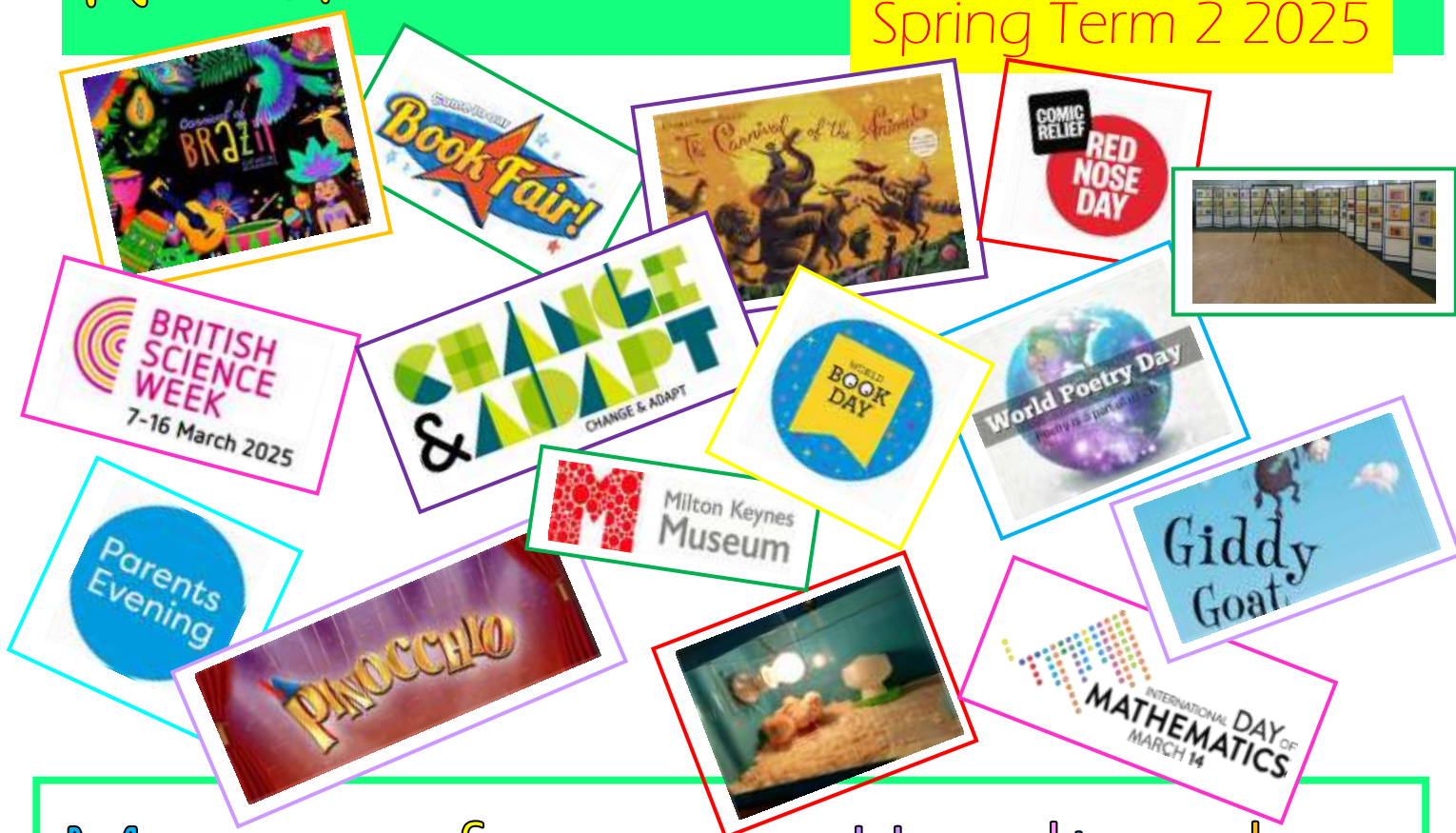


Russell Street School

Newsletter



Spring Term 2 2025



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome to the Spring 2 edition of our school newsletter. We are excited to share the many wonderful activities that will happen at Russell Street School this half term.

Well done Year 2 for their absolutely fabulous Oliver production last half term. You were all absolutely amazing performers!

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As we welcome the joyful season of spring, we also look forward to celebrating Easter. As usual will be hosting a range of fun and festive activities for the children to enjoy, from the PA Easter egg hunt to Easter film nights and Easter arts and crafts.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson



Book Fair – 3rd – 6th March

We are excited to invite you to our book fair. This was a very popular event last year. Children will all be given a £1 book voucher that that can be used at the book fair. Each year we give our oldest children chance to purchase books from the book fair first. Please see dates below when the book fair is open for your child's year group. The fair will be open between 8:15am and 8:45am and again from 3:05pm – 3:35pm (Nursery 2:50 – 3:20). Access to the book fair is from the KS1 playground.
Monday 3rd Year 2 families only. Tuesday 4th Year 1 families only. Wednesday 5th Year R families only. Thursday 6th Nursery families and any families who weren't able to visit earlier in the week..

Watch and listen to some authors read their own books:

[🐻 We're Going On a Bear Hunt 🐻 | BOOK | Kids' Poems and Stories With Michael Rosen - Bing video](#)

[Time for Storytime: My Hair with Hannah Lee - YouTube](#)

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar read by Eric Carle | Waterstones - Bing video](#)

[Julia Donaldson reads What The Ladybird Heard - Bing video](#)

[Stick Man by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler - Julia Donaldson stickman - Bing video](#)

[Beware Of The Greedy Highway Rat! 🐭 | Gruffalo World | Compilation - Bing video](#)

[Jez Alborough reads Where's My Teddy - YouTube](#)

Signed stories – learn new signs:

[The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister - Signed Stories - Sign Language | BSL | SSE | Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

[Not Now Bernard by David McKee - Signed Stories - British Sign Language - BSL | SSE | Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

[Signed Story - Handa's Surprise - British Sign Language \(BSL\)/SSE - YouTube](#)

Week commencing 3rd March (Carnival 4th March and World Book Day 6th March)

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Living Eggs – 3rd – 14th March

Living Eggs will be in school once again from 3rd March. This is a super yearly activity that takes place for Early Years children. Living Eggs provide a happy, safe and ethical experience that enables children to learn about life cycles and caring for animals. See our Twitter feed for day by day hatching and growing of our chicks.

Reception Theatre Trip – Tuesday 4th March

Reception have organised a trip to The Stables Theatre on Tuesday 4th March to see Giddy Goat. [Giddy Goat](#). For ages 3 to 7, Foundation/Key Stage 1, this musical tale follows the trials and tribulations of Giddy, a young mountain goat who is scared of heights, as he faces his fears and makes new friends.





British Science Week – 7th – 16th March

The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Change & Adapt!' We will be talking about what change and adaptation means, how we have noticed the world around us changing, and how we have adapted. Plus many other activities from [The theme for 2025 is... 'Change and adapt!' - British Science Week](#)



International Day of Maths – Friday 14th March

The 2025 IDM theme celebrates the creativity found in mathematical discovery and art. Using mathematics in art opens doors to new ideas, beautiful and captivating creations.

We are celebrating mathematics, art, and creativity, showcasing the harmony of logic and imagination where numbers dance with colours. Creativity unites mathematics and art.

Parents' Evenings 18th, 19th and 20th March

We will be once again offering parents a mixture of morning and after school sessions.

Parents' meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 18th March: 8:45 - 11:00am – Year 1.

Wednesday 19th March: 8:45 - 11:00am – Year R.

Wednesday 19th March: 12:50 - 2:30pm – Nursery.

Thursday 20th March: 8:45 - 11:00am – Year 2.

Thursday 20th March: 3:10 - 5:30pm – All Years.



Pinocchio – Wednesday 19th March

M & M productions will be performing Pinocchio to all classes in school (N/R/1/2). The story of **Pinocchio** follows the adventures of a wooden puppet created by an old carpenter named Geppetto. Pinocchio dreams of becoming a real boy and faces numerous challenges and temptations along the way. He learns valuable life lessons through his encounters with various characters, including a talking cricket and a fairy, ultimately leading him to understand the importance of honesty and goodness before achieving his heart's desire.

Red Nose Day – Comic Relief – Friday 21st March

Children may wear non-uniform with items of red clothing as well as official Comic Relief clothing.

Donations will be collected on the Key Stage One gate, Reception gate and Nursery door. A Just Giving page will also be available for use.



World Poetry Day – Friday 21st March

National Poetry Day is an annual event which takes place across the whole of the UK in celebration of poetry. The day is intended to help people discover and enjoy poetry and encourage everyone to read, write, and share poems. National Poetry Day demonstrates the importance of poetry and the value that poetry adds to society.

Nursery and Reception children will be performing Nursery Rhymes they have learnt by heart to Key Stage One children, and Key Stage One children will be performing poems they have learnt by heart to Nursery and Reception children.



Art Gallery – Tuesday 25th March

We are excited to invite you to our Art Exhibition featuring artwork created by all of the children in Russell Street School. You will be able to view the exhibition in the school hall from 2.50pm – 4pm on Tuesday 25th March, and will have the opportunity to purchase your child's framed art work for £10. This artwork would make a lovely Mother's Day gift.

Year 2 Milton Keynes Museum Trip – 1st April

We are hoping to take Year 2 children to Milton Keynes Museum on 1st April. Due to recent events at the museum, we have not yet received confirmation of our booking. The trip will be based on Victorians lives. On the visit the children will learn all about Victorian homes and way of life and compare them to life in modern day. They will take part in 3 activities - tour of the parlour and servants' room, tour of the Victorian laundry and kitchen, tour of Victorian cottage (including privy and garden weather permitting). In the afternoon they will look at a Victorian street with shops, schoolroom and different forms of transport. **We will send more details to Year 2 families as soon as we have them.**



School Closes on Friday 4th April for Easter