

'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'

Reading this week

Whole school reading this week: 569 (Well done!)

Winning class: Ruby with 98 reads - great work!



Important Information

Twitter

We are doing so many exciting things in school, follow us on Twitter to find out more.

STEM Fair

Some children will be invited to the STEM Fair at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School for children with an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Year 2 Parents

Your children have been learning Samba music. They will be giving a Samba presentation to parents on Wednesday at 3pm. More information to follow from your child's class teacher.

Reports

School reports will be sent out on Friday 10th February by email. Please ensure we have your correct email address.



A well done note to...

Violet class

Violet class have had a real focus on their reading at home this week and they have nearly doubled their reads with 94 - Well done Violet Class!

Balby Clean Up - We need your help!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to give up a small part of their time to make a difference for our community. As a school we want to lead on cleaning up the local area around our school. If you are interested in our project then please speak to a member of staff on the school gate or contact the school office. With your help we can really make a difference and support your children in our project.

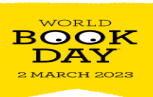
World Book Day

Bring a Book to Life

This year at Balby Central, we are running a competition for all children in school. We would love to see how creative you can be at home and we want you to bring a book to life! Using cereal boxes, shoeboxes and any other unused boxes, choose a favourite story and recreate it inside. We will have a range of prizes for the winners in 4 categories- EYFS, (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Y1/Y2), LKS2 (Y3/Y4) and UKS2 (Y5/Y6). All entries need to be brought into school on **Thursday 2nd March** ready for judging

World Book Day Non-Uniform Day Thursday 2nd March

Did you know that reading is the key to unlocking new vocabulary? In the words of Dr Seuss... 'The more you read, the more you know.' For World Book Day, we are asking children to come dressed as a word. How creative can you be? Can you learn a new word and then dress up as it? All children will then have the opportunity to show off their word in our vocabulary parade in school!



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Safeguarding

As the nights are darker it is especially important to ensure our children are safe on the roads. Please take the time to talk to your child about the ways they can keep safe. The following link is to a video about how we can keep safe and cross roads safely.

- find a safe place to cross.
- stand on the pavement near the curb.
- look all round for traffic and listen.
- if traffic is coming - let it pass then look all round again.
- when there is no traffic near, walk straight across the road.
- keep looking and listening for traffic while crossing.



CLICK THE PICTURE TO VIEW THE VIDEO.

Attendance

Whole School – 93.1%

Highest House – Rocket Yellow with 94%

Each week one child per class is chosen for the attendance award where children wear a green t-shirt saying 'I'm an attendance hero' and receive a certificate, pencil and a sticker. After February half-term children will also spend time with Miss Allison or Mrs Wiltshire and have a milkshake in the staff room as a celebration of their hard work!

Parent Mental Health

Being a parent can be the most rewarding job in the world, but it can also bring challenges – which may affect a parent's mental health.

As part of Parent Mental Health Day, which took place on the 27th January, a brand-new web page has been created as a one stop shop for parents needing information, advice or tips – whether you're a new mum or dad, pregnant or have a little more experience in the role.

You can take a look at the new webpage at:

<https://iapt.rdash.nhs.uk/about-doncaster-iapt/specialist-groups/parents/>

Things to do

Little Listeners: Mini Vixen
Saturday 4 February, 11am or
2pm at CAST, Doncaster.



Join us for a fun, family-friendly adventure into the forest. Our adventure takes place in a mystical woodland where a Vixen meets a Fox. As their friendship grows, they discover how working together is vital to protect their home and the habitat around them.

Based on the music and story of Janáček's opera *The Cunning Little Vixen* and led by a cast of professional opera singers and musicians, expect an interactive and relaxed concert where singing and moving around is encouraged.

Watch the trailer at <https://youtu.be/h5HvNoY4R9o>

For morning information and to book tickets, visit <https://castindoncaster.com/whats-on/opera-north-little-listeners-mini-vixen/>

Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.