



Dear parents and carers,

We've had a **fantastic start** to the year! The children returned full of energy, diving into their new topics with genuine excitement. While February is a short month, it's a busy and vital one.

Please **reach out** if you need anything; we're always here to support you.

Best wishes, Mrs Mark-Richards & Mrs Webb



Healthy snacks

A gentle reminder that children's break time snacks should be healthy options such as fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, meat or bread. Crisps, chocolate and biscuits are **not allowed** at break time and children will be asked to change their snack. We are a strictly nut-free school — **no nuts or Nutella** — as we have children in school with severe allergies and take their safety incredibly seriously. If you have any questions about healthy and safe snacks, please speak to the office.



If you would like some advice on healthy eating, we can arrange a session with the school nurse. Please contact the SENDCo, Mrs Embleton-Horner, if you would like an appointment.

Key Dates—February

Week Commencing 2nd: National Storytelling Week

Tuesday 3rd: Talavera Treat (selected pupils)

Thursday 5th: Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum

Monday 9th: Community Nurse in (see Mrs Embleton-Horner if you would like an appointment)

Tuesday 10th: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th: Cake sale

Thursday 12th: Pangolins trip to Marwell Zoo

Friday 13th: Parents V Kids Rugby session

Monday 16th to Friday 20th: **Half term**

Monday 23rd: **Children return to school**

Week Commencing 23rd: Parents evenings—selected families (**change of date**)

Week Commencing 23rd: IEP drop in sessions (**change of date**)

Key Dates—March

Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd and 4th March: Year 3 Roman Workshop

Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd and 4th March: Year 4 trip to Gilbert White's House

Wednesday 4th: Year 5 Winchester Science Workshop

Thursday 5th: World Book Day (See info on the next page for this week)

Friday 6th: Year 5 trip to Hampton Court

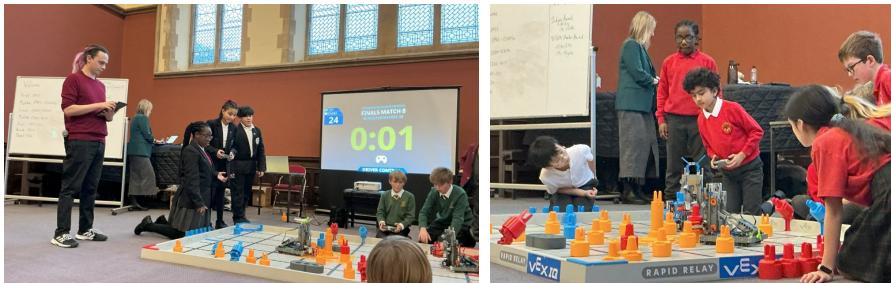
Assemblies

To celebrate the spirit of India, eight Talavera pupils took the stage to share insights into their rich cultural heritage and national milestones. This assembly honoured Republic Day (26 January), which commemorates the historic adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1950, marking the country's transition into a sovereign, democratic republic. The group performed an energetic group dance that truly captivated the audience.

It is lovely to celebrate with our pupils.



Talavera attend the Robotics Competition



The Talavera Robotics Club had an amazing opportunity to take part in a robotics competition at Charter House School.

Talavera took 2 teams, a Year 6 and a Year 5 team, and participated in 3 different tasks against 11 other schools from across Hampshire and Surrey. Our teams did extremely well with our Year 6 team coming 3rd in the qualifying and our Year 5 teams coming 3rd in the final competition. We also got a special mention in the poster competition. Well done to everyone who was involved.

No toys in school

Please be reminded that children should not bring toys into school, unless otherwise agreed for special occasions. Toys can easily become lost or damaged and may cause disagreements between children and school cannot take responsibility for personal items. Thank you for your support in helping us keep a calm and happy learning environment.

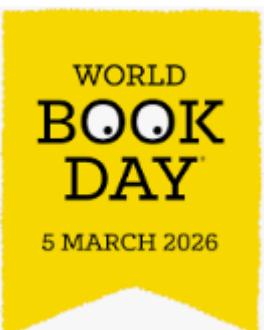


World Book Day— Thursday 5th March

As part of World Book Day, and in conjunction with the National Year of Reading, we have several reading events planned. The **National Year of Reading 2026** is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to combat declining reading habits by making reading enjoyable and relevant for all ages, encouraging people to "Go All In" with reading linked to their passions like music, films, or cooking.

Events coming up later this term:

- **Library open evening**
- **Reading coffee morning** for years 5 and 6
- **PJs, hot choc and a bedtime story** for years 3 and 4
- **READATHON**
- **World Book Day** -dress up as a word



Fund Raising Events

The staff at Talavera Junior School are dedicated to our pupils and are giving up their free time to run several fundraising events over the coming months. We are raising funds for the Year 6 residential trip.

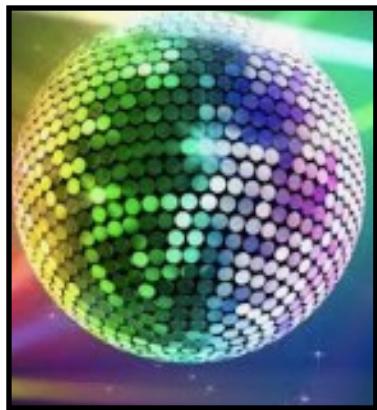
Cake Sale - Thursday, 13th February: Any cakes that staff are happy to bake (or buy) to donate would be fantastic. This is always a successful fundraiser, but it cannot happen without your support as we rely heavily on donations. Thank you in advance for any cakes provided.

Toast Week: Running from 24th February. Each year group will have one designated day to purchase a slice or two of toast during break time.

Spring Disco (Years 5 & 6): Date TBC. This is completely separate from the Leavers' Disco next term.

'Break the Rules' Mufti Day: Friday, 26th March. Includes ice pops and lollies for sale during break.

Movie and Popcorn Night (Years 3 & 4): Date in April TBC.



Keep button batteries away from your child

If your child swallows a button battery, it can get stuck in their food pipe. It can burn through to the main artery and badly harm or even kill them. This can happen very quickly.

Children aged 6 months to 4 ½ years are most at risk.

Which batteries are most dangerous?

Lithium coin cell batteries are slightly bigger than a 5 pence piece. They are big enough to get stuck and are strong enough to kill.

Smaller button batteries can still cause harm, especially if they are new.

Where are they?

Your child can find button batteries in things like:

- ☛ toys where the battery compartment isn't secured
- ☛ string lights and nightlights
- ☛ small remote controls
- ☛ car key fobs or key finders
- ☛ musical cards and books
- ☛ light-up toys and novelty items
- ☛ digital scales and thermometers

Children may also find spare batteries that are stored within reach or have fallen from the pack.

Even used 'flat' batteries still hold enough charge to be dangerous.



Check your home

- ☛ Hunt around your home for button batteries
- ☛ Keep products well out of your child's reach if the battery compartment isn't secured
- ☛ Store spare and 'flat' batteries well out of reach too
- ☛ Beware of bargains from online marketplaces or local discount shops. They may have button batteries your child can get to easily

Has your child swallowed one?

- ☛ Don't delay. Take them straight to A&E or call 999 for an ambulance.
- ☛ Tell the doctor you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- ☛ If you have the battery packaging or the product the battery came out of, take it with you.
- ☛ Don't let them eat or drink and don't make them sick

There may be few symptoms.
So trust your instincts.