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Dear Brookes Community

What an incredible World Book Day we had! It was truly a joy to see our children embracing the magic of books, dressed as their favourite characters. From classic literary figures to modern-day heroes, the creativity and enthusiasm on display were simply amazing. We welcomed into school Mary Berry, Paddington Bear, Willy Wonka, and even the Highway Rat! Thank you to all our parents and staff who helped bring the event to life with such excitement and energy.

A special mention must go to our World Book Day Bake, which was an absolute triumph! The delicious, book-inspired cakes were a feast for both the eyes and the taste buds. We had everything from Bruce Bogtrotter's chocolate cake to Paddington Bear's suitcase, and even some wonderfully mischievous creations inspired by The Twits. A huge well done to all our talented bakers, and thank you for making the day even more special.

Another highlight from last week was our much-anticipated Annual House Pancake Race. The competition was fierce, the pancakes were flying, and the excitement was high! Congratulations to Eagle House, who flipped their way to victory in spectacular fashion. It was fantastic to see such great team spirit and determination from all the houses—hopefully Falcons House will do 'batter' next year!

This week, National Science Week brought hands-on experiments, exciting demonstrations, and inspiring guest speakers. Our students also enjoyed enriching educational trips—Years 10 and 11 explored the Victorian London Sewers, while Year 9 visited Sizewell B to learn about nuclear energy. Additionally, students had a highly enjoyable and educational visit to Duxford War Museum, where they explored aviation history and gained fascinating insights into wartime engineering and innovation.

A huge congratulations to our sports teams! Well played to our Year 5 & 6 students for their impressive 12-1 victory in their Netball fixture against Fairstead House. Our Year 7 & 8 Football team also secured a fantastic win against Kings Ely—well done to all the players for their hard work and team spirit.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents who attended our first iBrookes Parent IB Training session. Your engagement in learning more about the IB curriculum was truly appreciated, and we look forward to working together to enhance our students' learning experiences.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events so special. It is moments like these that make our school community so wonderful.

Best wishes,

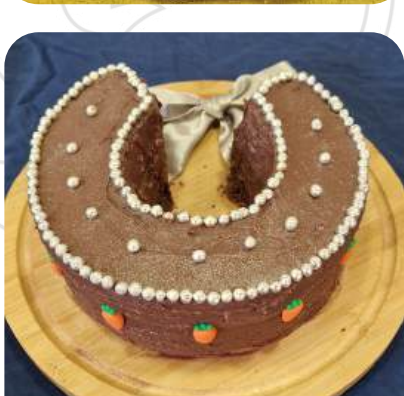
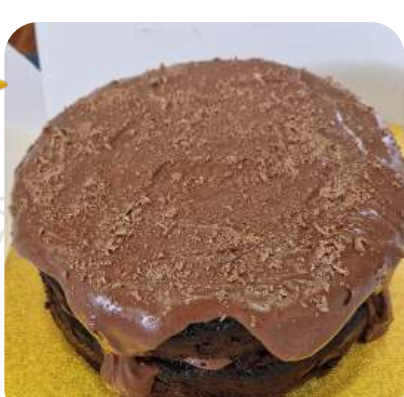


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iBrookes Schedule

PARENTS			
Date	Time	Title	Description
Friday 7th March	09.00	Introduction to the IB COMPLETE	Learner Profile Structure of the IB What is PYP What is MYP
Wednesday 26th March	18.00	MYP Overview	Candidacy and Accreditation Process Subject Groups Global Contexts Key Concepts Criteria based Assessment Interdisciplinary Learning Candidacy and Accreditation Process
Friday 28th March	09.15	PYP Overview	Units of Inquiry 6 Subject Areas 6 Transdisciplinary Themes Collaborative Planning Criteria based assessments
Wednesday 30th April	TBC	MYP Assessment	Types of assessment Service as Action Community Project Personal Project
Friday 2nd May	TBC	PYP Maths and English	Programme of Study Teaching approaches Assessment
Wednesday 7th May/ Friday 9th May	TBC	ATL Skills & Inquiry Based Learning	Approaches to Learning Approaches to Teaching International Mindedness
Wednesday 11th June	TBC	PYPX and Action	PYP Exhibition Action based learning Sustainable Development Goals
Friday 13th June	09.00 (Year 9 students to join)	MYP eAssessments and Projects	Criteria for eAssessments Schedule of assessments Community Project Personal Project
Wednesday 9th July	TBC	Preparation for 2025/2026	What happens next

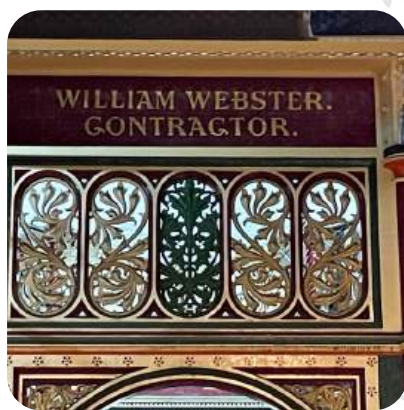
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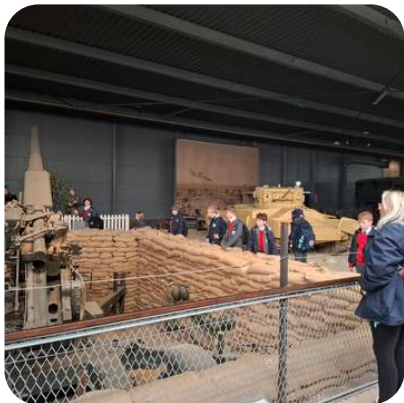
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Interesting article from BBC News
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5yrjkl7dd6o>



Photo of the week
Ms Rogonova

THIS WEEK



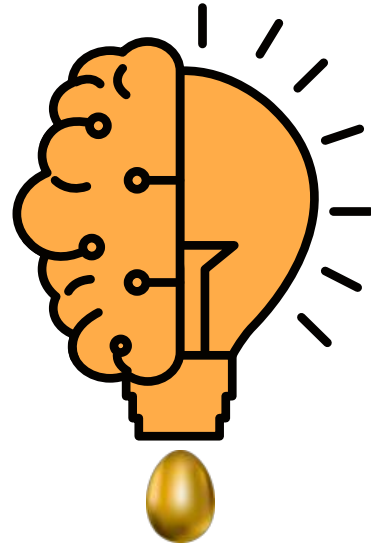
Last Weeks Brain Teaser

You're in a race and you pass
the person in second place.

**What place are
you in now?**

Correct answer is

2nd Place



This Weeks Brain Teaser

**What kind of lion
never roars?**

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Date	Event
19th March	Junior School Hare & Tortoise production (am)
20th March	KS2 Swimming Gala (am)
21st March	Bramble Class (Year 5&6) Parent Share (am) 'Someone Special Tea' 3:00 pm
25th March	Bluebell Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle
27th March	Easter Egg Hunt 3:30 pm *No Afterschool Clubs*
28th March	*Last Day of Term* School finishes @ 3:30pm No Afterschool Clubs
21st April	Easter Monday (No School)
22nd April	Staff Inset Training Day (No School)
23rd April	Summer Term Starts



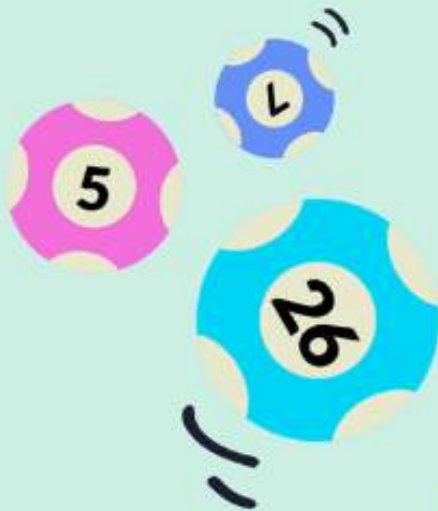
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