

F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Monday 20th November 2023

This week is week 2 of the dinner menu



Sawbo Books

We are very grateful to Fenella Bateman for donating these lovely books to our school. Each book contains a beautiful sticker designed by her daughter, Ellie Bateman, one of our lovely ex-pupils. These books will be spread across our school in our non fiction library, our well-being library and as 'sharing books' in the classrooms. We are so grateful to Fenella and her family for the donation of these books. We know how passionate Fenella was about promoting reading so her legacy in this way will live on! Don't forget: This Friday 24th November there will be an Usborne book sale in the Learning Garden from 3:15pm. A great chance to grab some Christmas presents. These books have been kindly donated by the late Fenella Bateman (a year 2 mum). All money raised is being donated to both F&B and Readings to purchase new books for the school libraries. There will also be collection jars for any donations for Isabel Hospice, where Fenella was so well cared for.

Children In Need 2023!



WOW and thank you! Thank you to everyone who was able to donate in terms of money, effort and time for making cakes and for their donations to help make this year fantastic.

A big thank you to Mrs Hills for, showing Paul Hollywood how it is done by organising the bake sale and making cakes and biscuits! Which raised £200! Another heart felt thank you to Mrs Newman and Mrs Hills for overseeing and organising the entire day!

The just giving page helped drive up donations, as cash is becoming less common. This raised £302 alone! Thank you!

Over all from the cake sale, charity bucket and the online page we raised a

tremendous **£703.25!!**

This money will go some way to improving and enriching the lives of families in need across the country!



Keeping Children Safe Online!

NSPCC

We know the importance of keeping children safe online but equally know that pupils can often know more than adults.

We have secured two dates where the NSPCC will be presenting via Zoom an online session to help share some idea, tips and guidance. This is to enhance the summer terms offer of the Two Johns. The Two sessions can be accessed by clicking on the below dates. They shall be sent to everyone the morning of the event so that you can find it easily.

- [Monday 27 November 7-8pm](#)
- [Wednesday 6 December 6-7pm](#)

Some facts to share which shows that if devices are not protected and adults aware of how they are being used allows the potential of risk to seep into the child's life:

- 17% per 3-4 year olds have their own or free access to a mobile. Of them a quarter of three-to-four-year-olds who have their own mobile phone use WhatsApp
- Children aged three to seven typically use WhatsApp and FaceTime for sending messages or making calls
- The majority of eight-to-eleven-year-olds have profiles on TikTok, followed by WhatsApp, YouTube and Snapchat. All of which are apps with user age ratings of 13 or 16 in the case of WhatsApp.
- By 11 to 12 years old, 97 per cent of children have their own social media profile, with almost universal rates of mobile phone ownership as children transition to secondary school.

Forest School Club



This week we worked on shelter building skills, making fishing rods and bows and arrows.

F&B

'Oasis of Calm'

Exhibition at Great St Mary's Church



As part of the Sawbridgeworth switching on of the Christmas lights,
the children have all been busy making Christmas lanterns in school, from the recycled materials you have very kindly donated. When the lanterns are finished they will contribute to create an 'Oasis of Calm' Exhibition at Great St Mary's Church along with many other schools in the area.



The Lanterns will be on display inside the Church for everyone to come and see and enjoy on

Saturday 25th November from 3pm to 6pm!

If you are able to, please do come along and see them all in situ. The children will love spotting their lantern and showing you their collective hard work.

Friendship Week

This year for Friendship Day (part of the national anti-bullying week), all pupils from across Reedings & F&B designed and made a special affirmation pebble, that they then swapped with a pupil from the opposite school.

Years 4, 5 & 6 from Reedings came to F&B, whilst Years 2 from F&B went over to Reedings.

It is always lovely to see the older children remember their previous school, and equally the younger children see where their learning journey will take them.

Throughout the week every class has also focused on talking about friendship: the qualities of a good friend, how we can show kindness to each other, who we can talk to when we're worried or upset.

All of the above activities further enhance our PSHE curriculum and whole school focus on ensuring we are teaching the children how to be mindful and considerate members of their local and wider community.

Thank you to Mrs Jones here at F&B and Miss Ling at Reedings for all of the planning for the big day, and Mrs Potma for providing lots of lovely resources for the children to have in class.



Allsorts

A group of our Year 2s once again visited AllSorts last Thursday.

This time the theme was...Pudsey Bear!

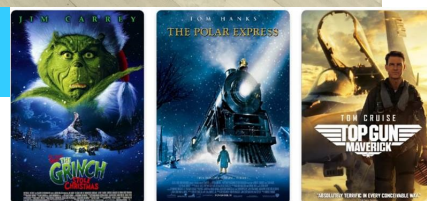
The children and clients had a go at making a moving Pudsey, a chatterbox Pudsey and some Pudsey Colouring.

As always we had a lovely time, and a special thank you to Mrs Crowhurst, a Year 2 Parent, who has kindly offered her time each month to help us keep this running.



Charity Drive-In Cinema

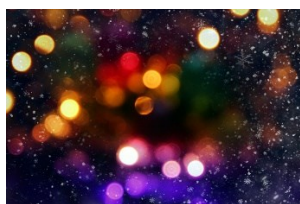
[December Drive-In Cinema | London Stansted Airport](#) Welcome to our brand-new charity drive-in cinema event at London Stansted Airport! This December we're bringing you a fantastic film list, including some family favourites and Christmas classics, which you can enjoy from the comfort of your very own car. Running from Friday 1st December - Friday 8th December, our drive-in cinema is a fun way to get in the festive spirit, and there'll be food trucks and popcorn machines on-site for the ultimate cinema experience. It's for an amazing cause, too.



We're very proud to say that **100% of the money raised from ticket sales will be donated to our three charity partners, Medcare, Magic Breakfast, and The Children's Society**, who are all doing incredible work to provide food, access to healthcare and wellbeing support to children in need. So wrap up warm and join us for our unforgettable charity cinema experience - book your tickets below.



Donations



Foodbank Christmas 2023 donations required.

Baby/ Self-care items

Baby supplies i.e., nappies, baby wipes, baby food, Toiletries i.e., deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, hand wipes, Feminine products i.e., sanitary towels, tampons

Food items

Biscuits
Baked beans
tinned spaghetti
Cereal
Chocolate treats
Crisps
Fruit squash
Jams/spreads
Long life juices/milk
Pasta/rice
Pasta sauce
Soups
Sponge Puddings
Tea/coffee/sugar
Tinned meat/fish
Tinned vegetables

fruit

If you can donate any of the items below please take to Fawbert and Barnard school (Sawbridgeworth) reception and place in the donations box. I (Laura Todd) will then deliver donations to Michael King of Greater Anglia, so please hand in by 10th December 2023.

Alternatively you can take directly to Harlow Town or Sawbridgeworth train station (opening times for Sawbridgeworth Station- Mon to Sat 06.00 to 14.00, Sun 08.00 to 17.00) or Bishops Stortford station.

Thank you so much

**Christmas
Food Bank
Collection.**

***Our stations will be collecting
donations for two local food banks.***

We will be accepting donations from 9 October until 10 December, the following stations will be accepting donations: Bishop's Stortford, Harlow Town, Harlow Mill, Sawbridgeworth and Stansted Mountfitchet. A list of items needed for the charities will be available at the ticket office.

**We would like to say a huge thank you in advance
for any donations given to help local people.**



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Dexter the Bear

'Dexter started his weekend off with a sleepover at Ralphie's Nanny's house, he then joined in pyjama day at Football where he won a sticker for scoring a penalty!

The next day Dexter visited the hairdressers for a trim so he was looking fresh for The Bishops Stortford Christmas lights turn on followed by a cheeky Nando's (he went for lemon and herb)

- thank you for choosing Ralphie this weekend, he was made up and Dexter didn't leave his side for a minute



Secret Reader



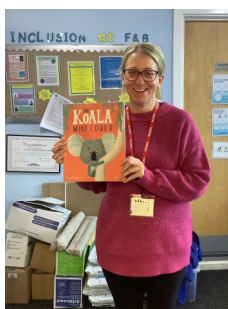
"What a pleasure it was to read to Otter class today! They listened so well and had a fun time telling me their favourite parts"

Ashley L



"Secret Reader in the Nursery class was a wonderful experience. Thank you for giving this opportunity to parents. I will remember it"

Theodora P



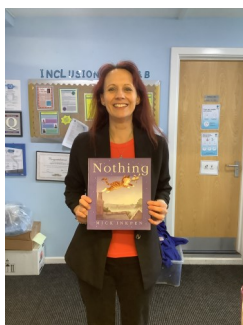
"Secret Reader was a great experience and I loved seeing Ez's face and all the other children's too. It was lots of fun and lots of joy"

Sarah C



"It was a pleasure reading to Squirrel class today. They sat and listened very nicely and seemed to enjoy the story. Thank you for having me".

Nicola C



"I loved reading to Panda class today. The children listened so well and really enjoyed the book. Rose was so happy to see me sitting in the chair. A very enjoyable experience"

Fiona SE



"It was great to be today's Secret Reader and tell the story of Baby Bunny and Baby Badger. The children were very good and had lots of great favourite parts"

Caroline N

English Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

'The Horseman' by Walter de la Mare

*I heard a horseman
Ride over the hill;
The moon shone clear,
The night was still;
His helm was silver,
And pale was he,
And the horse he rode
Was of ivory.*

We would like to encourage you to share this at home too. If your child is particularly keen, they may want to practise and recite it to me in school! Any pupil who chooses to do this will receive a special sticker.

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)

October Half Term – 23th – 27th October	
30th October	Year 1 Special Event: Planetarium
1st November	New Reception and Year 3 parent County Council applications open
2nd November	School Council: Houses of Parliament Trip.
2nd November	Reception Screening for pupils born September to March
3rd November	PTA: Break the Rules Day
8th November	Inclusion Workshop: Q&A with a Speech and Language Therapist @ 10:45
10th November	Joint Readings and F&B Memorial Event for Year 2- Year 1 and R to be held at F&B
13th November	Lantern Material Request to parents for Church
13th November	Joint Event: Readings and F&B Friendship week
14th November	Reception Special Visitors: Owl Visit
15th November	Optional Flu Jabs – PM
15th November	Set 1 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
16th November	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
17th November	Children In Need and Cake sale: Email to follow
20th November	Geography week
24th November	Lanterns to be displayed at St Mary's church or taken home
27th November	Parent Workshop 2: Speech, Language & Communication bookable on ARBOR
30th November	Special Magical Visitors for all pupils! Shhh!
1st December	Non-Pupil Day—school closed
4th December	External Panto coming to F&B
7th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS Tots allowed at 09:30
7th December	Year 2: to visit Readings to see Christmas Show
7th December	Inclusion Drop Ins & Parent / Governor Social 14:00 to 15:00 – Hall in use.
8th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 Tots allowed at 09:30
11th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 09:30
11th December	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
12th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 14:00
13th December	Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day
13th December	Set 2 and 3 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
14th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
15th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
18th December	RockSteady and School Choir Concert – Year 1 and 2
20th December	Christmas Donkey Visit for all pupils
20th December	Special Festive Visitor
20th December	School ends at 14:00
Christmas Holidays 21nd to 3rd January	

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HOLIDAYS

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Term Dates 2023/2024

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Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2023-2024

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School days	School holidays	5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day	Bank Holiday	Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> <i>School Occasional Day 01/12/2023</i>
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May</i> <i>May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>