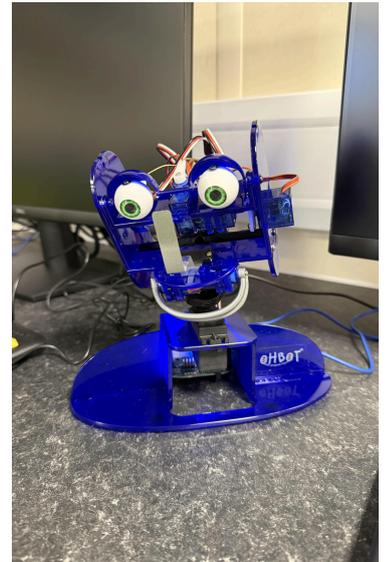
# COMPUTER SUITE... OPEN!



As you will have seen from Miss Newman's flyer earlier this week, our brand new Computer Suite is now open. From this coming week, teachers will be taking their classes into the suite to undertake their first robotics lesson.

Many thanks to FOSB and Swale Academies Trust for coming together to fund this project - one that is going to make such a huge difference to our pupils.

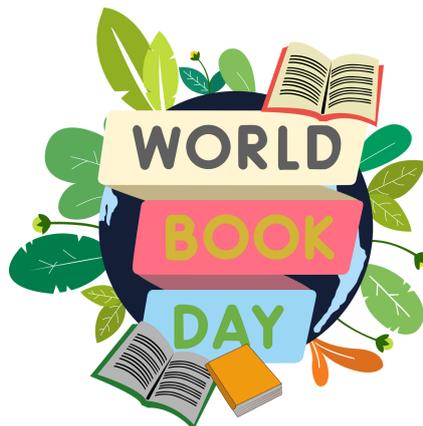
Our plan is to hold a formal opening event in the near future during which we will open up the suite for parents/carers to see.



### World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> March Dress up your way on World Book Day!

No need for expensive outfits. Wear 'whatever makes you happy!'



### Parents Evening

Please save the date... 18/19<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 - 6/7pm. More details will be sent out soon as to how parents can book appointments.

# Power of Purple Awards

We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our Power of Purple Awards.

Nursery Henry S	
Reception A Isla D	Reception B Blossom H
Class 1A Laila P	Class 1B Shreya G
Class 2A Leyla MG & Oliver D	Class 2B Leo A & Francies W
Class 3A Emil I	Class 3B Rosalie M
Class 4A Ivy R	Class 4B Mick M & Antonia P
Class 5A Salim A	Class 5B Romany-Rose M
Class 6A Augustas S	Class 6B Alise A
Staff n/a	

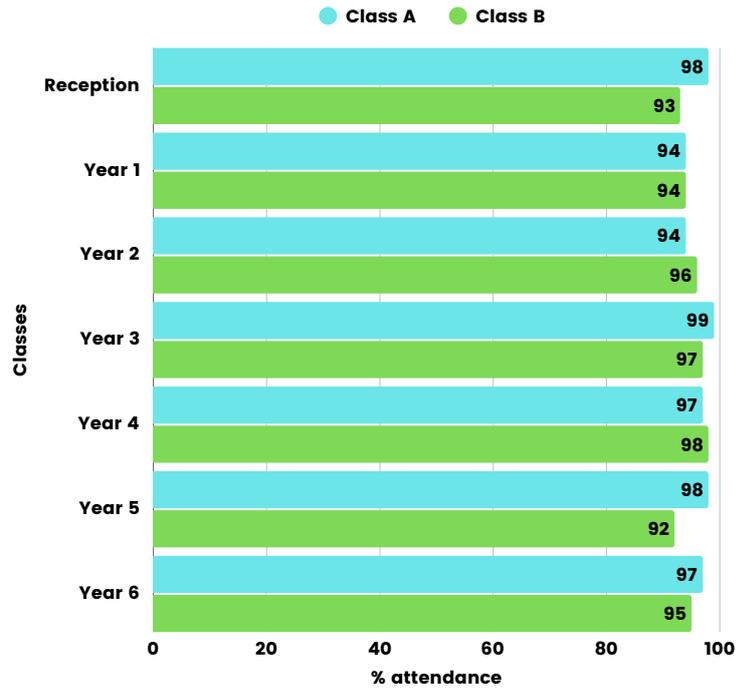
## AGONISM

This word mean:  
**The constant striving for excellence; the internal drive to challenge oneself and reach higher levels of skill or knowledge.**



# ATTENDANCE

Take a look at last week's class attendance figures. Classes who achieve 96% or above attendance get to roll the dice in our Classopoly game in assembly. Congratulations to **RA, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A and 6A** this week!



Whole school attendance down to 95.4% last week from 96.2%..remember every learning minute counts!



## Calling all writers!

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

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**World Book Day 2026:**  
 South Borough Primary  
 short story competition for young writers.

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<b>Years R, 1 &amp; 2</b> Any length writing.  Winning story €15 Waterstones gift card	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> Around 250 words.  Winning story €15 Waterstones gift card	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> Around 500 words.  Winning story €15 Waterstones gift card
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Your story can be about anything - the only limit is your imagination! Make your story as original as possible: typed or handwritten, illustrated or not - you're the author!



All entries must be in the entry box (by the school office) by **Monday 2nd March**.  
 Winners announced on World Book Day.