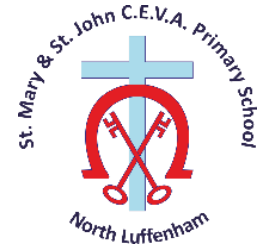


# SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

Here we are at the end of Term 3 already. I think the children are ready for a break. I hope the nasty, lingering cough virus that appears to be doing the rounds at the moment will have time to subside.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

During the first week back after the break we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2 March. Our Librarians have been busy making posters in school – thank you to them. We are inviting children to:

- Dress up as a book character, if they would like to
- Bring a book from home to share in school
- KS2 pupils to take part in a 'Giant Read'

Every child will be given a £1 book token to spend. These can either be used as part payment or there are always books made available for exactly £1 in most major supermarkets and book shops. This is to ensure everyone has the opportunity to purchase a book.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

We will be inviting parents and guardians to make appointments to meet with their child's class teacher after school on afternoons during the weeks commencing 13 March and 20 March. A combination of appointments will be available again either online via Teams or face to face. Please look out for further information about booking on Calendly after the break. I thought I would gather a few reflections about the term from the pupils to end on...

'Really busy, really fun and interesting.' (Yr 6)

'The swimming gala was really successful.' (Yr 6)

'Fun-filled, especially enrichment.' (Yr 6)

'We've done a lot of stuff – learnt new stuff, gone over old stuff and enjoyed everything!' (Yr 4)

'Really good because we started a D&T project and it's nearly finished. It's been a really good week.' (Yr 2)

'I have liked learning about times tables and maths.' (Yr 2)

'We've been doing polar bear cookies and it's been really good fun. We are going to eat them at home!' (Yr R)

'Good'. *What has made it good?* 'About learning.' (Yr R)

These comments, along with listening to the reasons our children receive a Headteacher's Award during Friday celebration assemblies suggest they are happy and engaged right across the school and the curriculum - flourishing and 'letting their lights shine'.

Well done everyone this term!

Wishing you all a most enjoyable half term break.



## Head Teachers Awards



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week the Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **William Waldock** for his excellent effort and attitude towards his learning. William has tried hard over the last few weeks to ensure he is listening and making good choices. He has also worked exceptionally hard with his phonics and is now reading a red book. William also impressed with his Fred spelling this week, using his super phonics to help him spell and write words. Keep up the hard work next term too William!



**Iris Askham** is receiving the Head Teacher award in **Year 1** for her model windmill. Iris has listened carefully in all the Design and Technology lessons this term and worked hard to follow the instructions accurately. Iris has created a fantastic model that fits the design criteria; she has also included some of her own ideas to personalise her design. Well done Iris.

This week in **Year 2** the Head Teacher award goes to **Oliver Bellamy** for his fantastic resilience and progress in his phonics lessons. Oliver has been working really hard on his sounds and decoding skills. Well done Oliver

The **Year 3** Head Teacher award this week goes to **James Foster**. James has had a brilliant attitude to his learning this week. He has been extremely focused and has done some fantastic work. Mrs Thornton was really impressed with the poster that he created to answer the question- Why are festivals important? He even asked if he could do more work on this.



In **Year 4** the Head Teacher award goes to **Cate Connolly**. Cate has been fantastic this week! She always works incredibly hard in all of her lessons, she is ready to learn and shows excellent learning behaviours. This week Cate has written an excellent newspaper opening paragraph as well as progressing well with problem solving in maths. This really has been a fantastic week Cate, well done and keep it up! Well Done!

The Head Teacher award in **Year 5** this week goes to **Millie Evans** for sharing the most wonderful vocabulary in all her lessons this week. Mrs Stanfield has been so impressed by the high level of understanding she shows towards words and the interest she shows to learn where they come from. Keep up this enthusiasm, Millie.

**Abigail Lakin** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 6** this week for her overall commitment to learning and her contribution to wider school life as a Year 6. Abi has been enthusiastic and ready in all of her lessons and SATs Boosters, demonstrating her impressive knowledge of vocabulary in the writing club yesterday too. She is also a commitment librarian and has been busy keeping things tidy and organised as well as helping to create posters for our upcoming World Book Day. Abi helped lead another successful House Assembly on Tuesday as one of the Chater House Captains.



**A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over the next 2 weeks**



Malachy Stephen-Smith  
Theadora Acott-Smith  
Jack Free  
Stanley Goss  
Sophie Ireland

STAFF PROFILES SERIES – JUST FOR FUN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS!	
Name	Natalie Siciliano Bell
Current role	Teaching Assistant & ELSA.
Where were you born?	In Stamford.
Proudest achievements	Jumping from an aircraft for charity.
Favourite childhood book	The Animals of Farthing Wood.
Favourite colour	Purple, Black and Gold.
Favourite food	Pizza.
Favourite leisure activities	Swimming and Dancing.
Favourite Possession	My Coffee Cup.
Future hopes and dreams	I would love to move back to Sicily.
Which three guests would you most like to invite to dinner (living or dead)	My Gran, Nonna and Elvis Presley as they both swooned over him, and we would have some entertainment.
If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most like to have with you?	My Dog Willow.
Something you don't know about me...	I am part of the Sicilian mafia. (Jokes)




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