

FINCHALE FLYER

We see the magic in every child... and help make them sparkle.

Key Dates:

FEBRUARY

- 6th NSPCC National Number Day
- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Parent/Carer Online Safety Information Session (2.45pm and 5pm)**
- 20th **Y2 Dance Performance (9.10am)**
Reception Chinese New Year Assembly (2.30pm)
School closes for February half term holiday (3.25pm)

MARCH

- 2nd School re-opens for pupils (8:55am)
National Careers Week
- 5th World Book Day
- 9th British Science / STEM Week
- 15th Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
- 16th-20th High Borrans Residential
- 23rd Y4 Brass Concert (2.00pm)
- 25th PTA Spring Disco (Rec/KS1 - 4.14-5.15pm;
KS2 - 5.30-6.30pm)
- WB. 30th Parent/Carer Appointments (TBC)

APRIL

- 2nd Y3 Ukulele Concert (9.10am)
Y1 Class Assembly (2.30pm)
School closes for Easter holiday (3.25pm)
- 20th School re-opens for pupils (8:55am)

All dates are subject to change.



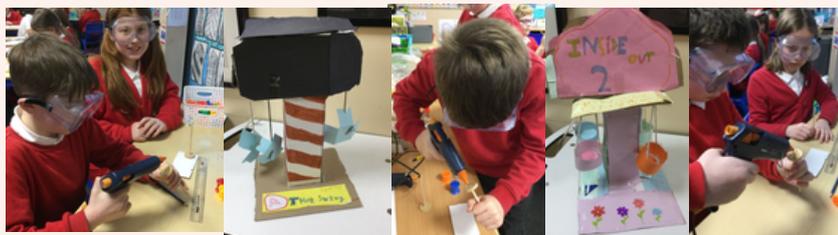
Savvy Sugar Workshops with Chartwells

Is the sugar in a banana and a bar of chocolate the same? These were the kinds of questions being considered during our 'Savvy Sugar' workshops on 7th and 8th January, led by Chartwells. Children across the school explored the science behind sugar, the difference between natural and 'free' sugars and the importance of dental health in a fun and practical way.



Y5 D&T: Fairground Rides

This term, Y5s Design & Technology unit has focused on designing and building fairground rides with a Disney theme. The children worked in groups to make their own pulley systems and designed and coded their own programmes on the Crumble kits to make the fairground ride spin round. Their skills in both design and computing were wonderful to behold and the final products were fantastic. Well done, Year 5!



Reception PE Through Topics

Our Reception class have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly 'PE Through Topics' sessions on a Friday morning, led by the School Sports Partnership. They have been 'under the sea', 'at the circus' and 'into space' (all from the safety of our own hall!) and, at the same time, have developed their fundamental movement skills and had lots of fun.



Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop

Some of our Y5 and 6 children participated in a drama workshop with Lisa from the Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation on Friday, 23rd January. We learned to 'land our lines', 'exit with purpose' and 'keep the stage alive'. The group will continue to prepare for a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Mount Oswald Hall in March and also visit the College of St. Hild & St. Bede, Durham University in order to learn more about university life.



Spotlight on Safeguarding - Internet Safety

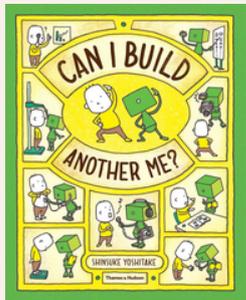
February brings with it Safer Internet Day (Tuesday, 10th February) when we will be raising awareness of healthy habits surrounding the use of technology and discussing online safety and wellbeing. This year's theme is: **"Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online."** The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of top tips for parents and carers and how to discuss the issue of online safety with your children: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>



We have attached The National College's parent/carer guide, **'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Fake News & Scams'** to this month's email and would like to invite parents and carers to an **Online Safety Information Session** which will be led by

Mrs Nower (Computing Lead) and Mrs Marley (RSHE Lead) at 2.45pm and 5pm on Tuesday, 17th February. If you would like to attend, please complete the Microsoft Form using this link: [Parental Online Safety Talks](#)

Recommended Reads

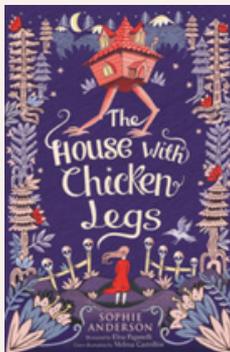


Age 4-7

Can I Build Another Me?
Author: [Shinsuke Yoshitake](#)

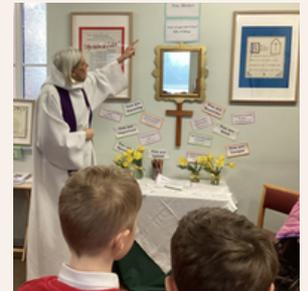
Age 7+

The House with Chicken Legs
Author: [Sophie Anderson](#)



Year 3 Visit to All Saints Church

On 28th January, Year 3 visited All Saints Church to help them with their Religious Education enquiry questions, "What can we learn about Christian worship and beliefs by visiting churches?" The answer was, they can learn a lot! They found out about the symbols in a Christian church and what the different colours, which can be seen at different times of the year, represent, as well as some key ways in which Christians worship. They were a credit to our school during the visit, asking some very thoughtful questions, and demonstrating respect (one of our key values) throughout. Well done, Year 3!



Attendance: Every Minute Counts

We ask for the support of parents/carers in ensuring that children have a good routine for sleeping well and being ready for the start of the school day. If a child arrives late for class, they miss out on important learning. 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days lost; 10 minutes = 6.5 days lost and 30 minutes = 19 days. We thank you for working in partnership with us on this.

Musician of the Month

This month, we have been listening to the music of Hans Zimmer. Hans Zimmer is a German-born film composer and music producer. His iconic scores, blending orchestral and electronic elements, have shaped the soundtracks of numerous blockbuster movies, earning him critical acclaim and awards.



January Attendance

Reception	95.86%
Year 1	98.34%
Year 2	97.44%
Year 3	95.52%
Year 4	97.43%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	92.76%
Whole School	96.39%



Many thanks, as always, for your support.
Miss Ward.