



# Cliffe Woods Primary School

Newsletter 10 - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I can't believe we are in March already! This term has started really well and it was lovely to see some spring sunshine last week. As the weather begins to warm up, please can children bring a water bottle to school each day.

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelmingly positive feedback about the new menu this term. A huge thank you to the catering team who have worked tirelessly to provide meals that were requested following the survey. We have seen an increase in meal numbers, which is brilliant!

It was amazing to see all the fantastic costumes for World Book Day. We love reading at Cliffe Woods and it was a great day celebrating books and stories together. It was also wonderful that every child took a new book home from the book swap. Thank you for ensuring the children had such fantastic costumes and for supporting the event.

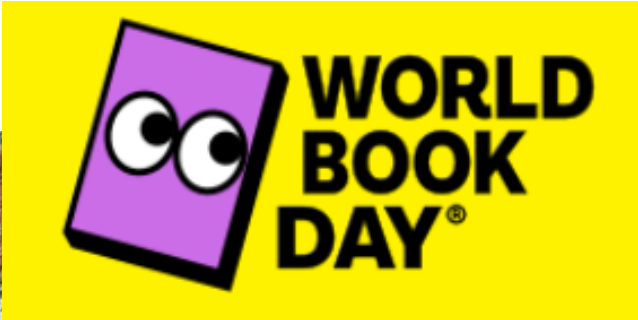
This term is full of exciting events including Mother's Day Tea, Musical Extravaganzas, music festivals and much more. It is fantastic to be able to provide these enrichment opportunities and I am very grateful to all the staff who work so hard to organise and facilitate them.

Our new SENCo visited last week to begin the handover process. She was very impressed with the school and is really looking forward to getting started. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events this term.

**Mr Bernard - Headteacher**

**MARCH**

# World Book Day



# Music For Schools

**We loved having Kay and Mrs Prankard from the Music for Schools Foundation perform for us in assembly last month.**

**If your child is interested in learning any of the wind instruments demonstrated in school, there are still lesson slots available on Wednesdays during the school day.**

**You can find more information here:  
<https://www.mfsf.org.uk/parentinformation>.**



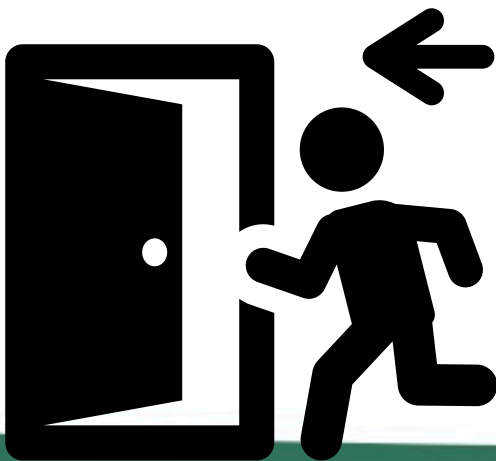
## Panic Room – Year 6

Year 6 really enjoyed taking part in an escape room activity run by Lindsay and David from the Medway Youth Development Service. We feel very fortunate to have worked with them over the last few years.

They often choose to visit our school when they have availability because they always comment on the children’s excellent behaviour and the support provided by our staff, which they say is quite unique compared to other schools they work with.

During the session, the children took part in a very visual and hands-on “Horror” themed escape room challenge. They worked together to solve clues and complete tasks, showing fantastic teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Following the activity, the children used the experience as inspiration for their writing and produced some fantastic recount texts.



## Development Day

Just a reminder that the school is closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



## Pokemon Club

Our first Pokemon Trading Card Lunchtime Club was a success! I had a great time even if I feel very old seeing the 'retro' cards I grew up collecting. Thank you to Mr Boreham for his support. We will run another session before the end of the term.

Thank you to Dalton in Year 6 for suggesting and organising.



## SEND Coffe Morning

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you!

Thank you to all families who attended the SEND Coffee Morning last week.

It was a great morning and there was some positive feedback from the Small Steps Workshop.



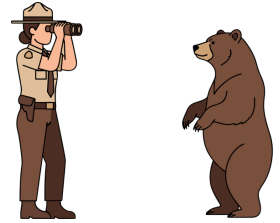
# Musical Extravaganzas

Year 3 and 4 rehearsals for the extravaganzas are well underway and the children can't wait to share their performances with you.

The dates are included in the list at the end of the newsletter.



## We are going on a bear hunt ...



I collected our bear club (it is larger than expected). Miss Stagg will be beginning the process of decorating the bear with the help of all children. We will be raising funds for the ellenor hospice and further details will be shared shortly.



## Class Photos

Class Photos are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Year 6 will be having their photo before they travel to see Oliver! in the West End.



# OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM AT THE WOODVILLE HALLS IN GRAVESEND

**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We are thrilled to announce an unmissable opportunity for pupils in Years 3–6 in Term 4.

The Woodville Halls Choir Club will be learning show-stopping songs from *The Greatest Showman* and ABBA's *Thank You for the Music*, all in preparation for a spectacular performance at the Aletheia Academy Trust Concert at the Woodville Halls, Gravesend on Tuesday 24th March.

This is a chance for children to perform on a professional stage, be part of a large-scale trust event, and experience the excitement of singing alongside pupils from across our academies. It promises to be a truly memorable experience.

If your child would like to take part, please sign up via Arbor.

Rehearsals: Mondays, 12:00–12:30 in school

Commitment: All Monday rehearsals, plus the afternoon rehearsal and evening concert on Tuesday 24th March

Capacity: Limited to 30 pupils

Please note that audience tickets for the Woodville Halls Trust Concert will go on sale at 10:00am on Monday 23rd February, priced at £12.50. Tickets usually sell out quickly, so early booking is strongly advised.

Ticket link: <https://woodville.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows>

We hope your child will join us for what promises to be an inspiring and unforgettable musical journey.



# Dates for the Diary

Please take a careful look at the following dates, all of which can be found on the Events Calendar on the school website, and make a note of any that may affect your child.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Choral Festival
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos Yr 6 trip to the Theatre
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 4 Music Extravaganza - 2.00pm & 5.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3 Music Extravaganza - 2.00pm & 5.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Tea - 2.00pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Tea - 2.00pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Trust Singing Concert (Woodville Halls) Yr 5 Residential Parent Meeting - 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Spring Concert
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	PTA Break the Rules Day Dance Festival (Yrs 5 & 6) -4.00pm - 5.00pm Last Day of Term - School closes at 2.00pm - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 5
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent's Evening (Not Dolphin Class)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Dolphins Class Parent's Evening Parent's Evening

## Have Your Say Meetings:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm

