



A word from Mrs Daniels

We had our hustings on Friday in order to hear from any children in Year 6 wishing to stand to be Head Girl or Head Boy. We were all very impressed by the speeches given by the children and the confidence they showed –congratulations to all who stood.

You can meet our new Heads and Deputies on page 5.

I was delighted that so many parents were able to attend the class meetings for years 1 and 2 on Friday, thank you for your time. I hope that you found it useful to hear about the year ahead and meet your child's new teacher and TA(s).

This Friday it is the turn of years 3 and 4 in school and Year 6 have their meeting online this evening.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception parents this Wednesday evening to hear more about the teaching of early reading and writing.

THIS WEEK

Monday 15th Sep

6.30pm Year 6 class meeting
online

7pm Governing Body
meeting

Tuesday 16th Sep

Choir starts today @ 8.15am

Wednesday 17th Sep

6.30pm Meeting for
Reception parents about RWI

Thursday 18th Sep

Friday 19th Sep

Inflatables day
(trousers/leggings and a long
sleeved top recommended)
2.45pm Years 3 and 4 class
meetings

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In the summer term we started to unlock the side gate early to allow children to bring bikes onto the playground. However, this sometimes led to children being left unattended on the playground before a teacher is on duty at 8.00am.

This term, the gate will be unlocked at 8.40am as has happened in the past. If your child is attending Sunrise Club they can bring their bike into the office lobby. We ask that children using Kiss and Drop do not have bikes with them as we can't have bikes wheeled through the library. Thank you.



Over and Above Awards —Friday 12th September

Year 1	Freya Danks-Burrows	Kyle Flaherty
Year 2	Maeve-Walker-McKevitt	Preston Hannigan
Year 3	Isobel Wood	Isaac Perry
Year 4	Isla Hayes	Harley Hannigan
Year 5	Ted Oliver Romero	Alice Veale
Year 6	James Perry	Freddie Field



Voluntary one way system

In order to reduce congestion as much as possible it would be appreciated if families could stick to a one way system at school drop off and pick up times. This operates coming up the hill from Costa. Thank you for your support with this.



Calendar for term 1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 6.30pm Year 6 class meeting online 7pm Governing Body meeting	16 Choir starts today	17 6.30pm Meeting for Reception parents RWI	18	19 Inflatables day! 2.45pm Years 3 and 4 class meetings	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 2.45pm Year 5 class meeting	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6.30pm Meeting for Reception parents—behavior and safeguarding	9 Year 3 trip—am	10	11	12
13 9.30am Governor finance meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19 Circus
20	21 Three workshops for Years 2-6	22	23	24 Staff training day	25	26

Class Meetings

In order to give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and hear about the year ahead we have put class meetings in the diary which will take place in person on Fridays. We chose this day as we hope it means more parents can attend.

Year 3- Friday 19th September 2.45pm-3.10pm in person

Year 4- Friday 19th September 2.45pm-3.10pm in person

Year 5- Friday 26th September 2.45pm- 3.10pm in person

The side gate will be opened at 2.40pm on these days for parents attending the meeting to come in via the playground and go to the appropriate classroom. The children will all be in assembly at this time.

Year 6- Monday 15th September 6.30pm online

(Mrs Bond will send out the link via Seesaw)

The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...



Year 4 will be having an extra 15mins of OPAL time this week.

This was earned for the whole class by Zach Finn who was fantastic at tidying up at the end of OPAL last week.

Our new Heads and Deputies!



Congratulations to Millie and Georgie , who are our new Head and Deputy Head girls, and to Thomas and Rufus, our new Head and Deputy Head boys.

I am looking forward to working with them all this year, even if one did have in their speech that staff would be parachuting out of aeroplanes this year!

Finance Planner

Class	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Reception	Norden Farm Christmas theatre - £25		Wellington Country Park - £25
Year 1	Pantomime - £22	Toys Workshop in school £10	Braywick Nature Reserve - £22
Year 2	Pantomime - £22		Hayling Island - £17
Year 3	Eton College - £12 CGP Books - £4	Dance Festival - £10 Ufton Court - £27	Neasden Temple/Synagogue - £12 Copas Farm – Free
Year 4	Swimming at Eton - £94.35 CGP Books - £4	Music Festival - £12 Science Trip - £27	Neasden Temple/Synagogue - £12
Year 5	Clarinet - £50 London theatre trip £37 CGP Books - £4	Science Trip - £27 Bikeability £5	Gurdwara - £12 Hayling Island - £17
Year 6	London theatre trip £37 CGP Books - £4	CGP SATs buster books £10 Eton College – Free	PGL - £650 (paid over 12 months) Swimming - £60 (invite only) Mosque - £10

These are the prospective costs for the school year which we hope will help when looking at the year ahead. The costs are an estimate based on last year's prices .

Inflatables Day—this Friday



The PTA have kindly paid for us to have inflatables in school on Friday 19th September (weather permitting!)

Children do not need to wear school uniform that day and I would encourage them to wear trousers or leggings and a long sleeved light top.

Every class will have some time outside to enjoy the inflatables appropriate for their age group. We look forward to some bouncing fun!



Read Aloud Challenge



Thank you to Mrs Rogers for signing us up to this and to all the children who took part. We were the only school in RBWM who took part and so are number one on the leaderboard! Nationally though we achieved a fantastic 52nd out of 260 schools.

A particular well done to our number one reader— Amber Hazell in Year 4!

Choir starting this week

Ms Hone has kindly said that she will continue to run our school choir and will do this on Tuesday mornings from 8.15am until the beginning of the school day. Any child in KS2 can come along and the first session will be on Tuesday 16th September.



Simon Mole

Simon came into school last term and worked with some of our KS2 classes using them as focus groups to discuss the poems. When it is published in March he is going to bring in some copies for our classrooms. He really appreciated the input from the children!



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Poet and National Poetry Day ambassador, **SIMON MOLE** shows just how much fun you can have with words and creepy crawlies in brand new bug book and show.

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Which beetle has a blaster on its bottom? Which minibeast is barely the size of a full stop? Which eight-legged hunter has fangs as big as a cheetah's claws?

Publication of **A First Book of Bugs** will coincide with Simon and musician Gecko's new touring show for children and families, which is full of poems, raps and songs all about your favourite creepy crawlies (and some you haven't heard of yet!). Simon and Gecko's sell-out tour for **THE GREAT BIG DINOSAUR SHOW** (inspired by *A First Book of Dinosaurs*) delighted audiences in over 50 venues across the UK in 2024/5. Shows this autumn to coincide with publication of the new book include Natural History Museum, Cheltenham Literary Festival and Edinburgh Book Festival. For families and young audiences of 3-11yrs.



GRASSHOPPERS

Can you hear them yet? The grasshoppers are calling!
Rubbing their legs against their wings,
to sing out to each other.
The field fills with chirps and clicks.
It sounds a bit like somebody shaking a shaker,
next to someone else shaking a shaker.
And I know that their song is only for each other,
but I like to think they know I'm listening too.



Walker Books editor **Isobel Boston** comments:

"In this collection, Simon has focused on these fascinating creepy-crawlies, bringing them to life in wonderful poetry so they jump right off the page – by researching widely, selecting out fascinating, little-known facts. This is a brilliant introduction to literature more widely and a first taste of how imaginative and playful poetry can be. Simon is a talent both as a poet and performer."



• **A First Book of Dinosaurs** featured on the CLPE's Power of Reading Programme



• **Sunday Times** one to watch out for pick and **Daily Mail** Christmas round-up 2023

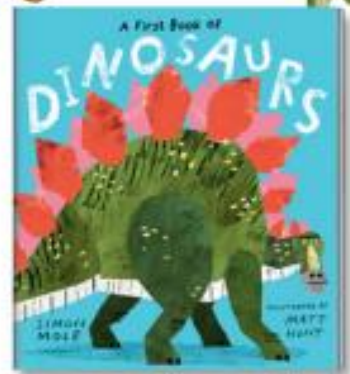
• Included in the **Book Trust Great Books** guide 2024-25



Praise for **A First Book of Dinosaurs**:

"With lively performative text in free verse and colourful, expressive graphic illustrations, this is a book for anyone who is keen to enjoy the facts and the drama of dinosaurs without pretending you could have one as a pet." THE SUNDAY TIMES

"Even the youngest of children are fascinated by dinosaurs, and this clever, vivid picture book uses funny poems to introduce simple facts about these extinct creatures." DAILY MAIL



SIMON MOLE is an acclaimed children's writer, performer and National Poetry Day ambassador, with over ten years of experience using poetry with children and families. Former poet in residence for the National Literacy Trust, Simon works in schools and libraries across the country and overseas. Popular YouTube 'write a poem in ten minutes' videos are used by hundreds of thousands of children and teachers across the world each year and have been featured on the BBC. **A First Book of Dinosaurs** is followed by **A First Book of Bugs** in August 2025. His other books are **Kites** illustrated by Oamul Lu, **I Love My Bike** (shortlisted for *The Sunday Times* Children's Sports Book of the Year) and **I Love My Cat**, illustrated by Sam Usher. Simon lives in Berkshire with his young family, and two extremely fluffy kittens. www.simonmole.com

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5 Lessons in Life from Dr. Seuss



1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.
2. 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?'
3. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
4. Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
5. Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.

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