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*Friday, 28th February 2025*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful week and are feeling refreshed and ready for the next six weeks. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, diving straight back into their learning. It is fantastic to see them so engaged and eager to explore new topics.

This term, we have many exciting activities planned, including hands-on projects, drama workshops, and opportunities to develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. We are also looking forward to special events and guest speakers who will enrich the children's learning experience

## Generosity

A generous donor has made a huge contribution to help the school upgrade our IT system. This will transform your children's learning, providing them with better access to high-quality digital resources, interactive lessons, and essential technology skills that will support their education both now and in the future. We are incredibly grateful for this generous support, which will not only enhance the children's learning experience but also benefit our teachers by allowing them to deliver more engaging and effective lessons. This investment in our school's IT infrastructure will make a lasting difference, ensuring that both pupils and staff have the tools they need to succeed.

## Y5 PGL

This week, Year 5 went on their residential trip. For some children, this was their first experience of being away from their families, making it a significant milestone in their personal development. The teachers have expressed how proud they are, noting that the children had a truly wonderful time. Throughout the trip, they engaged in a range of exciting activities, gained valuable new experiences, and strengthened their relationships with peers.

Residential trips play a crucial role in children's development, as they provide opportunities to build confidence, resilience, and independence. Being in a different environment allows them to step outside their comfort zones, try new challenges, and develop essential teamwork and problem-solving skills. Additionally, these experiences create lifelong memories, fostering a sense of adventure and curiosity that extends beyond the classroom. Most importantly, residential trips help children develop a sense of responsibility, as they learn to manage themselves in a setting away from home.

Thank you to Miss Kirby, Miss Bullen, Miss Powder, and Ruth for generously giving up their time to make this trip possible. Your dedication and support ensured that the children had a safe, enjoyable,





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and enriching experience. Without your hard work and commitment, this memorable opportunity would not have been possible. Your efforts in organising activities, providing encouragement, and caring for the children throughout the trip are truly appreciated.

## World Book Day

You have received correspondence about the World Book Day activities taking place next week. We are very much looking forward to the week.

Please may I ask that, if you have not already done so, you make a contribution towards the drama workshop, which is taking place on Monday.

## Holiday vouchers

We sincerely apologise to those parents who did not receive the holiday food vouchers. Unfortunately, there were errors made by the local authority, which led to some families not receiving the support they were entitled to. We understand that this may have caused inconvenience and frustration, and we deeply regret any difficulties this may have created. Please rest assured that we are working closely with the local authority to prevent such issues from occurring in the future. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we address this matter. Thank you for your continued support.

## Mothering Sunday lunch.

This week I wrote to you to invite you to our Mothering Sunday lunch. I really hope that you can make it. Please speak to the office staff if you have any questions.

## Valentine's Day bake sale

Parents and carers, you are amazing! We are thrilled to share that we raised an incredible **£588.44** from our bake sale. This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without your generosity, support, and delicious contributions. A special thank you to our **Reception and Year 5** parents for leading the event with such enthusiasm and dedication. Because of your kindness, the school can do so much more to enhance learning experiences, fund exciting new projects, and provide additional resources for our children. Your involvement truly makes a difference, and we are so grateful to have such a wonderful school community. Thank you!

## Clothing donations

Reception class are in need of spare underwear and socks. If you have any lightly used, clean items that your child has outgrown, please bring them to the office. Many thanks!





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## **Key dates for next week:**

Monday 3rd March - Music Education Islington: Singlinton 2025 (Islington Assembly Hall) (Y2 and Y3)

Monday 3rd March - Y1 to Y6 - Drama workshop (Part of World Book Day event)

Wednesday 4th March - Reading Breakfast (Y4) 8.30 am

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day events, including dressing up

Friday 7th March - Year 3 Class Assembly

I hope you have a wonderful, relaxing weekend filled with joy and rest. With spring on its way, the days are gradually getting longer, the weather is becoming milder, and signs of new life are beginning to emerge. It's the perfect time to enjoy the fresh air, take in the beauty of nature, and look forward to the brighter days ahead.

With warm regards,

Ms. H. Khan

Head of School

