



BURMAN'S BULLETIN - 08.05.2026



A – Attitude; always trying our best, succeed and smile! (Summer 1)



Golden Certificates



Well done to:-

No Golden Assembly today due to Arts Day

Golden Lunchtime Behaviour:-

Bertie's Bonus

Winners -

To be announced next week



Dates for your diary:



- ◆ 14.05.2026 - Class Photographs
- ◆ 15.05.2026 - Willow Forest School
- ◆ 15.05.2026 - 1st Donation Day (Crisps) : Wear Trainers
- ◆ 18.05.2026 - Solihull Nurses Drop in 9am
- ◆ 18.05.2026 - Walk to School week
- ◆ 21.05.2026 - Oak Forest School
- ◆ 22.05.2026 - 2nd Donation Day (Cuddly toys) : Break the rules day
- ◆ 22.05.2026 - Beech Forest School
- ◆ 22.05.2026 - Cake Sale after school 3.30pm
- ◆ 22.05.2026 - Children break up today

Weekly Attendance



Well done to **Willow** this week
For being Attendance Superstars,
with an amazing **98%**



Oak	Ash	Beech	Birch	Willow	Maple
89%	97%	89%	91%	98%	95%

At the end of this half term we will be celebrating our overall Attendance Superstars and they will be rewarded with special biscuits from Mrs Phillips – watch this space!

Nursery

It has been a short week but we have certainly packed a lot in! We read *Dear Zoo* to see how some of the animals had been described. We then explored different words we could use to describe parts of other zoo animals. In Maths this week we continued subitising dot patterns and how the same number can have different dot patterns. We learned about the 3D artist, Andy Goldsworthy and then had a go at creating our own 3D art using lots of different materials. On Arts Day, we celebrated David Attenborough's birthday! We used our art skills to create our own owl sculpture, inspired by Attenborough's love of British Wildlife. **Phonics:** Next week, our sound will be 'y' and we will be learning the Nursery Rhyme *The Animal Fair*.

Reception

Although it has been a short week, Reception have been busy! We've used everyday materials to create decorations for our Burman Garden. In Literacy, we wrote a letter to Mr Cottrell telling him all about the thing we have been up to outside, making the garden look pretty. During RE, we began to learn about Buddhism and how Buddhists use the temple for Reflection. Our Maths focus this week was subtraction. We had great fun on Arts Day where we learnt all about British Wildlife and created egg carton minibeasts, in honour of Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday.

Year 1– This week we have been learning about sensory poetry, in English. This is our exciting new genre and it also links to topics we have previously explored in Science. The children are beginning to plan and create their very own sensory poems, inspired by our English text, [Katie in London](#). In Maths, we have been making equal groups and using a variety of objects to divide quantities. During P.E. we have continued to develop our ball skills. The children practised their reaction times by trying to catch a ball before it touched the floor, which became an especially fun challenge when using the smaller balls! In D&T, we explored different fabrics and materials, and carefully practised joining them together. We are continuing to work on our wall hangings and cannot wait for you to see the finished creations. We also thoroughly enjoyed our Arts Day today, where we made our very own British wildlife animals. What a fantastic week it has been in Year 1! In **Phonics** we are recapping [Phase 5 digraphs](#) in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check. Thank you for your attendance on Tuesday, we hope you found it useful. If you have any questions please ask! **Next week phonics focus- Graphemes:** /igh/ i, /ai/ a, /oa/ o, /yoo/ u. **Please continue** to read your child's Little Wandle book at home regularly!

Year 2 – The children had a short but enjoyable week this week. In Maths, we began learning about time. The children practised using analogue clocks to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. They were also amazed to discover that, even without a minute hand, we can still tell the approximate time just by looking at the hour hand! In D&T, the children learned about foods that can help with seasickness before using their knowledge to design their own cabin biscuits. They then practised their baking skills by making playdough using ingredients similar to the basic recipe they will soon be using for real. They had a wonderful time mixing, rubbing and kneading the dough, before rolling it out and cutting their own biscuits. As delicious as they looked, unfortunately they were not for eating! Today, the children have had an amazing time during Arts Day. The theme was British wildlife and the focus was 3D sculpture. The children experimented with a range of art media, learned about sculptors who specialise in wildlife pieces and discovered lots of interesting facts about hedgehogs. They then designed and created their own clay hedgehogs, and the finished results were fantastic. Well done, Year 2!

Forest School



Last week Maple LOVED a Forest School session with a team game focus. We certainly improved our approach to working together as a class and were delighted to score team points, also enjoying a special treat at the end of the afternoon. Well done Maple - you impressed Miss Goddard and Mrs Roxburgh!

Other School News!



A reminder that class photographs will be taken on **Thursday 14th May 2026**.



We still have places available in our Nursery for 2026. Please contact the school for an application form or to find out more.



A letter has been sent home asking for parent (or family!) volunteers to support donation days and our Summer Fair on **12th June**. If you are able to help, please contact the School Office. Thank you for your support.



Everyone has enjoyed celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday today in school as part of Arts Day. We will share our wonderful bottle top Art with you next week, but we are positive you will join us in wishing Sir David, a national treasure, 'a very happy day'!

Parent Links

Little Wandle

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Solihull Family Hub

www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs





Please Volunteer



We're looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming donation days and to lend a hand at the Summer Fair on **Friday 12th June**.

★ Even a small amount of time makes a big difference, so if you're able to help, please email the school office.

Thank you for your support!





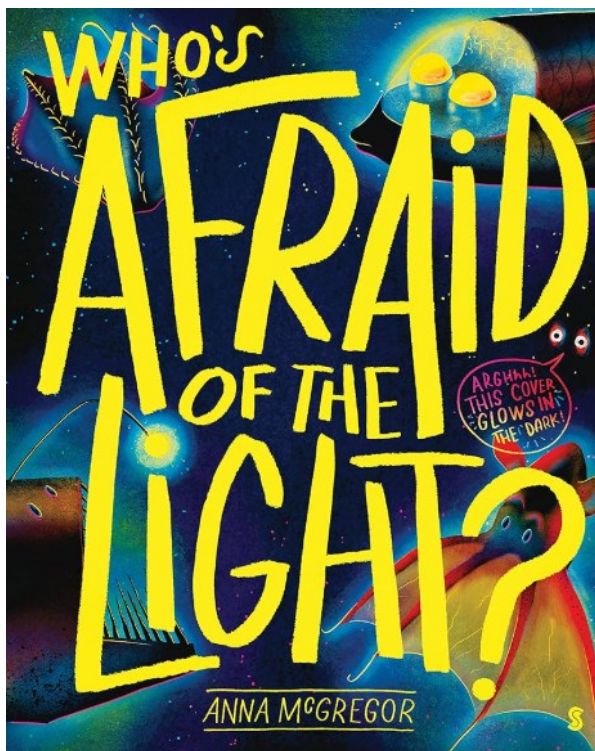
Books to Give a Hoot About!



This week we are hooting about...

EYFS– Who's Afraid of the Light? By Anna McGregor.

This is a gentle and thoughtful story about overcoming fears of the unknown. Following a curious little character, the book explores how light can feel surprising at first but becomes something warm and friendly. With soft illustrations and a calming message, it reassures young children that new experiences don't have to be scary and can even be wonderful once we understand them better. It's a lovely book to share at bedtime or to support conversations about feelings.



Next time... KS1



Supporting Reading at Home

Focus on making reading enjoyable and meaningful for your child. It's okay if they make mistakes! What matters most is understanding the story and building confidence. Try not to interrupt too often; instead, let them keep the flow and talk about what they've read together. Make reading feel special for your child. You could choose a "book of the week" to enjoy together or set aside a regular family story time. These small routines can help build excitement and make reading something they look forward to.