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Spring Newsletter #7  
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Dear Parents,

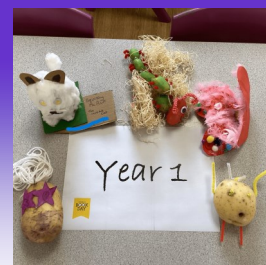
I hope you've all enjoyed the first week of March. A reminder that next Friday I will be joined on the gate by my successor, Mrs O'Dwyer. If you'd like to say hello, we'll be on the front gate in the morning and the back gate at the end of the day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### Curriculum News

In the [Reading Blog](#) you can see the quirky, clever potato characters from Thursday's World Book Day along with a range of photos from the children and staff in their fab costumes. Thank you everybody for making the effort it created a nice buzz and lots of fun in school as well as raising the profile of reading. Thank too, to the PTA for sourcing all those extra costumes.

In the DT Blog you can read a fantastic write up and see the cool photos telling you all about [Year 2](#) enjoying researching, designing, making and finally, evaluating their seagull-proof lunch bags. Great learning and fun at the same time.

Have a look also at the [Year 5](#) Top Trump reading card games they designed for World Book Day.



### Foundation Stage Curriculum News

The latest curriculum information and newsletter can be found on the website by clicking [here](#). In the newsletter you can read about their learning and find out about their plans for this half term, the books they are sharing, the songs they are sharing, how to be a bucket filler and how to support at home with reading.

There is also a reading workshop for parents straight after school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### Nut Aware School

If your child must have chocolate spread in their packed lunch, please take extra care to use something without nuts because many have hidden nuts in them. FYI, the Cadbury chocolate spread is nut free. **Ideally though, please do not choose any chocolate spread to be on the safe side.** Thank you for your support and understanding.

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## Top Tips to Boost Reading

Under our 'Useful Resources for Parents', this week you can find tech tips to help our child to read that includes interactive reading programmes, audiobooks, text to voice, voice to text and much more. Click [here](#) to read more.



## Our Amazon Book Wish List

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share)

## Help with Rising Costs - Reminders

- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- **Household Support Fund** – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week:
  - [Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)
  - Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
  - Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
  - This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look: <https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
  - The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
  - Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
  - Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
  - Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Happy March Weekend

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

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# Diary Dates

12th March 2025	15.30—15.50 Reading Workshop for Reception (Acorns) Parents
1st April 2025	Non Uniform Day to donate an Easter Egg for the Thursday Bingo
3rd April 2025	PTA Easter Bingo after school
W/C 7th April 2025	Easter Holidays
22nd April 2025	First day back for children
5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 26th May 2025	Half Term
3rd June 2025	First day back for children
24th July 2025	Final day for the children



Beech	Luna-Freya is our star of the week in Beech class! This week, she has tried really hard in every lesson and has come to school excited to learn. Keep up the good work, Luna-Freya!
Pine	Kinsley is our star this week. He has been spotted by everyone! Mrs Cosh was singing his praises in his phonics group, Mrs Chivers saw some fantastic writing and we ABSOLUTELY loved his invisible cat potato for World Book Day. Well done Kinsley!
Oak	Ayla is our star this week as she has shown great responsibility and motivation when completing book quizzes after reading her books at home. She also showed resilience when making her bag and she put great thought and effort into the design of it. Well done Ayla, you are a star!
Apple	Ella is our star of the week for her amazing efforts in both writing and maths. You have shown such determination to improve your work and your standards of presentation have improved enormously! Well done!
Holly	Maddy always strives to be the best she can possibly be. She has been trying a little harder recently in being more resilient in her learning and being more focused. This has been shown in our current Geography unit where Maddy has shown good knowledge and participation.
Willow	Esmai is the star of the week in Willow class. Esmai always works really hard in every piece of work she does. She listens to advice and readily helps others if they are finding something tricky. She demonstrates great motivation and resilience. She is kind and respectful. Well done Esmai.
Cherry	Lydia is our star this week. Over the last few weeks she has consistently shown fantastic motivation in all of her learning. In maths, she has shown resilience when things have been tricky, and she has really considered how she can develop her learning and make things even better. I have been so proud of her this week, well done Lydia!
Hazel	Anu is our star this week. He could be the star every week, giving his best in all he does. Mr Mayling has mentioned him in particular this week for his resilience, determination and inspiration in PE lessons.
Birch	Lennon has been incredibly motivated and aspirational in his writing this week. He has written an amazing Biography, which has inspired him! Well done young man.
Rowan	Riley has been so motivated to improve his writing recently, lots of adults in the school are incredibly proud of the progress he has made and his hard work has certainly paid off! We are all so proud of him - well done.
Maple	Willow is our star this week because of her motivation to do well in her learning; Willow has been really trying hard to join in with class discussions and has offered some great ideas in writing newspaper headlines and quotes. Keep it up Willow!
Hawthorn	Dylan is our star of the week for motivation. He has been working so hard on improving his writing and his maths arithmetic scores. He listens to all of the advice he is given and applies it to his work in order to up-level it - Keep up your super commitment Dylan!

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