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Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that you were able to spend plenty of quality time with friends and family.

Year 4 have had a particularly busy start to the new year, with a cake sale after school last week and trips to the Vale and Dowland Museum in Wantage on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Year 3 have started 2025 with some brilliant art, and I hope that you have seen the pictures of their sunflowers on our website or on Facebook, if not, here are some examples for you to enjoy.



What will my child be learning this term?

Curriculum information for every year group for Term 3 and Term 4 is now on our website. If you would like to know what your son/daughter will be learning between now and Easter, please do have a look at each Year's curriculum maps.

Please use this link:

<https://www.wantagece.org/page/?title=Curriculum+Maps&pid=66>

Pastoral Coffee Morning – Wednesday 22nd January

Our pastoral team are holding their next Coffee Morning on Wednesday in the hall after drop-off. We are looking forward to seeing you then.



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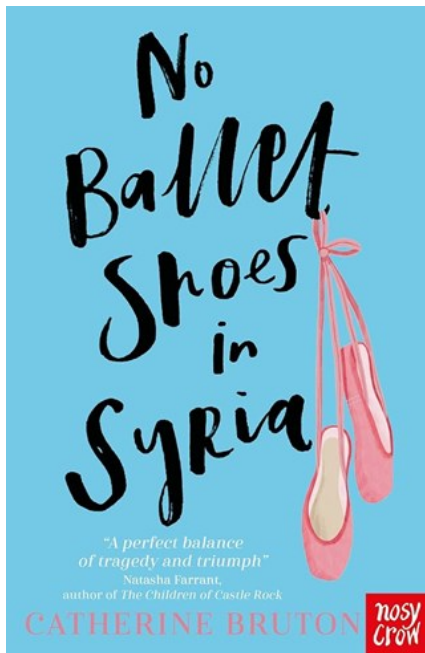


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Reading Ambassadors' Book Reviews

Each newsletter, one of our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors will be sharing their review of a book they have read recently. They are all excited to share their reviews with you and they hope that their reviews will inspire you to read the books that they recommend. This newsletter, Lyra has reviewed 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' by Catherine Bruton.



I loved all the twists in this story. It was also interesting to learn about another country and culture, as well as the lives of refugees.

The story focusses on Aya who is eleven years old. Aya and her family journey to England, leaving her father behind in Syria. Due to her mother's illness, Aya has to take on the responsibility of caring for her younger brother. One day, she stumbles upon a local ballet class and her talent is spotted by her teacher who sees her potential to earn a scholarship. At the same time, her family needs to fight to stay in the country. Will her father keep his promise of meeting them in England?

I would recommend this book to anyone 9 years old or over, and I give 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' five stars!

Lyra, Year 6.

Information for parents and carers from GROW

We have been asked to share sources of advice and guidance for parents and carers which we hope you will find useful. You will find information about these at the end of this letter.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Calendar

Tuesday 21 January	10.15—11.30 am	Swimming Gala at Wantage Leisure Centre
Wednesday 22 January	8.40 am	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning in the hall
Monday 27 January		Dance Festival at New Theatre, Oxford
Tuesday 28 January	9.30—11.00 am	Goalball at Grove CE School
Tuesday 4 February		Heights and Weights for Y6 and F1
Tuesday 4 February		Planetarium in school for Y5
Wednesday 5 February		Police talk for Y6
Friday 7 February		Y3 Cake Sale
Tuesday 11 February	3.30—6.20 pm	Y6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 February	2.10—5.20 pm	Y6 Parents Evening
Thursday 13 February	Pm	Y4 Performance time TBC
Friday 14 February	3.00 pm	End of Term 3
Monday 24 February		School reopens for Term 4

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- Preparation for birth

Last Thursday of every month 7-9pm
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