



NEWSLETTER

25th September 2026

A message from our school leaders...

This week, we were delighted to welcome **Adam Bushnell**, author and storyteller, to our school. Throughout the day, Adam delivered engaging storytelling and writing sessions for both pupils and parents. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. It is always wonderful to welcome families into school for these special occasions and to share in the children's learning experiences.

The children were especially excited to meet Jet, Adam's tortoise, who became a key inspiration for many of our story-writing activities. Pupils listened to stories from different countries around the world, which sparked their imaginations and inspired some fantastic creative writing. We were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, creativity and effort shown by all of the children.

Adam has written a range of wonderful books. If you would like to explore his work further or purchase any of his books, please visit his website: <https://adambushnell.co.uk/books/>

Thank you also for your support in ensuring that children wear a helmet when cycling to school. Keeping our children safe is a shared responsibility, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation. Whilst we actively encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as part of a healthy and active lifestyle, please note that electric scooters must not be used for travelling to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support.

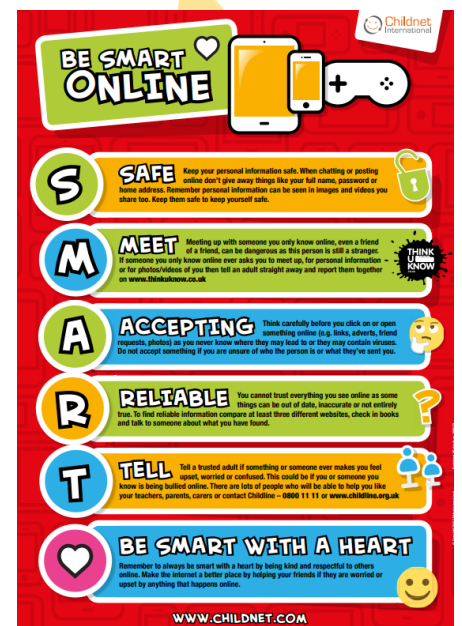
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Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	97.9%
Yr 2/3/4	96.9%
Yr 5/6	98.0%



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What have we been
up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Nursery!

This week, we were very lucky to welcome a special visitor, an author named Adam Bushnell, who came to share stories with us. The children were delighted to meet his pet tortoise, Jet, who quickly became a favourite with everyone! The visit inspired lots of imaginative thinking, and the children enjoyed creating their own superhero animals, deciding on special powers and talking about what amazing things their animals could do.

We have also been enjoying singing the nursery rhyme, '*Old MacDonald Had a Farm*'. The children have loved joining in with the different animal sounds and learning about life on a farm. As part of our farm topic, we learnt some new **wondrous words** including *farm*, *field*, *sty*, *coop* and *pen*. We talked about what these places are used for, and which animals live in each one. The children had great fun exploring different farm animals and learning about their young. We matched adult animals to their babies and enjoyed discussing the similarities and differences between them. This helped to develop our understanding of the world around us and introduced lots of new vocabulary.

In our creative activities, we used toy tractors to create some fantastic paintings. After making our colourful tractor tracks and patterns, the children helped to wash and clean the tractors, enjoying the opportunity to talk about the importance of looking after our equipment.

It has been a wonderful week full of creativity, learning and fun. We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastic the children have been as they explored stories, animals and life on the farm.





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

We have had a busy and exciting week!

Reception - have been enjoying the story, *Perfectly Norman*, sequencing the events and creating wonderful artwork of themselves with wings inspired by the book.

In maths, they have been developing their sorting skills by grouping objects in different ways.

Year 1 - have continued practising the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in their writing. In science, they have been exploring animals, and in DT they have been learning about food safety and hygiene, before carefully preparing ingredients for a healthy salad.

This week, the children were also excited to welcome author, **Adam Bushnell**, to school. They enjoyed creating characters and stories during his workshop and loved meeting his pet tortoise, Jet.

To finish the week, we celebrated **European Day of Languages**, by learning about traditions and festivals from different countries across Europe.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!





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What have we been up to?

Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Wharton, Mrs Emery and Mrs Aislabie

It has been another exciting week in our classroom. We were delighted to welcome author **Adam Bushnell**, who captivated the children with stories inspired by Chinese folklore and showed them how to draw their own dragons. The children then used their creativity to write poems describing their dragons, producing some fantastic work.

At **Forest School**, we continued our learning about hedgehogs by designing and creating our own hedgehogs using clay, pinecones and other natural materials. The children showed great imagination and enjoyed working outdoors.

In English, we have begun our new writing unit. Years 3 and 4 have been exploring the features of newspaper reports, while Year 2 have been learning about non-chronological reports. Over the coming weeks, we will be researching and writing about **Edmund Hillary**, the first person to climb Mount Everest.

In geography, the children learned how to read four-digit grid references and explored contour lines on maps, discovering what they tell us about the shape of the land.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another week of learning next week.





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Garnett and Miss Spenceley

It has been a busy week, beginning with the children writing character descriptions and settings based on **Tommy the Soldier**. I was extremely impressed with their final pieces, particularly the way they conveyed emotion. We have continued reading our class text, **War Horse**, which the children are really enjoying. We always end each reading session on a cliffhanger, leaving everyone waiting for our next opportunity to read.

We also welcomed author **Adam Bushnell** to school. He worked with the children to encourage creative writing and was impressed by their engagement as they created a rainforest setting and linked it to a story. Adam also introduced the class to Jet, his pet tortoise, who they took great care of throughout the workshop.

This week, we also celebrated **European Day of Languages**. The children became more knowledgeable about the countries of Europe, including their languages and cultures. They developed an understanding that every family is different, including the fact that some families speak other languages and have different customs, as well as understanding how languages can bring people together.

At the end of the week, some children from Years 5 and 6 attended a netball competition. The children worked incredibly well as a team and showed great sportsmanship. Well done!



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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
SEPTEMBER 2026	
Mon 28 th Sept	Handball Festival – Year 5
Tues 29 th Sept	Flu Immunisations in School for Rec-Yr6
OCTOBER 2026	
Fri 23 rd Oct	School Breaks up for Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER 2026	
Mon 9 th Nov	Pupils Return to School
Mon 9 th Nov	Bikeability – Level 1 for Years 4 and 5
Tues 10 th – Thurs 12 th Nov	Bikeability – Level 2 for Year 5
Mon 16 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Fri 27 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 30 th Nov	Phototronics in School – Individual + Sibling Photographs
DECEMBER 2026	
Fri 4 th Dec	Panto @ The Georgian Theatre, Richmond
Fri 18 th Dec	School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday