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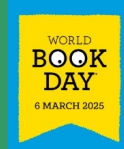
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Weekly Newsletter

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World Book Day 6th March 2025



We will be celebrating World Book Day on 6th March in school. On this day, children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character or bring their favourite book into school.

We will be celebrating the day with lots of fun, enjoyable activities to promote reading.

Your child will receive a £1 book token to spend on a FREE book, or to save £1 on another full price book of their choice.

Full details are available at www.worldbookday.com where you can see the fabulous books that are on offer this year.

Wear it Red Day on Valentine's Day

Friday 14th February 2025 - Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

Please Note: For children in **Year 3 and Year 4**, Wear it Red Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 13th February** due to a pre-arranged event they will be attending on the 14th February.

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (MAAC) is gearing up for Wear It Red Day on Valentine's Day 2025, and we are supporting them to help to make it a success. Wear It Red Day is a great chance for local schools to support Midlands Air Ambulance's lifesaving work, by encouraging students and staff to wear red and raise vital funds for the charity.

What: Schools come together to wear red and collect donations from each pupil and staff member who take part.

Why: The funds raised will directly support MAAC, helping save lives across the region.

How to Donate: ParentPay

British Council International School Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have successfully gained the International School Award, which is accredited for three years from September 2024 until August 2027.

The International School Award acknowledges schools that provide outstanding opportunities for children to explore global themes and develop an understanding of other cultures. Through innovative teaching practices and an emphasis on international collaboration, our school has proven its dedication to broadening the horizons of our children.

Year 4 Church Visit

On Tuesday, Y4 had a visit from Pam Spellen from The Telford Minster. She worked with children to support their RE curriculum, talking about her role at the minster and answered any questions the children had. The children were absolutely amazing and thought really carefully about their questions.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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Sources: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/42/schedule/1#text-1> Everyone's got the right to freedom of expression

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Our PTA will get a bonus £2 for every person who installs the app and signs up to support us by 28th Feb. if you have not signed up already can we please ask you to consider it?

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Our pre-loved school uniform stock has been updated!
Buying from us can help you keep costs down without sacrificing quality, not to mention it's good for the planet
visit our PTA Events website, to see what's available and to purchase!



PTA SOCIAL EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We are holding a PTA social on the 24th of February. Please come along if you would like to know more about what we do, have thought about joining or just have some ideas to share. We have some key members leaving at the end of the school year and so really need some more people to join in order to keep the PTA going!