

The School Journal

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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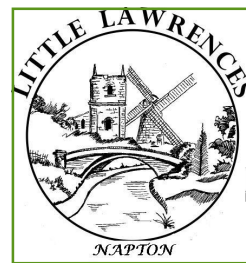
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Friday 13th February 2026

What a fantastic and incredibly busy week we've had in school, with so many enriching experiences for our children. Our Year 6 pupils proudly represented the school at the Ryton Sports Hall Athletics event. They demonstrated not only great determination and sporting skill but also excellent teamwork and encouragement towards one another. Mr Delaney was extremely impressed with their attitude, resilience, and behaviour. You were truly superb ambassadors for our school, very well done. Throughout the week, we also recognised Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, centred on the theme of *belonging*. It was wonderful to see the thoughtful discussions, reflective activities, and creative work taking place across classrooms. The children engaged with the theme in such a mature and meaningful way. Thank you to Mrs Whatley for leading a warm and inspiring assembly that encouraged us all to think about kindness, inclusion, and the importance of feeling connected. All of Key Stage 2 had the exciting opportunity to work with Adrian from Rapspeare, who delivered a series of Shakespeare workshops. These sessions were truly memorable. The children were captivated as Adrian brought Shakespeare's stories to life through drama, performance, and storytelling. We were particularly impressed by the children's enthusiastic participation and their fantastic acting skills. Pupils confidently stepped into character, experimented with expression and movement, and delivered lines with remarkable clarity and emotion. It was a joy to see their confidence grow as they embraced the language, humour, and drama of Shakespeare. Many children showed exceptional creativity, dramatic flair, and courage in performing. We were incredibly proud of their energy and engagement. This week also marked the final swimming session for our improvers group. The progress made over the half term has been excellent. Well done to all pupils involved. Your perseverance, commitment, and positive attitude have been commendable. We were delighted to enjoy a wonderful musical performance from our flute group and flute quartet during this morning's celebration assembly. Thank you to our talented musicians for such beautiful playing, and thank you to Mrs Foxwell for her continued dedication in providing these valuable musical opportunities. We are already looking forward to an exciting next half term, with a range of trips, visiting poets and authors, STEM days, and of course, World Book Day. Further details will be shared soon. I wish all of our families a happy, restful, and enjoyable half term break. **Mrs Beth Hanna, Headteacher**

Today's Stars of the Week:

SILVER: Y1: Louis & Daniel, Y2: William C, Y3: Lyla



Reception—Charles

Year 1—Louis Year 2—William

Year 3—Lyla Year 4—Mila

Year 5—Iona Year 6—Rose

Well done to those taking part in extra curricular activities: James Y2 swimming for Cubs, Izzy B Y1 Gymnastics, Freya Y1 Ballet, Mila Y4 Dance, Jude Y1 Judo & Bryn Y6 Swimming & Ella Y4 Acrobatic Arts

Well done to our Team Point Certificate Winners:

BRONZE: YR: Elliot, Ned, Laurel, Kiera & Savannah

Y3: Maisie, Agnes, Clara H, Jasper M & George W



Y4: Mila, Rupert, Heidi & Esme



Well done to our raffle ticket Winners:

Talitha Y4, Archie Y3, Rose Y6 & Cora Y1

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Little Lawrences: This week with it being Children's Mental Health Week; we have strengthened our understanding around the Zones of Regulation in Little Lawrences using the bears to help us to understand how we may be feeling. This has led to discussions about how we can be kind friends and the importance of looking after each other. The children have showed this learning in their play; Harvey, Dominick and Archie took turns when exploring the cars and Emmeline, Aria and Eloise have been the perfect hosts in the home corner. Brooklyn and Tommy J have both displayed the most amazing manners and Ben has been fantastic at tidying up! As the half term approaches, we have all grown tireder but the pancakes on Friday helped! This week we welcomed Tobias to our class and wish Jody all the best for Friday! We have also really enjoyed sharing new books that Thomas P (Y4) and his mum donated to us. Have a lovely half term!



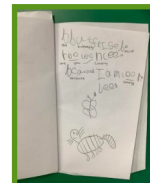
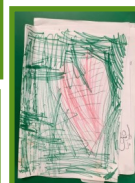
Reception: Reception class have spent lots of time outside this week. Ned, Finlay and Ryan set up a football game after Ned told us all about being a Mascot at Coventry City! Elsewhere, Millie and Arthur created a cauldron and mixed potions, making lists of ingredients they used whilst Orla, Evelyn and Savannah put on a circus show! Lots of children enjoyed the bikes and were very good at taking turns and sharing without any help at all! Inside we loved looking at photos of Mrs Whately's newts and Ida and Ada designed dresses whilst Evalyn and others played teachers. We had our heights and weights checked alongside a vision screening test, all fitted in around our daily phonics, story times, singing and maths. We talked about belonging as part of children's mental health week and all the children agreed that they definitely all agree that they all play a very important in our very special Reception class!



Laurel made this lovely book.



Mrs Whately reading to the school



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Year 1: What a wonderful week it's been in Year 1. The children are growing up so quickly and showing such confidence in their learning. In maths, they've been exploring doubling and near-doubles using lots of practical resources, and it's been brilliant to see their reasoning develop. In English, they've been working hard to structure their sentences so they make sense, taking real pride in their writing. Science has sparked plenty of curiosity as we've been classifying animals, and in our topic work the children have enjoyed comparing old and new toys and spotting how things have changed over time. Such great work all round, they really are a brilliant class.

Year 2: What a week for Year 2! We are becoming rhyming experts and have continued the enjoyment of creating humorous poetry, this week creating clerihews instead of limericks about different characters, (Goldilocks had chickenpox and Donald Duck had a truck to share just a couple of our ideas). In maths, we have been doubling and halving, identifying odd and even numbers and practising our 2 and 10 times tables. We listened to the story of the Ten Lepers in RE and created a wonderful gratitude tree sharing all the things that we are grateful for. It was lovely to see such great teamwork when working together to complete the challenge of creating the tallest tower made out of paper, which was a challenge to keep them standing up! In Topic we were blown away discovering some of the unexpected inventions created by the Victorians, particularly those that are still used today. Such a busy half term which has just flown by! Have an amazing, well deserved half term break!



On Wednesday, Y1 joined us in the hall in a challenge to make the tallest paper structures.



Clara released her snails back into the wild then made some biscuits. (below and right)



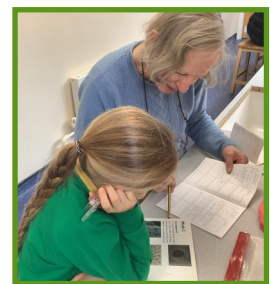
Matilda and Cara were treated to hot chocolate on bean bags today as they were this weeks best sitters on the carpet in Year 2.



Year 3 have had a brilliant week this week. A huge highlight was the Shakespeare visit on Thursday. The children absolutely loved taking part in drama and freeze frames whilst learning a little bit about Macbeth. They were so fantastic and we definitely have some actors in our class! In English this week, we have been writing a poem about Egypt focussing on our senses and having a go at rhyming too. In maths, we have been continuing to learn about length and compared metres, centimetres and millimetres. In science, we learnt about the job of muscles in our body and had a go at creating a representation of an arm by using card, a split pin and an elastic band. In our guided reading lessons we have been reading an instruction text about mummifying a tomato. We have done this as a class and are waiting to see what happens to our mummified tomato! We are very lucky to have volunteers coming into school. Caroline Adams (below right) was pictured reading with Scarlett earlier today. We are so very grateful for the time you give us. It has been a fantastic week, well done for your hard work this half term!



Maisie is making great progress on the recorder.



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Year 4: This week, Year 4 have impressed us with their amazing comparative descriptions of the Greek mythological creatures Cetus and Pegasus. The children used ambitious vocabulary and thoughtful comparisons to highlight the similarities and differences between these legendary beings, producing some wonderfully imaginative writing. In maths, we have continued our excellent work on fractions, focusing on converting improper fractions into mixed numbers with increasing confidence and accuracy. We also enjoyed a fantastic drama session with Adrian from RapSpeare, where the children created and performed powerful improvised tableau pieces. Adrian was extremely impressed with their confidence, expression and teamwork. Well done, Year 4, for another week of creativity, focus and brilliant effort!



Year 5: The highlight of this week for Year 5 was definitely the brilliant Shakespeare workshop on Thursday with Adrian Benn. The whole class joined in very enthusiastically, and Mrs Merrick and Karen were so impressed by their focus, hard work, dramatic flair and commitment to the activity. The Maths World Cup was eagerly anticipated as always, and it was really encouraging to see the results of their times tables practice. We've started our fractions topic, constructed some very creative noun phrases and explored the topic of Roman roads, searching for English place names with -caster, -chester, -chester and -eter names and marking them on a map. It was great to join in with a Mental Health Week assembly featuring author Katie Hopper on Wednesday, and a Steve Backshall polar-themed event on Tuesday! Hope all of Year 5 have a lovely, fun and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the holiday!



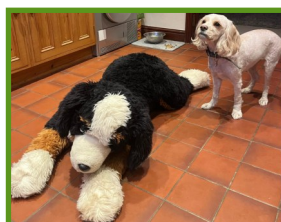
(Left) Our clarinet quartet comprising of Harry, Seb, Rupert (Y5) and Archie (Y3) practicing with Mrs Foxwell.



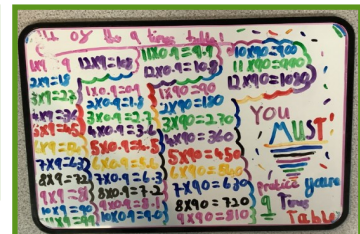
Alexander showing the younger children how to model kinetic sand.



Jojo has had a super half term of learning piano, has tried really hard and has made great progress. Her note reading is rapidly improving and she always gives 100% to her lessons. Well done!



Maisie took Ralph home to meet her dog Cocoa.



Penny made this colourful 9 times tables chart. Mrs Merrick and Mr D were very impressed.

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Year 6: Year 6 are thoroughly enjoying their new class book: *The Curse of the Maya!* And have been particularly struck by the rich description and growing tension. There is much discussion about what Verity and Ethan will do next, and whether following clues in ancient temples is ever straightforward. In English, we have stepped into the role of archaeologists, writing detailed descriptions of newly unearthed Maya artefacts for display in a museum. We then explored characters' thoughts and feelings using hearts, minds and voices, before writing inner reflections from precarious situations, including bodily reactions and the careful use of hyperbole. As you can see on Google Classroom, we constructed additional paragraphs in inner monologue, showing how Verity attempts to rationalise the seriousness of events. In Maths, we have now completed our work on ratio and proportion and can confidently say we are experts, with algebra waiting for us after half term. SATs preparation continues and the message remains clear: time is not elastic and it is running out! I would strongly encourage little and often revision over the break, using MathsBot, BBC Bitesize, Ed Shed, Rollama or the trusty yellow folder. Small, regular practice will make a difference. Have a lovely break all.

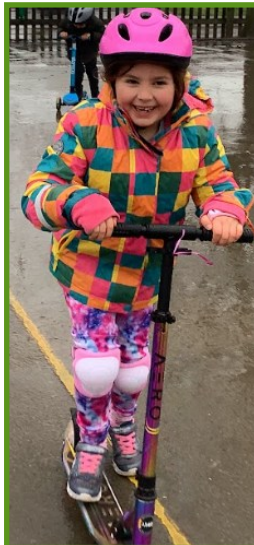


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Flute group playing in assembly this morning:



Everyone had great fun at Scooter Club this week scooting around the big playground. Lots of smiles from KS1.



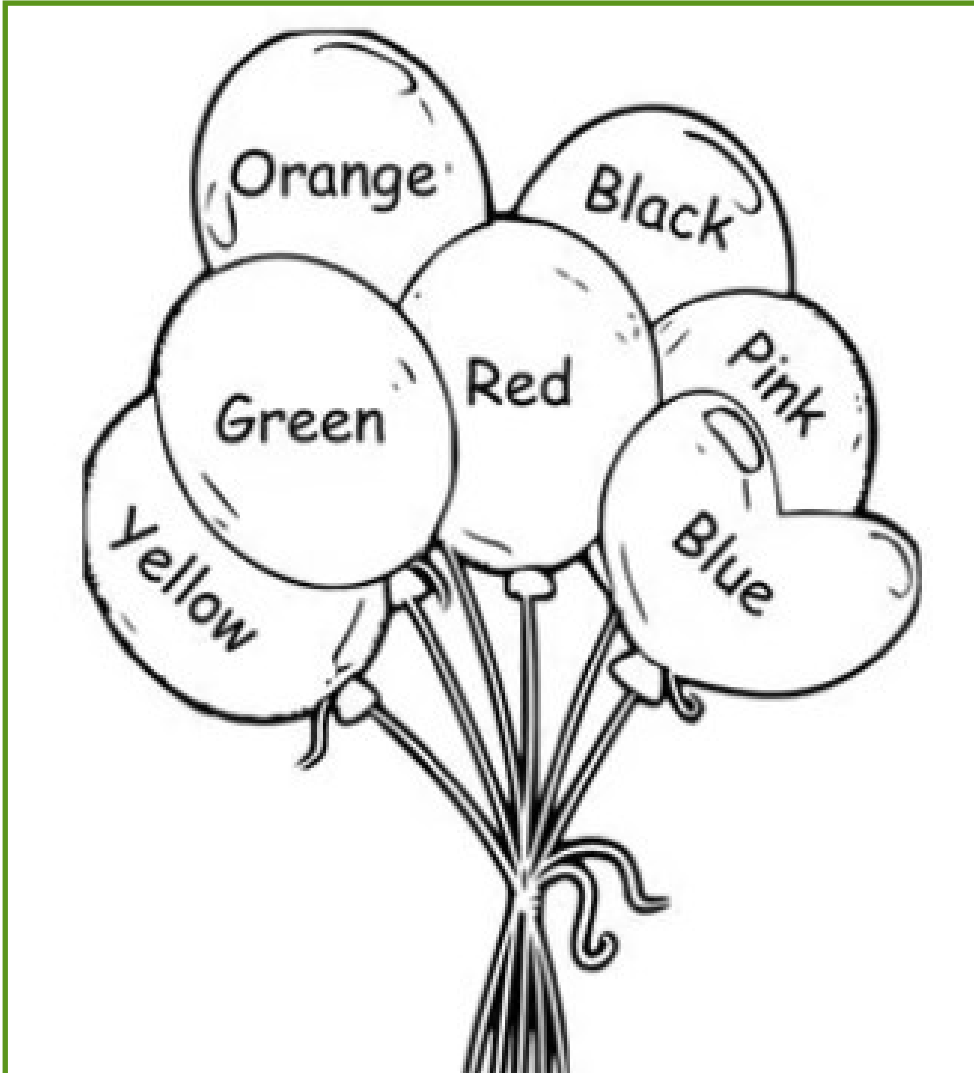
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FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN!

Return this page with the completed item for your year group to the office by Wednesday morning to be entered into the draw in Wednesdays assembly and be featured in the weekly journal.

Your name:..... Year Group.....

Little Lawrences, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Colour the balloons:



Year 3 and Year 4— Bible Quiz:

1. What was the name of the garden where Adam and Eve Lived ?
 - a. Garden of Eden
 - b. Garden of Gethsemane
 - c. Garden of Babylon
 - d. Garden of Paradise
2. Which creature tricked Eve into eating of the forbidden fruit ?
 - a. Monkey
 - b. Rabbit
 - c. Serpent
 - d. Spider
3. Who was the first child born ?
 - a. Cain
 - b. Abel
 - c. Seth
 - d. Noah
4. From what disaster did the Ark save Noah ?
 - a. Fire and Brimstone
 - b. Earthquake
 - c. Plague
 - d. Flood
5. What was the name of the tower that the people were building when God confused their language ?
 - a. Tower God
 - b. Tower of Dagon
 - c. Tower of Babel
 - d. Tower of Siloam

Year 5 and Year 6— Name the character (you may need help from someone a little older than you!)



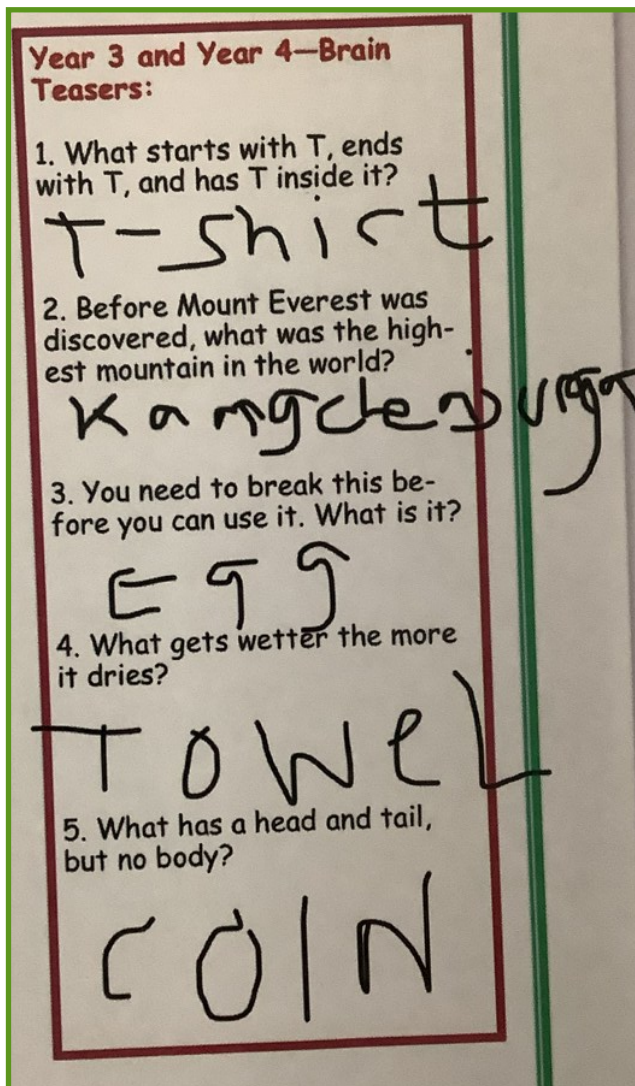
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FUN! FUN! FUN! FUN! RESULTS

Thank you to those who entered last week. They were:

Cora Banyard Y1:

Rishita Naughton Y3:

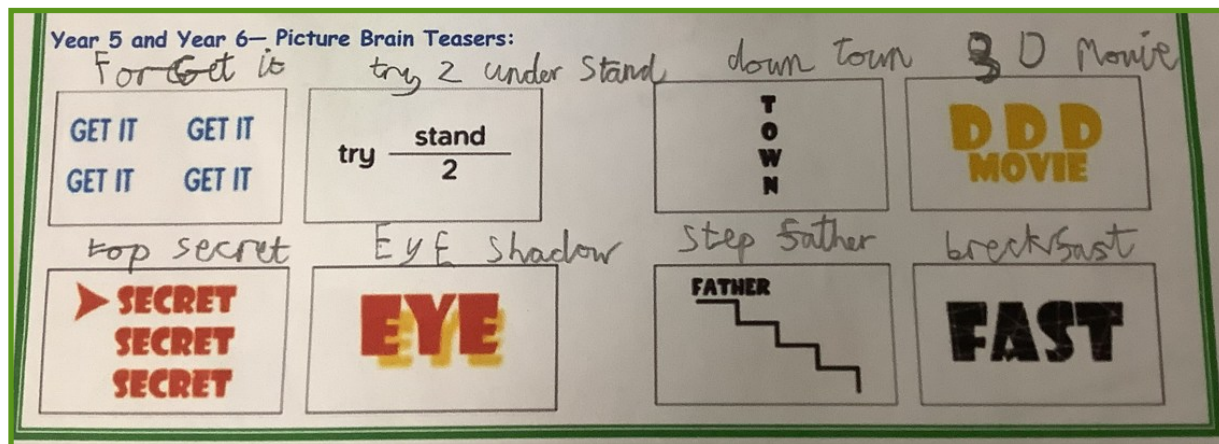


Brain Teaser (right) answers:

1. Teapot
2. Mount Everest (even before discovery!)
3. Egg
4. Towel
5. Coin

Well done Rishita!

Alexander Banyard, Year 5, got all of the upper KS2 brainteasers correct. Well done Alex!



The Week Ahead - w/c 24th February 2026

Monday 24th February 2026

09:30 Hymn practice with the whole school. Members of the orchestra should bring their instruments to school on Mondays, there is no need to come into school early. Mrs Merrick will collect children from class after morning registration.

Tuesday 25th February 2026

09:30: Year 4 will have their class brass lesson today with Mrs Pugh in the hall. This will be for an hour every Tuesday for the whole of the academic year.

Outdoor Learning visit to Leys Farm on foot. (Parents of children attending have been informed) 1st of 5 weeks

Wednesday 26th February 2026

09:30: Whole school assembly in the hall led by Mrs Hanna

15:30: Parents' Evening in the hall for Y2 and Y6

Thursday 27th February 2026

Y2 trip to St John's Museum

Y6 trip to Belgrade theatre to see "Boy at the Back of the Class"

Friday 28th February 2026

08:45: Orchestra rehearsal in the hall. Please send instruments into school with children for an 08.45 practice before celebration assembly.

09:05: Celebration assembly in the hall, everyone is welcome. Please drop extra curricular awards and certificates into the office for presentation in assembly.

Today's PE lesson for Y5 and Y6 will be Taekwondo workshops run by Joe from JDSKTD.

MUSIC LESSONS:

Monday: Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Lisa Foxwell's Flute group will meet in the Hall at 10:30

Tuesday: Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Helen Pugh will be teaching brass in the Hall
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the afternoon in the Music Room
Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room

Wednesday: Alex Sinessi will be teaching guitar lessons today in the Sensory Room
Seb Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room

Thursday: Jacob Tanner will be in school taking drum lessons in Room 11
Lisa Foxwell's Flute Quartet group will meet in the Music Room at lunchtime

Friday: Lisa Foxwell will be teaching in the Music Room
Lisa Foxwell's Recorder group will meet in the Hall at 10:30
Lisa Foxwell's Clarinet Quartet group will meet in the Music Room at lunchtime

PE LESSONS:

Reception: Thursday AM,

Year 1: Wednesday PM (plus forest school kit for Fridays), **Year 2:** Tuesday PM and Friday AM,

Year 3: Monday PM and Thursday PM, **Year 4:** Monday PM and Wednesday PM,

Year 5: Tuesday PM and Friday PM, **Year 6:** Thursday PM and Friday PM

MUSIC LESSONS FOR CHILDREN



PIANO AND WIND INSTRUMENTS

Lisa and Seb Foxwell
lisafoxwell23@gmail.com



DRUM AND GUITAR

Top of The Rock
josh@topoftherocktuition.com



BRASS AND VIOLIN

Warwickshire Music
MelanieCotton@warwickshire.gov.uk



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LARKS n OWLS MENU TO FOLLOW AFTER HALF TERM

Emilie Lauren Jones will be visiting the whole of main school from Reception upwards on Monday 02 March.

You can pre-order a copy of her book, "A Poetic A-Z of Awesome animals", [here](#).

This book is not available to order via School money or the school office.

All pre-orders will be signed by the author.

Hello!

We are thrilled to tell you that poet Emilie Lauren Jones is coming to your school!

Emilie's sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading and writing.

Books are available to order now - click [here](#) or scan the QR code to buy online, or order through school if this is supported (cash/parentpay etc).

Emilie will then sign and personalise the books!

Authors Abroad



Emilie Lauren Jones

Emilie has performed and run workshops across the UK and internationally. In 2021, the year Coventry became UK City of Culture, she became the city's first Poet Laureate.

Emilie always loved writing and had her first poem published (aged nine) in her mum's local magazine. At the age of fifteen, her English teacher entered her work into a national short story competition with The Guardian Newspaper and she was one of ten winners who had their poems published in an anthology. This inspired Emilie to believe that a career in writing was possible and she hopes she can offer the same encouragement to others.



A Poetic A - Z of Awesome Animals

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Get ready for a wild ride through the animal kingdom alphabet!

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Perfect for bedtime stories, classroom read-alouds, or independent reading, A Poetic A-Z of Awesome Animals! is a wonderful blend of imagination, education, and entertainment.



Author Visit

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Philip Reeve Sarah McIntyre AdventureMice!

Join superstars Reeve & McIntyre to help them launch *AdventureMice*: *Of Mice and Mummies*, the eighth book in their brilliant series! In this story, Meepie the mermouse makes a HUGE discovery. What follows is a race against time to reach a secret island, full of incredible mouse sphinxes, pyramids, palaces ... and the tomb of Queen Neferteacake! Get ready to draw and dream up new story ideas with the AdventureMice team.

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Children can also pre-order a copy of their latest book for **£6.99**

Pre-order your copy through school ahead of the event and it will be signed and dedicated on the day!
Cash or via school parent pay if applicable. We regret we cannot accept cheques.



Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre will be visiting Reception, Y1 and Y2 on Wednesday 25th March.

You can pre-order a copy of their book, "Adventure Mice", on School Money or with cash at the school office.

Sales will close on Monday 23rd March.

All pre-orders will be signed by the authors.

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FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

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| Autism - Improving Communication | 2 Feb 10am |
| Improving Family Communication | 2 Feb 7pm |
| Supporting A Child with ADHD | 3 Feb 10am |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 3 Feb 7pm |
| Anxiety Based School Avoidance | 9 Feb 10am |
| Anxiety Explained | 16 Feb 10am |
| Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness | 16 Feb 7pm |
| What is ACT? | 17 Feb 10am |
| Introduction to OCD | 17 Feb 7pm |
| FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens | 19 Feb 7-8pm |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 23 Feb 10am |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 23 Feb 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 24 Feb 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 24 Feb 7pm |
| Understanding Anger | 9 Mar 7pm |
| Facing Defiance | 10 Mar 7pm |

Contact the office for FACE School Membership details.

MESSAGE FROM JESS FOXWELL (Daughter of Lisa Foxwell, music teacher)

I am currently in my final year of my degree at the Royal Northern College of Music and we have to create and put on a big project for a final year assessment. I have chosen to put on a 12-hour playathon fundraiser to raise money for the Hand and Limb Department at Birmingham Children's Hospital. My aim is to provide local musicians with a performance platform for this day and not only come along and have a performance opportunity but also a chance to support a great cause in a fun environment. Especially for young musicians I believe it's important to create these experiences to inspire interest and creativity. As so many of your pupils learn a musical instrument or enjoy music.

Here is a link to the justgiving fundraising page and a Google doc sign up page:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/>

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12 - HOUR PLAYATHON FUNDRAISER

Date: 21st February 2026
Location: Burton Dassett Church
Time: 9am-9pm

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For more details or interest in participation contact foxwell.jess12@gmail.com

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