



# Wormholt News

Friday 14th March

Head's Chat

Dear Families,

Is it Spring or Winter? I think we are struggling to decide!

This week, Year 2 had a fabulous show/workshop all about the Jolly Postman. Rosie, who ran it described the children as extremely sensible and well behaved. Well done Year 2 - you are all a credit to the school.

Today, we had lots of Governors visiting. They were looking at RE and English lessons across the school as well as hearing all about our Rights Respecting ethos and spending time in our Opal playground. They were really impressed with the discussions they heard in RE and they thought the children's writing was of an extremely high standard. They enjoyed hearing about how the children have been involved with campaigns to make changes to the environment and to protect children's rights across the world. They absolutely loved the Opal playground and couldn't believe how many different activities there are now! The visit was a huge success.

Can I please appeal to all parents and carers about punctuality. We open our gates at 8.30am and the children can arrive from that time. At 8.45am, the gates are closed and children who arrive after 8.45am, will be marked late on the class register. Please remember that it is vital for your child's education that they get a good start to the day by arriving at school on time. This week lates recorded: Athens 21, Tripoli 24, Seoul 22 - these figures are not acceptable.

**In class no later than 8.45 please - if you need help getting your child to school on time, please let me know and we can support you.**

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Anika Hargie, Headteache

## Instagram



Wormholt Park Primary School now has an instagram account! Please pop over and follow us at: @wormholtparkprimary

## In app messages in Arbor

Please allow 'Push Notifications' for Arbor, so you receive in-app messages on Arbor. We are now on 98% sign up for Arbor. There are just 5 families who have not signed up. Please do so as soon as possible!



## Opal Playground

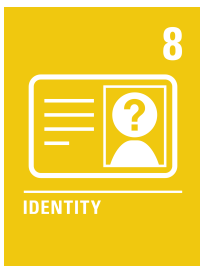
This week, we are asking for any donations of toy buggies and prams. If you have any, please bring them to the office. Thank you for your continued support.

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose day this year is being held on **Friday March 21st**. This is a fun, fundraising day where we support the charity comic relief. On this day we would like children to come to school wearing something red. For example, a t-shirt, socks, a hair bow etc. Please don't buy anything if you don't have anything red. Please bring £1.00 to put in the collection box for comic relief. Many thanks.



## Rights Respecting - Article of the Week



This week we are learning about and celebrating the following Article.

### Article 8: Identity

**All children have the right to a name and a nationality**

You can find out more about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) by visiting their website: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

## Year 2 Jolly Postman Workshop

"This week year two had a very exciting visit from postie Rosie. We watched an amazing show all about a very jolly postman and got to be posties for the day. We learnt all about how to sort letters, deliver post and return lost letters by solving clues. Later on we even got to make our own post. The book begins with 'Once upon a bicycle...' which made us laugh. We were very lucky and even got to keep a copy of the book for our class. We enjoyed our day so much and we'll never forget our visit from Rosie!"





## Our Nursery- We still have spaces!!

If your child is 2 years old, please pop into the office for a Nursery Application form.

***If your child is already 3 - please speak to Kim (in the office) and we can get them started asap!***

We can offer part-time places or full-time if you have the 30 hour code. We would be very happy to show you around if you'd like. **Please tell any local families about our nursery and our school too, as we have spaces at the moment.**

## Skills Builder Weekly Challenge

Think of your favourite story, perhaps a fairytale or a story you invented. Tell that story to a family member or friend and try to make the story exciting by using different tones of voice, facial expressions, and hand gestures.

### Reflection Questions

**Getting Started:** How do we know if we are speaking clearly?

**Intermediate:** As you speak how can you put your points into a logical order so you can be easily understood?

**Advanced:** How can you use tone, expression and gesture to make your speaking engaging?

**Mastery:** How can you adapt the content of what you are saying, in response to listeners?

Speaking

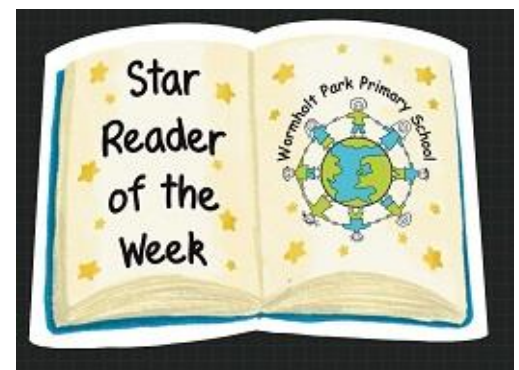
Have you been completing any of these skills builder challenges at home? Please let us know how you are finding these. Here is this week's challenge! Skills Builder has resources available for parents/carers

on their website. The [Home Zone](#) helps parents and carers to build their child's essential skills at home. Each week they have a different Skills Challenge that parents/carers can complete with their child.

[Click here to visit their website](#)

## Reader of the Week

This week, the Star Readers of the Week are Abdirahman from Havana (Y1) and Asim from Santiago Class (Y6). Well Done both of you!



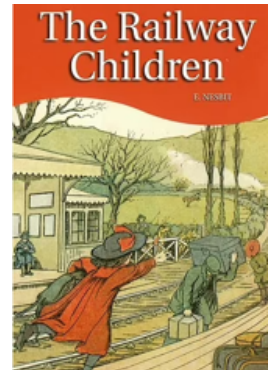
## Weekly Book Review

This term, our staff will be writing reviews of books they enjoyed reading. This week we have a book review from Ms Jay, our EAL teacher.

### **Book Review: The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit**

It was first published in book form in 1906. It is a book about a family living in a world long gone.

Three young children, Roberta, known as 'Bobbie' (12), Peter (10), and Phyllis (8) move from London to a much smaller house in the countryside near a railway line, with their mum. Their dad had mysteriously left with two men who visited them one evening. The children do not know where he has gone or why. Their lives are drastically changed, without their father's income. Their mother then began writing to earn money.



The children have many adventures as they explore the countryside and especially the railway line and station. They make friends with the railway staff and in particular with one of the railway passengers, who they call the 'Old Gentleman'. They prevent a train disaster, rescue a schoolboy, who has broken his leg and is stranded in a railway tunnel, and help a Russian refugee, who is trying to find his family. However, the mystery surrounding their father continues to worry the children, especially Bobbie. Thankfully, there is a happy ending!

There is an emphasis on friendship and helping others in the right way without damaging the pride and self-respect of others. This is an inspiration as well as a moral value I have learnt from a book as a child of 9 years.

I enjoyed 'The Railway Children' very much as the life of these children in the countryside was very similar to mine, when I was in primary school in *Sri Lanka*. In 1980s, I had such freedom, independence to enjoy my childhood by flying kites on the hills, run around in the fields, climbing trees, picking fruits & flowers, hide and seek in the woods, making play equipment using natural resources from the woods, swimming and doing other water sports in the rivers and many more adventures.

This book is one of my forever-cherished birthday presents I received from my parents. This was one of the gifts on my 9th birthday.

# School Calendar

Our School calendar is updated regularly.

Please click the link to access it. [Click here to see](#)

March						
Absent	Present	Travelling	Unexcused	Excused	Travelling	Absent
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6 World Book day	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Let Our Class (P2) Assembly	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Let Our Class (P2) Assembly St. Patrick's Day	29

## Attendance - this week



Please look at this chart .

The more time your child has off school, the less chance of success they have with their learning. Please only keep your child off school if they are genuinely unwell.

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Oslo, Ottawa and Washington
2nd	Havana and Santiago

Best Punctuality this week	
1st	Washington
2nd	Havana

Well done to these classes!

## Useful Dates this term

Spring Term 2025	
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day - Wear something Red
Friday 28th March	Lima (Y2) Class Assembly (10.15am)
Friday 28th March	Birthday Bash
Monday 31st March	Year 2 Trip (Group 1)
Tuesday 1st April	Year 2 Trip (Group 2)

## Term Dates - 2024-25

Spring Term 2025	
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April Finish @1.30pm	End of Term

Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Children back
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half Term
Friday 18th July Finish @1.30pm	End of Term