

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have some exciting news: Downham's Got Talent is returning for 2025! Auditions are being held here, during the school day, on Friday 13th February. Children can perform solo or in groups, but performances should not be longer than two minutes long. You can decide to act, sing, tell jokes, dance, recite poetry, juggle - whatever you choose! The finals will be held after school on Thursday 5th March. Everyone who takes part will get a medal and the winner will receive a trophy!

More exciting (or should we say egg-citing!) news for after half-term...the PTA have generously funded a live chick-hatching programme. The eggs and incubator will be arriving on Monday 16th March. Start thinking of your best chick names now as we will be running a competition to name them after half-term!

Have a great weekend!

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)

WORLD BOOK DAY NEWS

The "official" day for World Book Day is Thursday 5th March.

HOWEVER, our school diary is very full for that day, with Forest School, KS1 Cross Country, Downham's Got Talent and the Year 4 Mighty Oak public-speaking workshop.

Therefore we have decided that for this year, **we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March.** Please make a note of this date in your diaries! More details will follow nearer the time.

Ramsden Preschool are hosting



Bonkers



BINGO NIGHT



with Skittleman
at the White Horse



FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

ARRIVE FROM 7PM EYES
DOWN BY 7.30PM



£10.00 PER PERSON TABLES OF 10

Please scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Add your full name and in the note sections please put a lead name for your group. We only have eighty tickets available



ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 93.6%

Robins - 94.5%

Nightingales - 93.5%

Woodpeckers - 95.2%

Kingfishers - 98.3%

Owls - 91.1%

Eagles - 94.2%



WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 4 Feb: Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum
- 4 Feb: Year 5 trip to Southend Planetarium
- 6 Feb: NSPCC Number Day
- 10 Feb: Safer Internet Day
- 10 & 11 Feb: Parents' Evening
- 11 Feb: Spelling Bee at Fairhouse (invited pupils)
- 12 Feb: KS2 Cross Country at Mayflower School (invited pupils)
- 13 Feb: Auditions for Downham's Got Talent
- 13 Feb: Last day of Spring 1
- 23 Feb: First day of Spring 2
- 5 Feb: KS1 Cross Country at Mayflower School (invited pupils)
- 5 Feb: Year 4 Mighty Oak workshop

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Teddy Y for Collaboration and Challenge

Year 1 - Brandon for Challenge and Critical Thinking

Year 2 - Elsie for Challenge

Year 3 - Joshua for Critical Thinking

Year 4 - William for Challenge

Year 5 - Bailey for Challenge

Year 6 - Primrose for Challenge



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD:

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Finley in Owls. Mrs Boyd said *"Finley is always so helpful and trustworthy - for example, he always asks if he can take the lunch folder back to Mrs Doyle at the start of lunch and helps to give out the bands in class. He follows all the 5Cs and his behaviour is exemplary."* Well done, Finley!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Here is a message from Revd Jean Andrews of St Margaret's Church, Downham:

"There is Family Service on Sunday 1st February at 11.00am, where we will be celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (also known as Candlemas). We hope you can make it!"