



F&B NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

Thursday 21st May 2026

Wishing you all a lovely May half term break!

It was both an honour and a pleasure to welcome the Paralympic Champion Ellie Simmonds in to school during the morning of Thursday 23rd April.

Ellie delivered a wonderful, inspiring assembly to children in Reception through the Year 2 where she spoke about her condition, achondroplasia, as well as the dedication, commitment and hard work needed to help her achieve such success. Ellie told the children all about the Paralympic Games and she played a video of her competing in the

London 2012 Paralympic Games where she famously won 2 gold medals and broke a World Record in the 400m. The children were amazed!

The children absolutely loved meeting Ellie; they listened beautifully to her assembly and were very excited to see 4 of her Olympic medals! Some children were even lucky enough to wear Ellie's Olympic medals, they could not believe how big, and heavy there were! The London 2012 gold medal was definitely a favourite!

We all learnt (and got to hear from ourselves) that the Paralympic medals from the Rio 2016 Games contain internal steel balls that rattle when shaken, allowing visually impaired athletes to identify the medal's colour by sound. Gold medals make the loudest noise, while bronze produces the softest.

The children asked Ellie some very interesting, insightful and thoughtful questions and it was amazing to see how interested they were in learning more the importance of overcoming adversity, persevering and believing in yourself. These are of course, some of the most important conversations the children can have.

Thank you Ellie for coming in and inspiring our children!

Mrs Ogle

DEXTER!

Fin has taken Dexter along with him all weekend. He has taken him

- Cycling in Lee Valley
- Helping pot on the cucumbers in the garden
- To rugby training
- On a treasure hunting walk (geocaching)



We had a trip to Audley End House and Gardens, lots of fun at home on the trampoline with Louie and his brother Jack, Hatfield forest, playing Lego and a trip to Prezzo on bank holiday Monday with all the family, including grandma and grandad.

We've loved having Dexter for the weekend, it's been so much fun!



Olivia was very excited to have Dexter to look after this weekend which she did very well with help from her little sister Rosie. Dexter's busy and fun weekend started with him joining Olivia for her swimming lesson on Friday after school, when he had his own special float! This was followed with some golf practice on the simulator with Olivia and her Dad.

On Saturday morning Dexter joined in with Olivia and Rosie's gymnastics class. After lunch he had an unexpected meeting with a beekeeper in the Church park who was rescuing a swarm of bees who had made a home on the park equipment. Olivia, Rosie and Dexter learned how the worker bees all follow the queen bee.

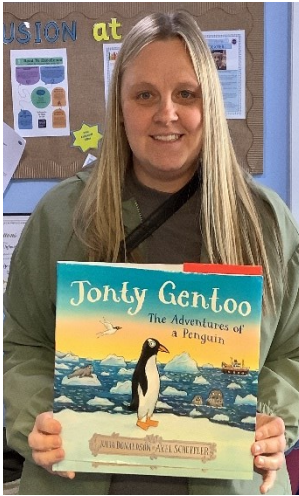
Dexter then partied the evening away at cousin Jessica's 40th party! He loved the lemonade! Dexter enjoyed a nice lay-in on Sunday followed by a family BBQ to celebrate Olivia's Mum and Uncle Dave's birthdays.



Dates for the Diary

22nd May	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
25th—29th May	HALF TERM
1st June	Year 1 - Memorable Experience
2nd June	Year 3 Teachers in to visit Year 2
5th June	Class Photos
8th June	Year 2 - Pirate Workshop
9th June	Reception Trip
15th June	Choir Concert 2.30pm
16th June	Year 2 to visit Readings
17th June	Nursery - Animal Encounters
18th June	Sports Day
24th June	Year 2 Music Festival
3rd July	Year 2 Leavers Disco
9th July	Move Up Day
15th July	Year 2 Leavers Show (9.30am & 5.30pm)
21st July	Last Day of Term—Finish at 2pm

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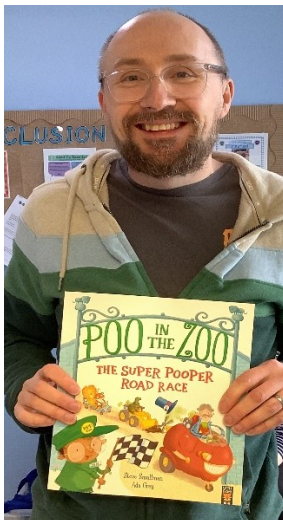
"It was a pleasure to read to Starfish Class. They all sat and listened nicely. Thank you for having me"

Carly P



"I really enjoyed reading to Jellyfish class, they made me feel very welcome and joined in with the book"

Stacey F



"Lots of fun - they all listened really nicely and had lots of questions about the cars"

Dom V-L



"It was great to read to Seal Class today. All of the children were so well behaved and fully engaged. It was a pleasure to see all of their smiling. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience"

Phillippa B



"It was great to see so many happy little faces. The children listened really well and made some helpful comments as we went through. Thank you for having me Seal Class J "

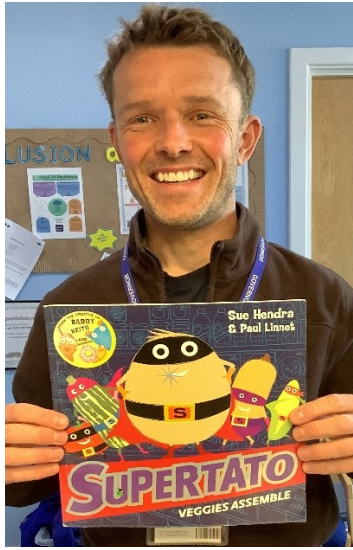
Natalie M-B



"Oyster Class listened so well and enjoyed the story. It was a pleasure to read to you all! "

Jenny A

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“What an absolute privilege to read to Dolphin class today. Maebel’s little face and the cuddle when she saw me was a real treat. Thank you for having me!”

Chris M



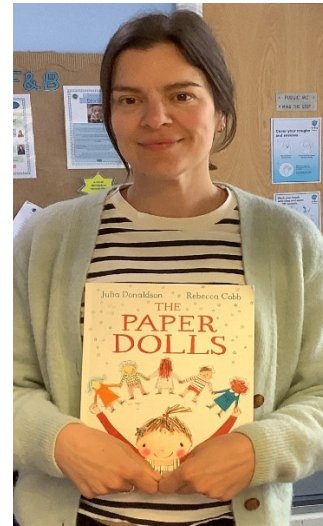
“Brilliant!”

Emma R



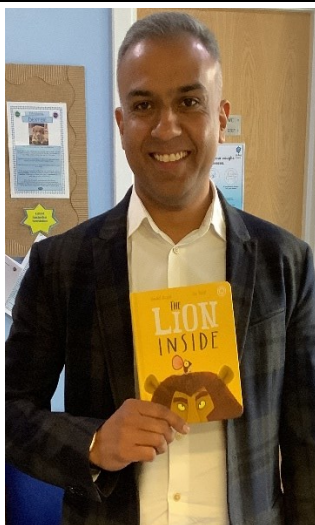
“The children were so well behaved and very curious. I read to them a book in Polish & English. They really liked it. After I finished reading, we had a chat about “What makes me happy?” I noticed that friends and family were the main answers. Super Cute!”

Urszula O



“I really enjoyed seeing Lilah’s face all surprised! The children in Seal class listened so well”

Lucy P



“Loved it! These little kids actually showcased the Lion Inside them, with the cutest collective ROARRR”

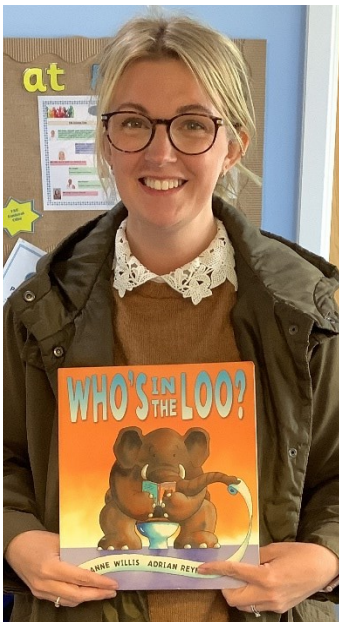
Sanchit K



“I loved surprising Ezra and reading to Jellyfish class! The class were so lovely and got involved helping me read!”

Louisa C

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"It was so lovely to see all the smiling faces and hear the children laugh along with the story"

Alison K-P



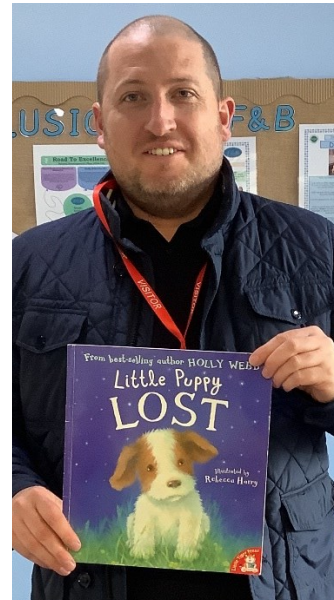
"So lovely and cute! Loved reading to the children so much"

Sarah C



"Octopus class were brilliant, very quiet and engaged. It was lovely to see Dorothea beaming throughout the whole story. Look forward to reading again."

Sarah W



"Great experience, good to see all the children's faces as I read to them"

Simon M



"Wonderful - they were so engaged and excited and it was a wonderful surprise for Theo"

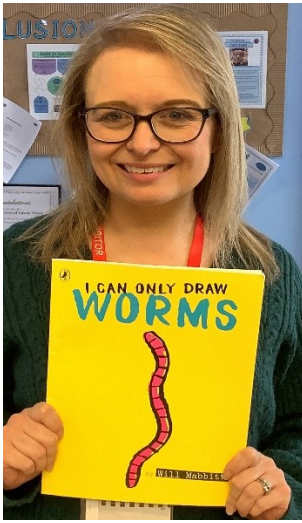
Leanna P



"It was so much fun to share this book with Jellyfish class because they did a wonderful job at helping me read parts of the story"

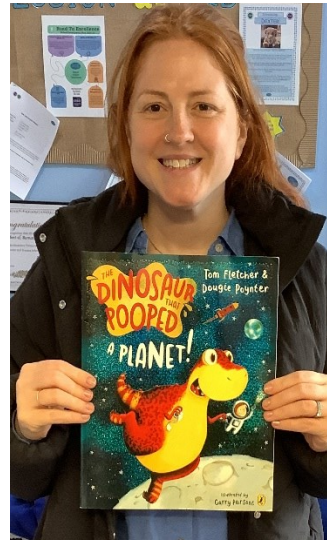
Jo C

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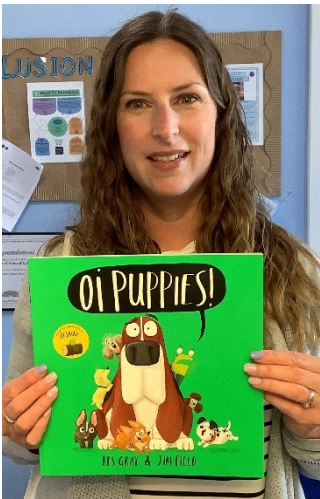
"Sienna was very happy to see me. Starfish class were very enthusiastic and joined in counting all the worms! Thank you for having me"

Ria D



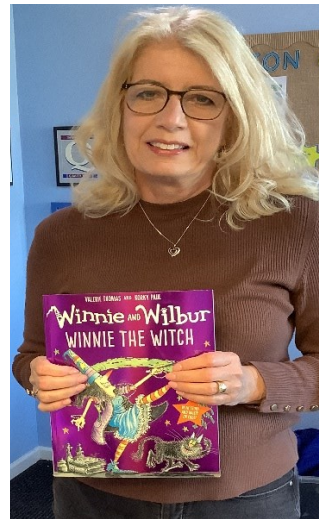
"Absolutely loved it! Such a brilliant experience – thank you Jellyfish"

Flora M



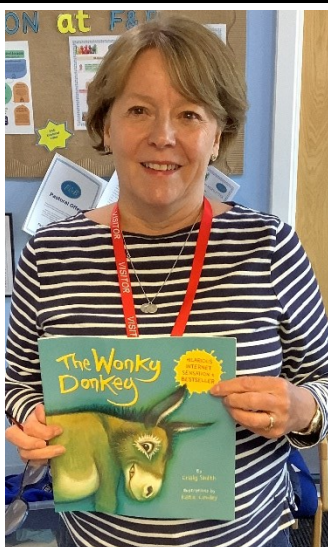
"Starfish class were so well behaved and listened really carefully to the story. It's always lovely seeing Amelia's face when they see who it is"

Sally M



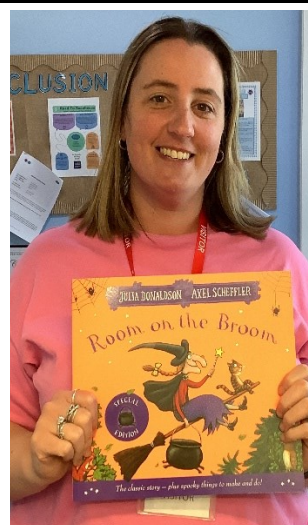
"It was a pleasure to read to the children. They listened beautifully and joined in appropriately. It was the highlight of my week!"

Kim P



"Wonderful – so lovely to surprise Tom. Thank you"

Elaine K



"Brilliant! The children really loved it. It was wonderful to hear their little giggles and gasps. Thank you for letting me share my book"

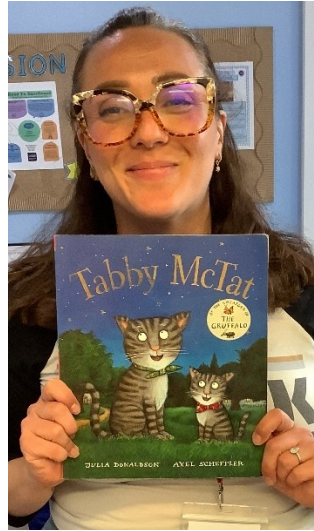
Adelle W

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"I really enjoyed reading to the children of Starfish class. Seb seemed happy to see me J"

Lucy P



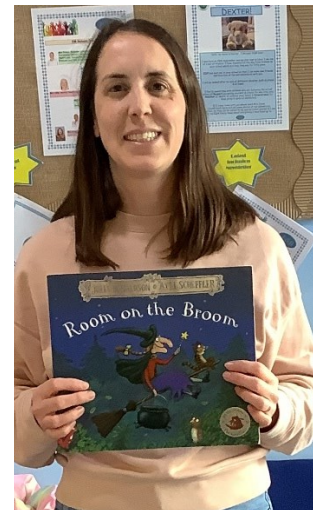
"Great!"

Sabrina A



"I love how the kids are so excited about who the Secret Reader could be! They all listened very well and seemed to enjoy the book. Not sure Finley wanted to let me leave!"

Juliet G



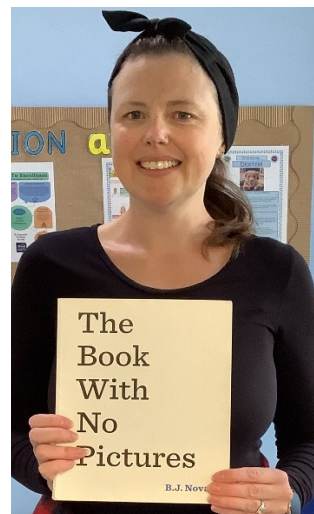
"What a wonderful experience! Thank you Seal class for listening so well to the book and helping with the spell! It was so lovely to see Evie's face when they opened their eyes"

Laura R



"Such a lovely, thoughtful idea. I LOVED IT J Sweetest class and teachers"

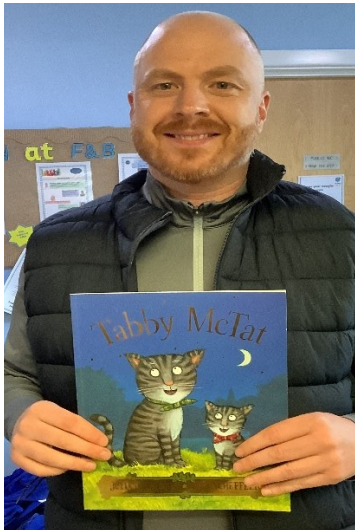
Jada P



"It was such a fun experience to read this book with Jellyfish. They were all engaged and laughed at the silly words and songs"

Amy S

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"I had a brilliant time reading to Milla's class. They all listened so well and joined in with the song!"

David P



"It was lovely reading to Starfish class. They listened so well!"

Michelle S



"Very good, children seemed interested in the story and pictures"

Elaine W

Healthier and Happier School Run



Photo courtesy of Sustainable Sawbridgeworth

Walking and cycling to school have become an important part of life for me and my son Ben. It has turned the school run into a healthy and enjoyable way to start and finish our day.

Our mornings begin calmly: getting ready and heading out together. It often feels more like the start of a

relaxed weekend walk than a weekday routine. What began simply as a way to get to school has become one of the moments we value most.

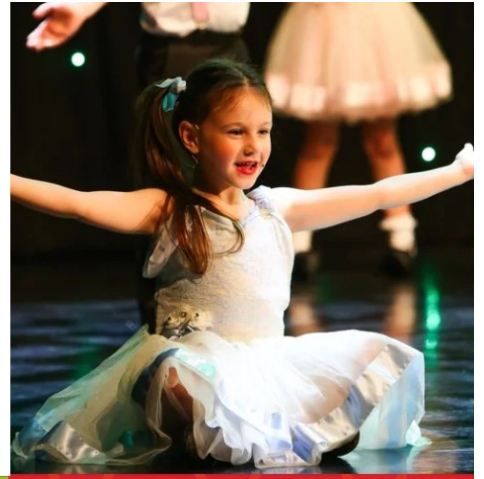
On the way, we talk about his school day, his friends, what he enjoyed the most, or what he had for lunch. In the mornings we often notice nature around us – trees, plants, birds, and the changing seasons. These little moments give us time to connect and share. Ben loves being outside whatever the weather. From frosty mornings to rainy days, being outdoors helps children build resilience and a strong immune system.

For me as a parent it is also a great opportunity to move more. Recently we have even started choosing longer routes so we can spend more time together while being more physically active. Cycling brings its own benefits too, helping children develop confidence, balance, and motor skills. Walking or cycling can make a real difference. Small steps can create healthier, and happier children.

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"*Healthier and Happier School Run*", where they talk about an of experience walking and cycling to school together.

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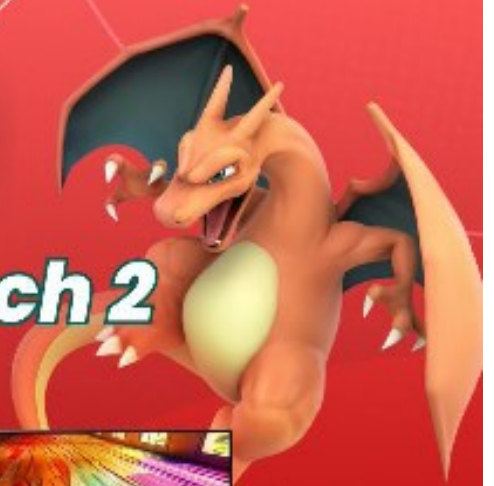
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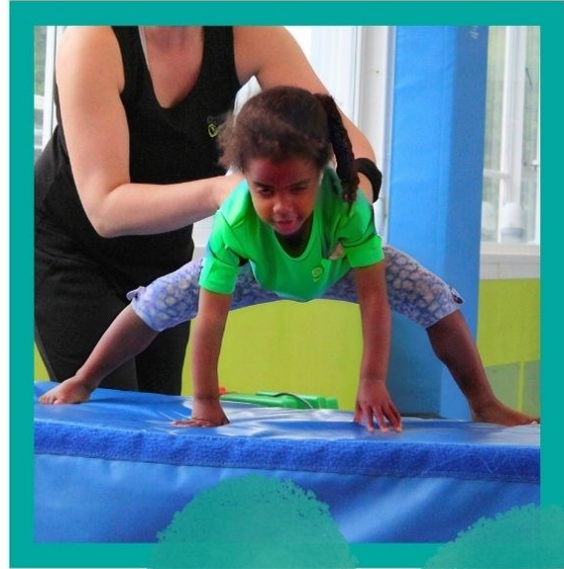
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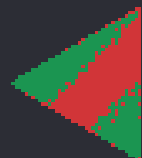
5pm - 6pm - Girls (school year 4-11)

Sunday 19 April

10am-11am - Kindergarten (reception and nursery age)

10am-11am - Junior Colts (school year 1-4)

11am-12.30pm - Junior Colts (school year 5-6)



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