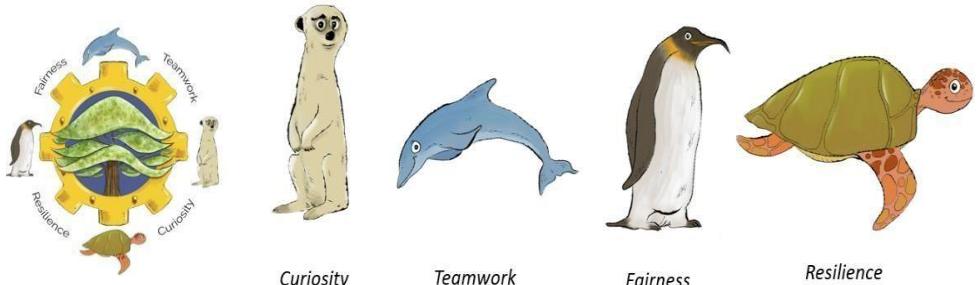




# Rode Heath Primary School

*"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."*

February 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy February everyone! Please see the information below that is pertinent to your child/ren.

## Facebook changes

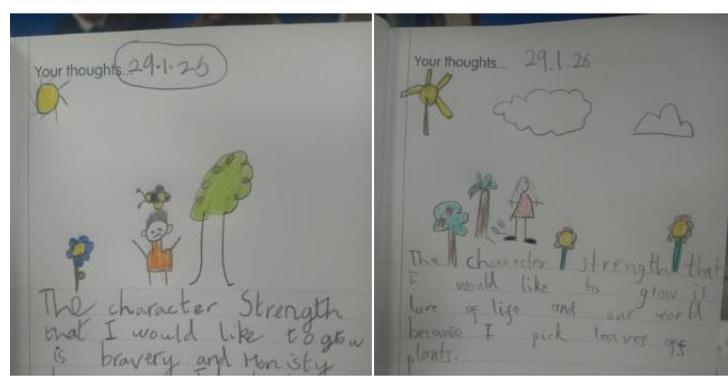
As I mentioned a few weeks ago in my email, Facebook has been a wonderful way for us to celebrate learning and keep you connected with school life. However, with the rise of new technologies and concerns around online safety - particularly the misuse of AI - we can no longer guarantee that children's photos remain completely secure once posted online.

Because safeguarding is always our top priority, we will continue to use Facebook but with a slight change. From now on, we'll share class-specific photos that showcase the fantastic work and learning happening in school, rather than photos of the children themselves.

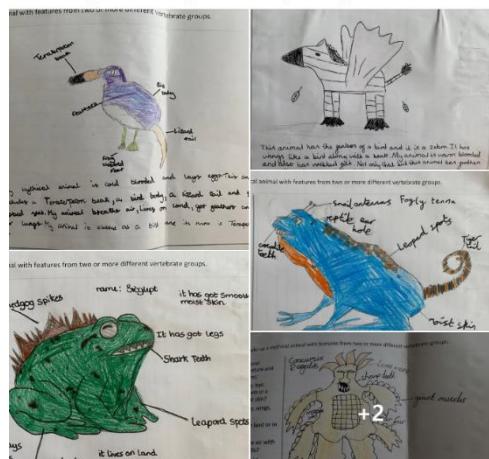
Learning about gases in Y4 today



In Happy Minds, Year 2 have been thinking about which character strength they would like to grow and why. Look at some of their superb ideas.



Some interesting creatures created by the Y6s. Which do you think might survive?



## **Parent/ Carer Survey Responses**

Thank you to the parents and carers who took the time to respond to the annual school survey before Christmas. The Senior Leadership Team are now in the process of analysing all of the data. We are continually reviewing our provision and making changes to improve our school even further.

## **Class Web Pages**

Please refer to your class's web page on our school website for all of the pertinent information that you will need for this half term. This will include PE days, their weekly learning journeys, academic expectations, Renaissance reading links, etc. Here is a link to our school website: [\*\*Rode Heath Primary: Welcome to our school...\*\*](#)

## **Parking**

I am becoming very concerned with the parking situation, especially during drop off and pick up time. We have lots of children from the age of 3 up to 11 walking through Bracken Close and we have had a few near misses over the last couple of weeks. I urge you all to please drive as safely as possible when dropping off and picking up.

From now on, please can you park further away from school and if you currently use Bracken Close can you please try not to turn around at the end of Bracken Close, near to school. It is very hard to see all angles whilst reversing; the health and safety of our children is paramount. I would also like you all to refrain from blocking people's driveways on Bracken Close and Heath Avenue and from parking on the zig-zag yellow lines - at all times.

## **Lunches**

Reminder: we are writing to inform you of an upcoming change to the cost of school lunches. Our catering provider, Chartwells, has recently reviewed their pricing structure in response to rising costs across food supplies, labour, and general operational expenses. As a result, they have unfortunately had to increase the price of school meals.

**From Monday 23rd February, the cost of a school lunch will be £3.10 per meal.**

We understand that any increase in cost is unwelcome, and this decision has not been taken lightly by the provider. Please be assured that we remain committed to ensuring pupils continue to receive high-quality, nutritious meals each day. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

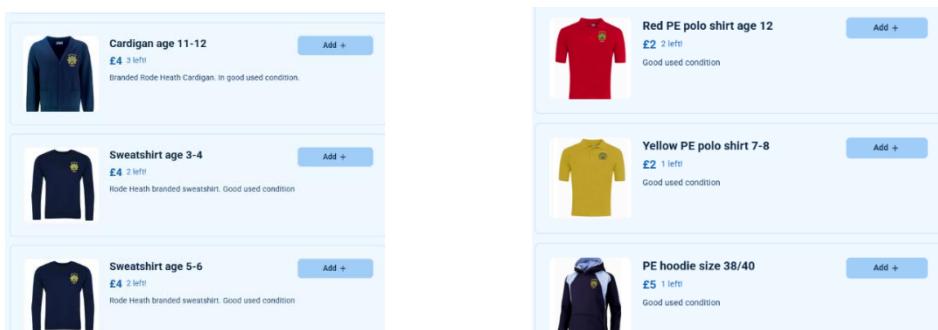
## **Parent / Carer Consultation**

Spring term parent/carer consultation meetings will be held face to face on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March for Pre-School to Year 5. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March for Year 6 and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March for everyone** (bookings open Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Friday – 9am, close on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - midnight). Booking information will be sent out in advance.

## **PTFA**

The PTFA have set up a pre-loved on-line shop for our families to purchase second-hand uniform. Here is the link: [Rode Heath PTFA Preloved Store](#)

**If you have any unwanted uniform that you would like to donate, please drop this off at the main reception.**



## **PTFA Spring School Disco announcement:**

Get ready to light up the night! We're hosting a Glow Disco on Friday 27th March to raise much-needed funds for our KS2 playground revamp. Grab your friends, find your brightest neon, and let's dance for a cause! 🎉🕺✨ Click the link below for tickets and follow the Rode Heath PTFA Facebook page for further details : <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/spring-disco>

**The infant disco (Reception, Year 1 and 2) is 5:30pm to 6:30pm and the junior disco (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) is 6:45pm to 7:45pm.**

## **World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

As part of our drive to raise the profile and enjoyment of reading, this year we have a few events planned to celebrate World Book Week, which commences on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. During that week, your child/ren will participate in a class live web event with a well-renowned author. The author will share their experiences of writing stories, will read to the children and will also give their top tips to hopefully inspire the next generation of authors!

**Thursday 5th March – Dress Up Day**



As well as the live events above, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we would also like the children (and staff) to represent their favourite characters from the stories that they have read. The children can either dress up as their favourite character, wear an item of clothing or bring something to represent their character. It is entirely up to them, of course with your guidance.

**Please don't feel the need to purchase new costumes.** In the past, we have had children making a wand to represent Harry Potter; children wearing spy glasses to represent Alex Rider and of course wearing something red to represent Little Red Riding Hood. To add another layer of excitement, in class on that day, the children will be guessing each other's characters!

## **Home Reading Challenge**

During World Book Week, the challenge is to read in an unusual, but of course, safe place. Please get your child/ren to read somewhere unusual and send a photograph of this to [admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk) . I need to receive the photograph no later than Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March evening as I will be sharing these in assembly on Thursday.

I would really like to see the children reading in unusual places so please help us with this challenge.

## **Nut Free School**

We would like to remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE school. This is due to pupils that attend our school having severe, life threatening allergies. We need to protect these children and ask that you DO NOT send your child in with any snacks or items in their packed lunches that contain nuts.

We have recently had a few instances where items containing NUTELLA have been brought into school. Please be aware that these items are NOT PERMITTED in school. If we do see any children with snacks or items that contain nuts we will unfortunately have to remove them and safely dispose of them.

Thank you for your support.

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## School Events

Date	Time	Event
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		NSPCC Number Day (a letter about the day has already gone home)
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February (half-term)</b>		
<b>Holiday Club is open</b>		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		Y4 and Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	5:30pm	Year 6 Parent/Carer Virtual (TEAMS) Meeting for SATs
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Year 6 Trentham Trip
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	3:40pm – 7pm	<b>Pre-School to Year 5</b> - Parent/carer consultation evening (bookings open Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Friday – 9am, close on Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March - midnight)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day It is entirely up to you this year, you can: 1. Dress up as your favourite character 2. Bring in your favourite book 3. Bring in a prop from your favourite book
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Rode Heath Science Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Scholastic Book Fayre (More information to follow)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	3:40pm – 7pm	<b>Year 6</b> - Parent/carer consultation evening (bookings open Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Friday – 9am, close on Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March - midnight)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	3:40pm – 7pm	<b>Whole School</b> - Parent/carer consultation evening (bookings open Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Friday – 9am, close on Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March - midnight)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Down Syndrome Awareness Week (More information to follow)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 5 residential to York
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Whole School Disco
<b>End of Term:</b> <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.</b>		
<b>Holiday Club is open</b>		

## Careers

As part of our wider development curriculum, we are looking for adults who would be willing to talk to our children about their chosen careers. If anyone would be willing then we would love to hear from you – just contact the school office.

Kind Regards,  
John Frankland