



# BURMAN'S BULLETIN - 9.01.2026



**R** – Recognise your goals and reach for the stars! (Spring 1)



## Golden Certificates



Well done to:-

No Golden Assembly today due to school closure.

## Bertie's Bonus

### Winners



To be announced next week!

## Dates for your diary:



- ◆ 13.01.2026 Special Menu - National Chocolate Cake Day
- ◆ 15.01.2026 Deadline for Reception and Junior admissions
- ◆ 22.01.2026 - Reception Height and Measurement programme
- ◆ 13.02.2026 - Lunar New Year Non-Uniform Fortune Cookies for Sale £1
- ◆ 13.02.2026 - Children Break up today
- ◆ 16th to 20th February - Half Term
- ◆ 05.03.2026 - World Book Day
- ◆ 13.03.2026 - Mothers Day Afternoon Tea for Year 1



## Weekly Attendance



Well done to Willow this week For being Attendance Superstars, with an amazing 99.4%

| Oak   | Ash   | Birch | Beech | Willow | Maple |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 84.9% | 94.6% | 96.7% | 96.2% | 99.4%  | 96.6% |

## Nursery

Children have certainly come back refreshed from their holiday and ready to get stuck in with their learning. We have spent a lot of time this week reinforcing good learning and friendship behaviours. We have used the book *Kindness Makes Us Stronger* to help with this. We shared many different ways that we can make our class 'stronger' by showing kindness. In Maths, we have been using our fingers to show the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in different ways. On Thursday we found some mysterious footprints in the classroom which we followed down to the hall where we found The Gruffalo! He treated us to a very special viewing of *The Gruffalo*! What a super start for our new topic, *Today's Tales*! **Phonics:** Next week our sound will be 'g'. **Rhyme Time:** We will be learning *The Gruffalo Song*

## Reception

In our Creative Curriculum this week we've been learning about New Year traditions, we've looked at how other countries celebrate and we've tried making New Year's resolutions. In Maths we have been 'shape hunters' this week. We've explored the properties of circles, triangles, squares and rectangles and searched for them in our environment. This week in Phonics we have started to learn our Phase 3 digraphs: *ai, ee and oa*. We've also encountered our first trigraph *igh*. We're excited to find out what our Super Starter will be on Monday! Next week in **Phonics** we will be learning some more digraphs: *oo, oo, ar and or*. We will also be learning new tricky words: was, you and they.

**Year 1-** What an exciting first week back Year 1 have had! In English we have started our new topic '*What makes me a me?*'. We have been comparing the main character in our new book to objects and writing sentences about the similarities and differences. In Maths we have been comparing length and height and we have also been measuring lengths using different objects! We measured our shoes with cubes and counted how many cubes long they were. In Computing we have used the Beebots. Year 1 were very good at programming the Beebot to go in the direction they wanted it to go in using the different arrow buttons. In PE we have been focusing on dynamic balances on a line. To introduce our new Creative Curriculum topic (*Me, Me, Me*) we participated in an excellent Super Starter! A 'mystery' box covered in question marks arrived in our classrooms on Thursday. The children unwrapped it to discover different pictures of toys and items from the past. They also found some old fashioned toys such as a porcelain doll, a ragdoll and an old teddy bear. They were very intrigued! They then had the opportunity to draw one of these objects. It has been a busy but very fun week! Phonics focus next week- /igh/ y fly, /oa/ ow snow, /lj/ g giant, /f/ ph phone. Our new tricky words will be:- who, whole, where, two.

**Year 2 -** Despite a very chilly start to the new term, the children settled back into school beautifully and worked incredibly hard. In English, the children began their new topic on diary writing and were introduced to our new text, *Gregory Cool* by Caroline Binch. They carefully explored the front cover, using it to infer details about the character and setting and after reading part of the story, they used their skills in empathy to consider how Gregory was feeling at different points in the text. In Maths, we began our learning on multiplication. The children explored equal groups and used repeated addition as a precursor to formal multiplication, showing great enthusiasm and understanding. In Science, we started our new topic, *Animals Including Humans*. The children learned about oviparous and viviparous animals and used this knowledge to sort animals into the correct categories. This led to some fantastic discussions—particularly around whether cows were oviparous and what size egg a cow might lay! A great first week back for Year 2—well done everyone!

**Next week's Spelling focus:** Why do some words use the spellings *kn* and *gn* for *ln* and *wr* for *lr*?

## PTA Fundraising and Charity Events Last Term

Christmas Trail Day  
£1,680

Charity Christmas Jumper day £120

Christmas Party/Disco Day £170

Christmas Bunting £62.50

Christmas Hamper Raffle £305

Halloween Fancy Dress £120

Halloween Pumpkin Competition £94

Charity Poppy Appeal £61.50

Charity Children in need £137

Total Raised for School Fund = **£2431.50** Total Raised for Charities **£318.50**

Thank you so much for your continued Support.

## Parent links

Little Wandle

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

Solihull Family Hub

[www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs)



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If you can spare any time to help with any PTA events please contact the office! We really appreciate any help. Thank you.