



# Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Ofsted

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their messages of support this week; they were really appreciated and thank you for taking the time to send them in. Thank you too for completing the parent/carer surveys for Ofsted; the turnaround for these surveys is always very short.

As always following an inspection, I am not able to share the outcome of the inspection with you until the report has gone through the Ofsted quality control process. However, I am able to say that the inspection went well and we received positive feedback from the inspector.

Please pass on my praise to the children who were fantastic this week. Their behaviour was superb and they were a credit to the school.

## Porridge! The Year 4 Production

I had the pleasure and privilege of watching the Year 4 production twice today. The dress rehearsal in front of Key Stage 2 was brilliant, and the performance for parents and guests was even better.



I was so impressed by the standard of acting, singing, costumes and staging that Year 4 achieved in such a short period of time. 'Porridge' was funny, entertaining and full of fabulous characters and hilarious scenes.

A huge 'well done' to all of our wonderful Year 4 pupils; and special thanks and congratulations to Miss Sishton, Mrs Good, Miss Browne, and everyone else who helped to put on such a successful show.



I will work on the video over half term, and post it to our website as soon as possible for everyone to enjoy.

## Word Millionaires

We have two word millionaires to congratulate this term:

Austin in Y3 has read 1,074,111 words

Aron in Y4 has read 1,072,216 words

This is a fantastic achievement, and what is brilliant is that they have both told me that they have read even more words since they were presented with their certificates and badges.



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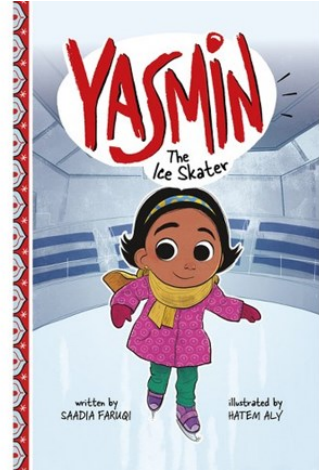


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## Year 6 Reading Ambassador Book Review – Yasmin the Ice Skater by Saadia Faruqi – from Amelia

This book is really good... when I was younger, I had all of the Yasmin collection/ series. This book is for Year 3 or Year 4 (age rating is 7-9 years old). It has a ZPD of 2.5 .

Yasmin the Ice Skater is a story about Yasmin who has a fear of ice skating. The story unfolds as Yasmin's friend, Emma, helps her to overcome her fears and enjoy her first experience of skating on ice.



## World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

World Book Day will very soon be upon us after half term. This year, the Friends committee are organising a reading event (Wantage Rocks Reading) after school on the day in the hall. There will be a range of different activities happening as well as a small stand from the bookshop so the children can use their vouchers. As part of the event, they are organising a sponsored read. Details of this will be coming out soon.

On World Book Day, children are welcome to dress up as a book character or wear non-school uniform (please do not feel that you have to go and buy anything).

For more information, please go to: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

## We are Guinness World Record Holders for the second time

WE DID IT! WE BROKE THE RECORD!

I am VERY excited to inform you that Guinness World Records has APPROVED our record attempt for Largest Poetry Lesson (Multi Venues).

The formal record is for 43,516 people (from around 500 schools), which is enough to fill a football stadium.

More than 125,000 young people from over 1,000 schools took part in the lesson, but many couldn't be counted due to the VERY strict Guinness World Records requirements. But every single person counted in terms of creating the poem, and being part of our record-breaking event and community. (Children at Wantage CE Primary School were included in the record-breaking total!)

A copy of the world record breaking poem which we helped to write is included with this newsletter.

## Dick Whittington Pantomime

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, our parish church Ss Peter and Paul is presenting 'Dick Whittington' – a classic rags to riches tale including a cat and lots of rodents. For more information, please see the flyer that accompanies this newsletter.



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## Cambrian Learning Trust Inclusion Newsletter

Also attached to this newsletter, is the first Cambrian Learning Trust Inclusion Newsletter. Please do take a moment to read about all the excellent work that is going on throughout the Cambrian Learning Trust to keep our children safe and support those children with additional needs.

## Science Fair!!!

On Tuesday, 12 teams of pupils from Wantage CE Primary School travelled to KAs West Site for the semi-finals of the Cambrian Learning Trust Science Fair. The children had a great morning completing experiments with KAs students, learning about the human body in an 'Explorer Dome', and presenting their experiments to a team of judges.

I am delighted to announce that 5 of our teams have been selected to attend the finals of the Cambrian Learning Trust Science Fair which will be held at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. More details will be going home about that after half term.

Very well done to everyone who took part - and to all our pupils who produced such excellent science experiments for our own internal Science Fair this term.



## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings take place after half term on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of March. We will be using an online booking system which we trialled with Year 6 parents and carers this term. We will send out the link to the booking form at the start of term 4.

## Car Park

Please can I remind parents **not** to use the school car park if you do not have a permit. (Breakfast Club parents must not use the car park after 7.45 am.) Two cars have been damaged this term.

## School Dinners

You can now book your child's dinners on Parent Pay up to the end of term 4. Please remember the deadline for booking is Thursday evening for the following week. A copy of the menu is attached to this letter for ease of reference.

I hope that you have a lovely and well-earned half term. I will be celebrating my son's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday today (14<sup>th</sup> February) and then mine on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> (I shall be somewhat older than 21).

Yours sincerely,

*Andy Browne*

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Headteacher



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## Calendar

Monday 24 February		School reopens for Term 4
Monday 24 February		Tennis starts every Monday for Year 1
Tuesday 25 February		Bible Exhibition in School for KS2
Tuesday 25 February	3.15—5.15 pm	Y5/6 Mixed Football at Wantage Town FC
Wednesday 26 February	1.30—2.30 pm	5AD visit the Convent
Thursday 27 February	1.30—2.30 pm	5CH visit the Convent
Monday 3 March	1.30—2.30 pm	Romans Theatre in School for Year 3
Wednesday 5 March		Police talks for Y1 and one Y3 class
Thursday 6 March		World Book Day Event
Friday 7 March		Cake Sale
Monday 10 March		Cricket Day
Tuesday 11 March		Parents' Evening for F1—Y5 times TBC
Wednesday 12 March		Parents' Evening for F1—Y5 times TBC
Thursday 13 March		Castles Workshop for Year 1
Monday 17 March		Dance Competition at Wyvern Theatre, Swindon
Wednesday 19 March		Police talk for one Y3 class
Tuesday 25 March	3.30—5.30 pm	Y5/6 Netball at Wantage CE
Friday 28 March	Pm	Author, Mel Taylor-Bessent, in school
Wednesday 2 April		RAL Science Fair Finals—details TBC
Thursday 3 April		Y5 Passion Play time TBC
Friday 4 April	12.15 pm	End of Term 4
Tuesday 22 April		School re-opens for Term 5



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