

# HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week ending 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Families welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been so lovely to welcome the children back for our first week together, and what a great week it has been.

This week we have been learning about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated around the world. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as we explored different traditions and customs. We began by learning how families prepare for the New Year by cleaning their homes and putting up special decorations to welcome good luck. The children helped to recreate this in our classroom by tidying and “cleaning” our home corner before decorating it beautifully, and we then set up our very own celebratory feast on the table.

We talked about some important traditions, including the significance of the colour red for good luck and the custom of giving money in special red envelopes. The children were especially excited to learn about Chinese lion and dragon dances. They worked together to create their own lion head and performed a wonderful lion dance around the classroom, accompanying their performance with hand drums, cymbals and bells, which made it a joyful celebration.

We also shared the story of The Great Race and learned how each year in the Lunar calendar is named after an animal. The children were fascinated to discover the different animals and the order in which they finished the race. Some of the children explored mark-making by creating Mandarin symbols and numbers using chalk and paint, showing great concentration and creativity. We also practised our fine motor skills by using chopsticks to pick up noodles and dumplings, which was both challenging and lots of fun.

To end our week, we had a thoughtful discussion about the tradition of the wishing tree. The children carefully thought about their own special wishes and created wish tags to hang on our classroom wishing tree. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect and share kind hopes for the year ahead.

Happy weekend! The Pre-School Team 😊

### Things to Remember:

- *Please remember to pre-order your child's school dinner.*
- *PE session with Mr Ridge every Thursday morning. Please provide appropriate footwear.*
- ***World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. All children are invited to come to preschool dressed as their favourite book character!***



**Star Award**

**Luke**



**Our photos – check out our class gallery:**

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