

# Miers Court

# Matters

## UPCOMING EVENTS

13.02.25—  
Year 4 Trip  
History Museum

14.02.25—  
PTFA Valentines Disco

14.02.25—  
Last Day of  
term

24.02.25—  
Children back  
to school .

## Note from Mrs Fordyce

And just like that we reach the end of another week in school !!! There have been lots of opportunities this week for our staff to work across the Trust. On Wednesday we invited some Trust leaders in to visit our classrooms and see the learning that we are doing and on Thursday they came to look at some writing books.

We had lovely feedback and as always our children were amazingly polite and able to talk about learning that they were doing. Next week is the last week of Term 3 which seems to have arrived so quickly and our term will end with our PTFA Valentines School Disco which I can't wait to be part of.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Attendance** – Well done Hummingbird Class (year 1) for achieving 98.7%, Puffin Class (year 3) for achieving 98.3% and Falcon Class (year 5) for achieving 95.6%. These classes are this week's top attend-

### Celebration

Congratulations to Alfie, Jessica, Luca, Aubrey, Indya, Kayla, Michael and Olivia In year 5 for earning 25 Dojo points

Congratulations to Arjun in year R and Jonah in year 4 for earning 50 Dojo points

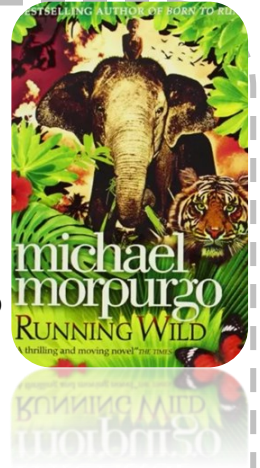
**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



# Book Talk

## Year 5 Book Talk

This term, Falcon Class are reading 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. The story is set in Asia. It is about a boy who gets swept up in a tsunami with only an elephant to help him survive. As he searches for help and other survivors, he meets a number of interesting characters along the way .



### Synopsis

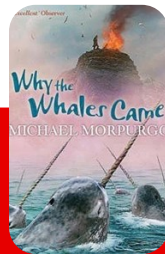
*"The elephant lifted her trunk and began trumpeting at the sea. She swung around and I held on for dear life as she stampeded into the shadows of the jungle ..."*

For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia on holiday is a chance to put things behind them and have some fun.

But then the elephant Will is riding on the beach begins acting strangely. That's when the tsunami comes crashing in and the elephant begins to run. Except that, when the tsunami is gone, Will's elephant just keeps on running!

*"The book Running Wild is an amazing adventure story with at least one twist. I really like the bit where Will and his mum go to Indonesia for some relaxation. I think that the elephant that has been mentioned in the story is going to save Will."*—Ethan

*"I like the story so far because it is really exciting and I love the surprise when mum explained that she and Will were going on holiday. There will be a tsunami and they will be on an elephant. It will run away from the Tsunami ... and it won't stop running!"*- Keira



### Quote of the week

*"A problem is only a problem when viewed as a problem"*

Robin Sharma

# Safeguarding Corner

As a reminder, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs L Fordyce. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are; Ms Munns, Miss Collings, Mrs Doherty, Miss Bradley and Mrs Kanavanagh. If you have any safeguarding concerns, do not hesitate to get in contact.

**What Our Lanyards Mean**  
Core Values: Inclusion, Dignity, Respect & Ambition

- THAT Staff** (Purple lanyard): Worn by all THAT Staff unless wearing a purple safeguarding lanyard.
- Visitor (DBS)** (Green lanyard): This visitor is DBS checked and may walk about the site unaccompanied.
- Visitor (No DBS)** (Red lanyard): This visitor must be escorted by staff if moving around the site.
- Trained Designated Safeguarding Lead** (Purple lanyard): Talk to them if you have any safeguarding concerns.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS**

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- CLICKBAIT PHISHING SCAMS**: A message comes saying "Have you seen the latest of product?" or "You might be eligible for a special offer..." and asks you to click on a link. The link is produced by scammers to drive us to a site that is controlled by them. Scammers could be impersonating our devices. These actions rely on our curiosity and our "need to know" responses.
- SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS**: Scammers attempt to attract attention to a product by offering a "special offer" or "discount" to buy something. It could be a product or service - or it could be a gift. Some phishers offer rewards claims or prizes. Some phishers offer to help you with a problem. The phisher is attempting to get you to click on a link. This link could be a scam or a phishing attempt. Check if it's a legitimate offer before proceeding.
- YOU'RE A WINNER!**: This kind of message is often sent to you. It could be a gift, or it could be a prize. It could be a reward claim or a prize. It could be a reward claim or a prize. It could be a reward claim or a prize.
- HAPPENS REALITY**: This kind of message is often sent to you. It could be a gift, or it could be a prize. It could be a reward claim or a prize. It could be a reward claim or a prize.
- FALSE FRIENDSHIPS**: Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to get their victims' trust. They often use photos of celebrities or other people who are well-known to the public. They often use photos of celebrities or other people who are well-known to the public.
- PAKIC MODE**: As a trigger of panic, scammers often use the word "panic" to get their victims' attention. They often use the word "panic" to get their victims' attention. They often use the word "panic" to get their victims' attention.
- FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS**: Scammers often use the names of celebrities to get their victims' attention. They often use the names of celebrities to get their victims' attention. They often use the names of celebrities to get their victims' attention.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- STAY INFORMED**: Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-safety. Use social media sites to stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-safety.
- TALK TOGETHER**: Talk to your child about the risks of using social media. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online.
- ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM**: Encourage your child to be sceptical of anything they see online. Encourage them to be sceptical of anything they see online.
- BE PROACTIVE**: Children's technology use is growing rapidly. Encourage them to be proactive in their use of technology. Encourage them to be proactive in their use of technology.

**Meet Our Expert**: Meet our expert, Mrs L Fordyce, who is a member of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and a leading expert in cyber-safety. Meet our expert, Mrs L Fordyce, who is a member of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and a leading expert in cyber-safety.

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February the Month of Love!!



**2025 February**  
Month of Love

**2<sup>nd</sup> month of the year**

**National Library Lovers' Month**

**Season:** Winter

**Flowers of the Month:** Violet, Primrose

**Diary Dates...**

- 1st - National Freedom Day
- 3rd-9th - Children's Mental Health Week
- 3rd - Woman's Physician Day
- 7th - National Periodic Table Day
- 7th - NSPCC Number Day
- 11th - Safer Internet Day
- 8th - National Boy Scouts Day
- 11th - National Inventors' Day
- 11th - Women and Girls in Science Day
- 13th - Digital Learning Day
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 14th - International Book Giving Day
- 16th-22nd - Engineers Week
- 17th - Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 26th - Tell a Fairy Tale Day

**Star Signs:** Aquarius ♒, Pisces ♓

**In History...**

- 1554 - Lady Jane Grey was beheaded
- 1587 - Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded
- 1975 - Margaret Thatcher became leader of the Conservative Party
- 2004 - Mark Zuckerberg created Facebook

**Birthdays...**

- 4th - Rosa Parks
- 7th - Charles Dickens
- 11th - Thomas Edison
- 12th - Abraham Lincoln
- 12th - Charles Darwin
- 15th - Galileo Galilei
- 22nd - George Washington
- 23rd - Samuel Pepys

**28 days** (21 on a leap year)

**Birthstone:** Amethyst

**Full Moon:** Snow Moon

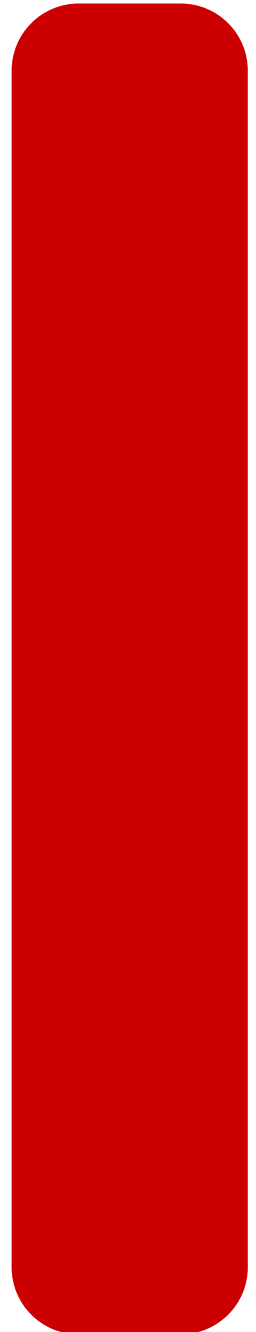
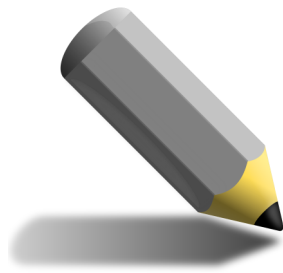
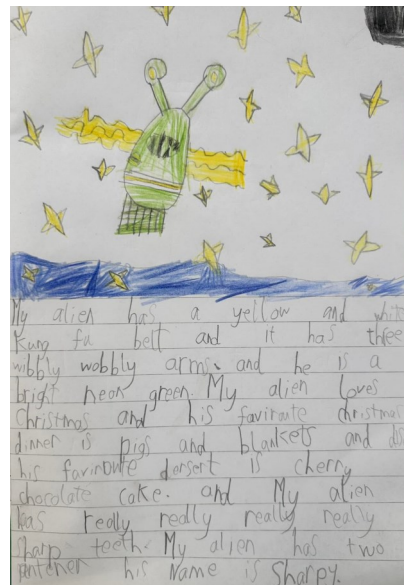
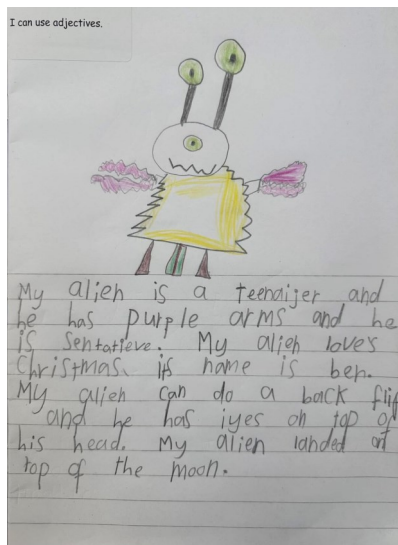
**Silly School Education**



# Year 1 Curious Quest



Year 1 have recently embarked on their Curious Quest adventure which is the next stage on from Drawing Club in Year R. The children's enthusiasm for writing has been amazing and they have produced some fantastic pieces of work! They are thoroughly enjoying this approach to literacy and we can't wait to see what else they are capable of! Well done Year 1!



# NSPCC Number Day 2025



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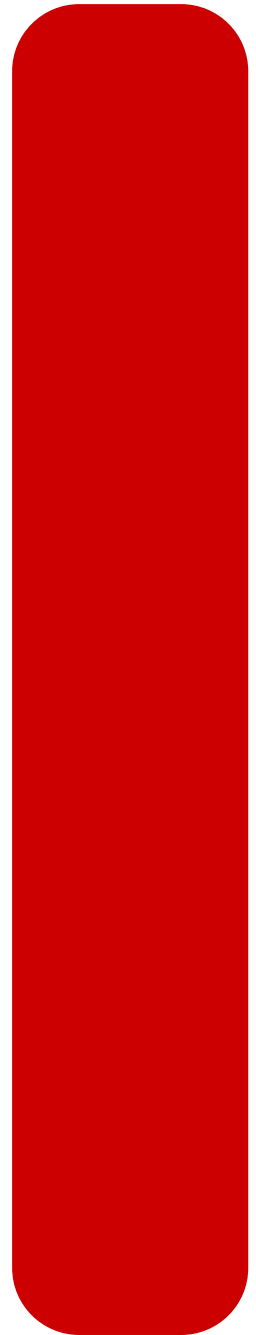
The children looked great wearing their number themed clothes and enjoyed taking part in a range of fun-filled Maths activities today.

Whether it was creating a times table game, junk-modelling a robot, designing T-shirts or battling it out on Time Tables Rock Stars, we've been really impressed with everyone's engagement.

Thank you also to those who have donated to the NSPCC via Arbor this has now closed but you can still make a donation on their website by following the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>

Keep an eye out for next week's MCM for photographs



# Community news

Below are the list of places that kids can eat free or eat for £1 over the February half term! Some restaurants included are Asda café, Bella Italia, Beefeater, Burger King, Morrisons and many more, please do make the most of these amazing deals.



**DON'T LET A KID GO HUNGRY**  
PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FOR FREE (OR FOR £1) - FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025  
From the 10ways.com team

**ASDA**  
Kids eat for £1 daily at Asda cafes (until end of 2025) + Fruit, with no adult spend required + free Ella pouch for under 18 months.

**BELLA ITALIA**  
4-6pm Sun to Weds. All day Thursdays. Children eat for £1 with any adult main. Suitable for 2-11 year olds.

**BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**  
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult + sign up to newsletter for possible extra freebie.

**BREWDOG**  
Kids under 13 eat free with every adult meal purchased - Pre-book online required using code: KIDS EAT FREE! Various dates

**BILLS**  
Kids eat free Monday - Friday from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025 - Requires adult meal being purchased. Excludes Sat/Sun.

**BURGER KING**  
From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

**COCONUT TREE**  
One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025 for each paying adult meal.

**DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRE**  
Available all day every day (all year round). If you purchase an adults meal.

**EMBER INNS**  
TBC: Kids eat for £1 (excludes weekends) when an adult pays for a meal.

**FUTURE INNS**  
Under 5s eat free with any adult meal purchased.

**GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**  
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day in 2025 when an adult meal is purchased. 1 adult paid meal = 1 free kids meal.

**HARVESTER**  
From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app. See link on our website to book.

**HUNGRY HORSE**  
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays when an adult meal is purchased.

**IKEA**  
Kids get Pasta with Tomato Sauce for 95p daily or other meals for £1.50 from 11am. Special price on a Friday where it's Pasta, Drink & Fruit for 45p

**LAS IGUANAS**  
Download the app and join "My Las Iguanas" for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12, when an adult purchases a main meal.

**MORRISONS**  
Spend £4.50 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day includes a drink and piece of fruit.

**PRETO**  
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day at the weekend and from 4pm on weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms. Voucher needed from their website.

**PREZZO**  
TBC but their website references "kids eat free this half term", most likely with a full paying adult meal, otherwise it's £8.50.

**PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**  
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm.

**PREMIER INN**  
Buy 1 Adult breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free.

**SAINSBURY'S CAFÉS**  
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

**SA BRAINS PUBS**  
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays.

**SIZZLING PUBS**  
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' meals are £1 with every adult meal.

**TABLE TABLE**  
Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

**TGI FRIDAYS**  
Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App).

**THE REAL GREEK**  
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend.

**TRAVELodge**  
Buy 1 Adult breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free.

**WHITBREAD INNS**  
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

**YO! SUSHI**  
TBC: Normally, it's a Free Kids Bento box for every £10 spent

**ZIZZI**  
Zizzi are dishing out a free Bambini meal with every main adult course purchased. This offer is valid between 17 February - 2 March.

**10WAYS**  
Live Better. Spend Smarter

## Recycle plastic tubs

You can bring your clean, empty plastic sweet stubs into school and we will arrange for them to be recycled.

All proceeds from the recycled plastic tubs will be donated to [Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

Last date for collection: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025





**Battery Recycling** – This week we have **153** batteries!! Fantastic total, thank you. We submit our total to the Duracell website each week.

We also collect empty, clean bread wrappers and used ink cartridges (domestic only, please), which we give to Gillingham Street Angels, who receive a small amount of money for them. This money is used to help fund the projects that they run, for example, the soup kitchen and food bank.

## Dates for your diary

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14.02.25—PTFA Valentines School Disco

14.02.25—Last Day of term

24.02.25— Children back to school

10.03.25—Class photos

## Stay connected

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