



Newsletter



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Year 5 Residential (26-28 March)

Not long to go now! Year 5 go to Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Wednesday 26 March. We ask for all accounts to be paid in full by Tuesday 4 March. A reminder that if any parents are experiencing a challenging situation and would like to discuss any support with payment, please get in touch with Mr Emery via the school office and we can discuss things in the strictest confidence. The information regarding the trip has been discussed with the children and the presentation is on the school website under Parents > Residential > Laches Wood 2025. Please check through this and drop us an email if you have any questions.



Table Tennis – starting soon

At breaks and lunchtimes, enthusiasm for table tennis sweeps through the playground. It is wonderful to see! We are planning to have a table tennis club after school on a Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm. A very experienced local coach is keen to get involved. More information for booking will be on the newsletter next week. Watch this space!

Positive Behaviour

This week we have updated children on positive behaviour at TRJS. We have discussed the following in assemblies and also updated our Positive Behaviour Policy which has been approved by the school governors (please see the school website under policies): Ofsted. We started by reminding ourselves of all the lovely words the Ofsted inspector used to describe our pupils: co-operation, kindness, respect and positive attitudes to learning. Generally, most children behave very well each day. However, we do need to ensure that a small number of children do not disrupt learning for the vast majority, so everyone can do their very best at school.

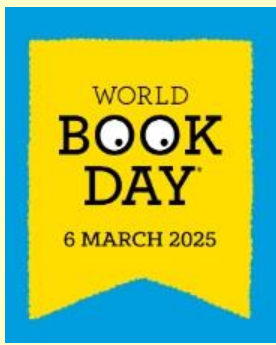


Positive Pom-Poms: To encourage the team ethos of supporting our classmates with positive attitudes, each class will have a jar to be filled with pom-poms, awarded by staff for excellent behaviour. When the jar is full, the children will have a “Golden Time” activity, decided upon in discussion with their teacher.

Non-Negotiables: We reminded children of the school rules that we expect all pupils to follow for respectful behaviour around school, in lessons, assemblies and on the playground. Failure to do so may result in a child having a short reflection time.

Partner Class: If a child continues to disrupt a lesson after being warned, they may be asked to go and work independently in another class for a lesson. This is called a partner class.

Behaviour Charts: If a child is in reflection time on 3 or more occasions, the school will contact parents to discuss a plan moving forward which would involve targets for improved behaviour, extra support and close monitoring for a short period of time.



On **Thursday 6th March**, TRJS will be participating in **World Book Day 2025!** It is a worldwide annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading, providing a fantastic opportunity to focus on **reading for pleasure!** This year's theme is **'Read Your Way'**. Research shows that children feel reading is something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do. Read Your Way encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations; it empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms.

**READ
YOUR WAY**

All pupils have been issued with a **£1 book voucher**, which they can use in exchange for a brand-new book that has been written by some leading authors especially for this year's World Book Day. Participating retailers and supermarkets include: ASDA, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrisons, WHSmith, Waterstones, Blackwells and The Works, as well as **Spaldings**, our local village bookshop. Check out the choices on offer this year's here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

We invite you to come to school dressed as a book character of your choice. There is a list of website links to quick, simple and low-cost costume ideas below.

We have a busy day of activities planned, including a special visit by Alex Atkinson, author of *'Spooksmiths Investigates: The Cinderman'* - a spooky tale packed with mystery, adventure and humour. We will learn about how she ended up as a writer of scary stories, where her inspiration comes from, some of the weird things she's learned through her book research and why everyone should exercise their imagination!



Copies of Alex's book are being stocked at our local bookseller, **Spaldings** – where you can also spend your World Book Day Token AND donate to our TRJS Wishlist, which will be used to stock our new book vending machine for reading rewards! Similarly, the book can be purchased at other major book retailers, such as Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Spooksmiths-Investigate-Cinderman/dp/1835400930>

Find out more about Alex on her website: <https://www.alexatkinsonstories.com/>

Competition Time! We will also be running a World Book Day inspired **'Create a Potato Character' competition**. We want you to think of a favourite character from a book you've read and turn it into a potato character – like this one shown here! Please see the separate letter, which was sent home on Friday 14th February for further details. An electronic copy has also been attached to this newsletter. One winning entry from each class will be treated to a special **VIP 'Meet and Greet Lunch'** with our visiting author, Alex Atkinson, along with a personalised, signed copy of her book. There will be other **"Super Spud" prizes** for excellent effort, creativity and imagination. ALL entries will receive a small treat for participating! 😊



World Book Day Costume Ideas

- <https://www.teachwire.net/news/a-pretty-comprehensive-list-of-costume-ideas-for-world-book-day/>
- <https://www.mumsnet.com/articles/world-book-day-costume-ideas>
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/world-book-day-costume-ideas-that-tell-a-story>
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/cheap-and-easy-ideas-last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>



Woodland Warriors

Here is a picture of what Woodland Warriors get up to on a Tuesday after school. They have made an apple bird feeder. Great work guys! Woodland Warriors still has 5 spaces left in the club. Please book via school interviews and the code kd938.

Dove Valley Football League

On Tuesday 25th February, TRJS took part in the Dove Valley football league, round two. TRJS played three matches against Alrewas, Richard Wakefield and Rangemore. TRJS started excellently, winning the first match 1-0 with Henry M scoring the winning goal assisted by Niilas. During the second match, the children played well but unfortunately lost the match 2-1. The final match against Rangemore finished in a 1-1 draw with Noah scoring. The team played exceptionally well showing great teamwork skills. Well done, TRJS!



All Shook Up

A message for the cast of All School Up:

As the show takes place in the 1950s, the costumes are very simple.

The cast are asked to provide the following:

Boys: Jeans and a collared, short-sleeved shirt

Girls: Skirt (below the knee) or pedal pushers and a T-shirt or sweater

The show will be performed for the school pupils on Tuesday 8 April and for parents and families on Wednesday 9 April at 6pm.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that the dates for Parents' Evenings are Thursday 3 April and Tuesday 8 April from 4.00-6.30pm. Booking information will be shared with everyone via next week's newsletter.

Dancing Queen!

A huge well done to Thea (in 4H) who, back in January, entered a dance competition to become part of Team England 2025 for Global Dance. All qualifying rounds across England have now been completed and we were thrilled to find out that she placed 2nd in the country for Neo Classical Ballet! In July, she will go on to represent her country and compete against the world's finest ballerinas. Lots of hard work ahead; what an honour to be selected!

Gymnastic Success

Annabel (4S) took part in the West Midlands Regional grades competition last weekend and she came 4th overall out of 60 gymnasts for her level. Wow! She also had 3 top 10 places (3rd on beam, 5th on floor and 7th on vault). Well done, Annabel; we are very proud of you.

I hope you get out in the sunshine this weekend. The daffodils are starting to emerge. Spring is definitely on its way! Have a good weekend.

J Emery

