



School News

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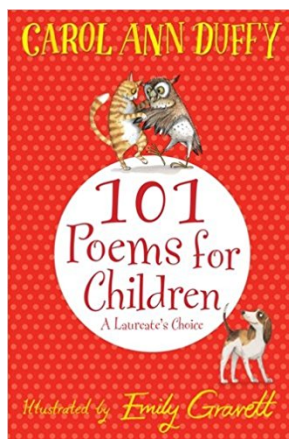
Next week is Book Week! 4th – 8th March 2019



What are we doing?

During Book Week we have lots of exciting activities planned! On Thursday 7th March we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters to celebrate World Book Day.

During the week, each class will be reading **Carol Ann Duffy's 101 Poems for Children**. Children will be celebrating a wide variety of poems and poets and they will have the opportunity to recite some poems.



The theme of this year's World Book Day is **Share a Story**; people around the world are being invited to share a story with children.

During book week we will be having a share a story workshop in the **ground floor hall** each

day. Please come along and share a story with your child (see timetable for details).

9.00 TO 9.30 AM	MON 4th	TUE 5th	WED 6th	THU 7th	FRI 8th
Year Group	EYFS/ Yr 1	Year 2/3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

We will be hosting our usual travelling **book fair** where you will have the opportunity to buy books for your child and help raise money for the school to buy new books.

The Book Fair will be open on **Monday 4th March (for EYFS and KS1), Tuesday 5th March (for KS2) and Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March (for all year groups)**.

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by [UNESCO](#) as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This is the 23rd year there's been a World Book Day, and on **7th March 2019**, children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. Very loudly and very happily.

The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

What happens?

Thanks to the generosity of [National Book Tokens Ltd](#), publishers and booksellers, children and young people will receive their own FREE book token!

Then...They can take their book token to a local bookseller and use it to pick one of

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TWELVE (exclusive, new and completely free) books.

Or, if they'd rather, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club (terms and conditions apply).



Book Week is going to be a busy week!

A poem by Anna

To get us in the mood for book week, we wanted to share a poem written by **Anna**, a key stage 2 pupil.

Secrets

New characters everywhere
Some ugly, some so fair.
A danger is coming
To get revenge.
Mystifying until the end.
Look out he might be in your tale
Try to escape, you will surely fail.
Some have perished, some have survived.
People with elegant secrets rise with
new Ever-Never ties.
Your magnificent fate,
is in the hand of a force so great.
Fairy-tale legends have opened the gate
Now a magical journey awaits.

Preparing for Easter Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival to mark the start of Lent. Lent is a period of about six weeks when Christians are meant to practice abstinence – by giving up luxuries or unnecessary things.

Lent ends on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday.

Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is associated with pancakes being eaten. This was the last chance

to eat rich foods before Lent, and an opportunity to use up all of the luxury foods (such as fat, butter and eggs – which British pancakes are made of) which might go off during Lent.

Although it always falls on a Tuesday, the exact date of Pancake Day changes from year to year. It is always 47 days before Easter Sunday

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter.

Ash Wednesday is observed by many Christians.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*" or the dictum "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*"

The ashes may be prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.

Because it is the first day of Lent, many Christians, on Ash Wednesday, often begin marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and abstaining from a luxury that they will not partake in until Easter Sunday arrives.

Unexplained absences

Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school.

There have been public cases where schools have not chased up the reason as to why children are off from school.

It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences, eg; illness of parents and a child unable to seek help.

We will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring as your child's safety is paramount to us all.

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Therefore, if your child is not going to be in school, on the first day of absence, **BEFORE 9am** please call the office on **0207 828 6790** or email the school to report your child's absence on:

Ideary@burdettcoutts.co.uk or
office@burdettcoutts.co.uk

If the school have not heard from you by **9am**, we will call all of the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence.

If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we will make a home visit.

However, if we still are unable to gain a response, we will have to report it to the police, as your child will be classed as a missing child.

This procedure is to ensure where your child is and that you are all safe.



Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child is currently in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**, please **CONTINUE** to complete a **Free School Meals form and reapply for your child's FSM entitlement.**

Also, parents of pupils in Years 3 -6 please continue to renew your FSM status, if you are eligible.

Although all pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive a free school meal, **it is important that parents of pupils who are eligible for FSM status** continue to complete the forms **because the school receives extra funding for FSM pupils.**

In addition to a school lunch, the FSM funding enables the school to provide the following for FSM pupils:

- Free educational visits both for day trips and residential trips.

- Additional teaching resources and tuition.
- Free music tuition

Please see **Ms Karen Baker** in the school office if you would like more information about FSM. She will also be able to assist you with completing the forms.

Red Nose Day **Friday 15th March 2019**



What is Red Nose Day?

- Red Nose Day is a fundraising event run by Comic Relief that takes place every two years
- It's the day, when people across the land can get together and do something funny for money at home, school and work.

Comic Relief spends the money that is raised through Red Nose Day and Sport Relief on disadvantaged people living in the UK and around the world.

The Comic Relief charity is UK based and aims to free the world from poverty. It has also backed campaigns to help disabled people get back into work and to highlight abuse of the elderly.

We're taking part in Red Nose Day 2019 because:

- Pupils learn valuable life skills
- Pupils gain understanding and empathy for others in the world
- It brings the whole school community together
- Our school can really make a difference to people's lives

Since the first Red Nose Day:

- 87.8 million pounds has been raised and 2.6 million of that amount has

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been raised by children and young people.

Did you know...?

- £3 could pay for crayons, pencils, paint and paper for children living in a Serbian refugee camp
- In the UK, £10 could cover the cost of 10 hot meals for homeless people.

Comic Relief is a registered UK charity which aims to create a just world, free from poverty and we are proud to be supporting this worthwhile cause.

If you would like your child to take part in **Red Nose Day**, you should donate **£1 on Friday 15th March** and your child can:

- Wear red clothing instead of their school uniform
- Wear a red wig instead of their normal hairstyle
- Wear a red symbol on their face eg; red rosy cheeks, red star on their cheek etc.

OR WHY NOT DO ALL THREE?

RED NOSES WILL BE ON SALE IN THE PLAYGROUND FROM MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019

Feedback from the Curriculum meeting

As part of the workshop session, parents and carers were encouraged to raise questions. Throughout the spring term, staff will be responding them.

Questions from the parents and carers	School response
How often do you review the curriculum?	We review the curriculum every two years and where there is a change in government policy.
What are the teaching methods and styles used in Maths?	<p>Every child receives a minimum of five hours of Mathematics teaching every week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual knowledge (e.g. number bonds and times tables), • conceptual knowledge (e.g. of place value) • procedural knowledge (e.g. formal written method)

	<p>The aims of our maths teaching at Burdett-Coutts are aligned with the aims of the National Curriculum. This has fluency, reasoning and problem solving at its core.</p> <p>Precise mathematical language, coached in full sentences, is always used by teachers, so that mathematical ideas are conveyed with clarity and precision. The children are required to use the same language when replying to their teachers or classmates.</p> <p>Learning is broken down into small, connected steps, building from what the children already know and contexts and representations are carefully chosen to develop reasoning skills and to help children link concrete ideas to abstract mathematical concepts.</p> <p>Sufficient time is spent on key concepts (e.g. multiplication and division) to ensure learning is well developed and deeply embedded before moving on. It is vital that all teachers explore the reasoning behind any mathematical process.</p> <p>Teacher and child interaction looks, in detail, at how answers were obtained, why the method/strategy worked and what might be the most efficient method/strategy.</p>
Does the school explain to the children, the boundaries on the internet?	<p>There is a general opinion that the Internet has no boundaries, and that that in itself is a danger for us all.</p> <p>We have given guidance to parents (usually on paper), about setting their own boundaries on Internet use in the home through installing filters.</p> <p>In school our Internet boundaries are set for us by the online safety policies of the London Grid for Learning, and Atomwide, to whom we subscribe, and we feel safe that their filters both prevent adults and children accessing inappropriate material, or that material being seen on our screens in school.</p> <p>Our focus with the children in their Computing lessons has concentrated very much on their <i>behaviour</i> towards others online, and their interaction with others.</p> <p>We have also discussed at length with them the consequences of posting inappropriate material, and what to do if they see or receive anything that alarms or scares them.</p> <p>Parents should not allow their child / children to have unsupervised access to social media sites</p>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : SPRING 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	St David's Day 9.15am: Blackman Class (Year 5) Assembly
BOOK WEEK Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th March	
Tuesday 5 th	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 6 th	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	9.15am: Fine Class (Year 2) Assembly
Friday 15 th	RED NOSE DAY 9.15am: Donaldson Class (Year 1) Assembly
Tuesday 19 th	9am: Year 6 KS2 SATs meeting for year 6 parents and carers Proms for Praise at the Royal Albert Hall
Friday 22 nd	9.15am: Colfer Class (Year 4) Assembly
Monday 25 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Wednesday 27 th	11am, Mother's Day service at St Stephen's Church – parents and carers welcome.
Thursday 28 th	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 29 th	9.15am: Jeffers Class (Reception) Assembly
Sunday 31 st	CLOCKS GO FORWARD! Mothering Sunday service at St Stephen's church. All families welcome

Dates	Events
April 2019	
Friday 5 th	9.15am: Morpurgo Class (Year 6) Assembly Last Day of the Spring Term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 8 th – Monday 22 nd April. The summer term begins on Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SUMMER 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
April 2019	
Monday 22 nd	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 23 rd	St George's Day First day of the summer term for children and staff
Wednesday 24 th	Angela Burdett-Coutts' Day Parents and carers invited St Stephen's church @ 11am
Monday 29 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
May 2019	
Wednesday 1 st	KS1 SATs testing period begins
Friday 3 rd	9.15am: Blackman Class (Year 5) Assembly
Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED (Start of Ramadan)
Tuesday 7 th	Year 5: Educational Visit to Royal Festival Hall
Friday 10 th	9.15am: King-Smith Class (Year 3) Assembly

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Dates	Events
May 2019 (continued)	
KS2 SATs WEEK Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th May	
Monday 20 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Thursday 23 rd	Class photos 4pm: End of SATs disco (Year 6 pupils only)
Friday 24 th	9.15am: Donaldson Class (Year 1) Assembly
June 2019	
Monday 3 rd	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Wednesday 5 th	EID MUBARAK
Friday 7 th	9.15am: Fine Class (Year 2) Assembly
Sunday 9 th	10am: Pentecost Sunday service @ St Stephen's
Monday 10 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Friday 14 th	9.15am: Spanish sharing assembly
Sunday 16 th	10am: Trinity Sunday service @ St Stephen's
Monday 17 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Thursday 20 th	Corpus Christi
Friday 21 st	9.15am: Latin sharing assembly
Saturday 22 nd	12-3pm: BURDETT-COUTTS SUMMER FAIR
Monday 24 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
HEALTHY SCHOOLS' WEEK Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th June	
Wednesday 26 th	9.30- 12pm: KS2 Sports Day @ Battersea Park track

Dates	Events
July 2019	
Thursday 27 th	Year 6: Deanery Services at St Margaret's chapel Year 6 parents invited
Friday 28 th	9.15am: Healthy Schools' Week sharing assembly
YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th July	
Monday 1 st	Year 3: Educational Visit to Tate Britain
Thursday 4 th	EYFS parents' meeting: by prior appointment - all day drop in session to discuss the Annual Report
Friday 5 th	9.15am: EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Class Assembly
Monday 8 th	Year 5 Parents & Carers: Secondary Transfer meeting
Friday 12 th	10am & 6pm: Year 6 Production (Year 6 parents & carers only)
Monday 15 th	Years 1 – 6: by prior appointment - meetings to discuss the Summer Summary Report
Tuesday 16 th	9.30-11.30am: EYFS & KS1 Sports Day @ Vincent Square
Wednesday 17 th	11am: Year 6 Leavers' Service @ St Stephen's
Thursday 18 th	10am: Year 6 school journey assembly for years 6 parents and carers 4pm: Year 6 end of year school disco
Friday 19 th	LAST DAY OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

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