

Broughton Community Schools

Newsletter



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to manage 2 days of sunshine this week and it makes such a difference to finally have some dry weather. It's a shame that it couldn't last longer than two days!

Today we have to say goodbye to Miss Hawes, it is her last day before she goes off on maternity leave. We are all very sad to see her go but we wish her the best of luck in welcoming her baby into the world and we will keep parents updated with any news that we have in the future. Filling a Miss Hawes gap in the staffing team is not easy but we do have the excellent Mrs Shannon and Mr Mac who will be deputising in her absence.

Some of you may have seen that we also have some other sad news in regards to staffing. Mrs Kitchen (wellbeing officer) will also be leaving us at Easter. Her role is extensive across the schools and she will be sorely missed. Mrs Kitchen is one of those adults in school who appears everywhere and can often rescue a situation and will magically appear - she will be sorely missed. Mrs Kitchen is going to work for Bucks Social Care in a role that she has a real interest and passion for and this is a great step in the next stage of her career. In the meantime, we are recruiting for this role. This is a unique and extremely important role that comes with great responsibility; if this is something that you or someone you know might be interested in then please do get in contact. The role is advertised here - https://jobs.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/job_detail/339701/

In other news we have had some very kind donations for our play times this week. We have had a couple of scooters and some pots and pans - these are all really helpful so thank you for these. If anyone has any more of these then please do reach out. We are also after the following items:

- Suitcases with wheels
- Prams or pushchairs - these are really popular!
- Scooters
- Non-mechanical go-karts
- Basically anything with wheels could be an option for us!
- White goods - tumble dryers, washing machines, dishwashers (not fridges or freezers)

That is it from me this week - I hope you all manage to have a lovely weekend and my fingers are crossed that we just have some dry weather!

Mr Charlie Reed

Walk to School - February

1st place Koala

2nd place Kingfisher

3rd place Turtle

4th place Albatross



Important notices

Forest school clothing

Mrs Steward and the adults who support her with Forest school sessions, are finding that the children are saying they don't have clothing for Forest school, when in fact they do. We suspect the children just don't want to put their waterproofs on. As you can imagine, it is vital at the moment that children do put these clothes on. However, even when asked if they have clothes for their Forest school session, the children are saying no. The staff don't have time to check every child's peg to make sure they've put their Forest school clothes on. Please can you speak to your child about making sure they put the clothes on that you've sent in for these sessions. If your child doesn't have waterproof clothing to put on, they are likely to come home muddy.

Sweet gifts

It is very kind of parents and children to want to give sweet gifts to the class when celebrating their birthdays, but please can you ensure that there are no nuts in any of the ingredients. Snickers, for example, are not acceptable. Thank you

Dates for your diary

Infant School dates

Mon 2nd March - Year 2 Trip to Waddesdon

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Wed 11th March - PTFA Meeting at the Plough 7pm

Mon 23rd March - Reception Trip to MK Museum

Tues 24th March - Year 1 Trip to Tring Museum

Tues 24th & Thurs 26th March - Parents Evenings

Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter Holiday

Junior School dates

Tuesday 3rd March - HofP Trip Pupil Parliament

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Wed 11th March - PTFA Meeting at the Plough 7pm

Mon 23rd & Wed 25th March - Parents Evenings

Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter Holiday

Infant School Certificates

Our school value for this half term is honesty.

Reception

27.02.26

Teddy - Shown great honesty by speaking to a grown up when he needs help.

Anaya M- For becoming more confident in the classroom

Other certificates:

Bronze - Jack H. and Max, Riyadh, Savannah, Jacob, Wesley, Haniya

Silver - Sophia, Jude, Charlie-James, Charlotte and Arthur, Anaya M

Gold: Barnaby

Year 1

27.02.26

Aubrey - for always being honest, kind and hardworking.

Finn - for working hard and being honest and polite.

Other certificates:

Handwriting - Dolly, Jacob, Tilly, Phoebe

Bronze - Hasnain R, Jeshua

Silver - Tilly, Olivia

Gold - Amira

Year 2

27.02.26

Alfie - for always being an ambitious learner and wanting to challenge himself with his work.

Ralph - for being honest, working hard and being focussed.

Other certificates:

11 Club - Evie. 22 Club - Santi, Pearl, Joshua, Nicholas. 33 Club - Aleha, Felix, Elias, Harrison. 55 Club: Aadhav.

Handwriting: Joshua, Isaiah, Eddie, Francesca, Katie, Evie, Alfie

Bronze Reader - Riley

Silver Reader - Izabela, Alex, Elias, Harriet, Tobias

Gold reader - Aadhav, Rayan, Arthur, Lewis, Christian

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Kiwi Class - 97.7%

Week 2 - Otter Class - 100% Well done!

TEAM POINTS LEADERBOARD	
1st	Yellow
2nd	Red
3rd	Green
4th	Blue

Junior School Certificates

Our school value for this half term is honesty and before half term it was ambition.

Year 3

13.02.26

Hope- For trying extremely hard with handwriting.

Shayaan - for making a huge effort to improve his handwriting.

27.02.26

Olivia- always making the right choices and giving her best.

Sofia - for being someone we can trust because you always tell the truth.

Other certificates:

Bronze reader-Alfie, Elena. Oliver, Venisha Silver reader-Wednesday, Amy, Joshua B, Vedika, Joshua S

Teampoints- Bronze- Amelia, Inayah, Silver- Otis, Khadijah, William, Haider, Rae, Gold- Arlo,

99 club- 33 - Brody, 44 - Vinnie, 55 - David, Henry, Vedika, Joshua S, 66 - Minuli, 77 - Yoel, 88 - Haider

Year 4

13.02.26

Jack for being ambitious learning his times tables and passing 66 club

Eliza - For showing ambition through working really hard on her Powerpoints both inside and outside of school.

27.02.26

Theo - For showing honesty and a hard-working attitude, particularly in Maths this week.

Phoebe - for being honest with all her work and making it the best it can be! Particularly with her times tables.

Other certificates:

55 club - Hafsa, Jamie, 66 club - Jack, Lyla, 77 club - Evelyn, 88 club - Aminah, Poppy, Archie, 99 club - Oscar, Silver - Ethan

Bronze team points - Archie, Ananya, Affan, Fatimah, Mia, Ana, Phoebe

Silver team points- Athena, Ayan, Adam

Gold team points- Fiyin, Alaya, Theo, Selena

Bronze Reader- Mohammad, Eliza Silver Reader-Ruhan, Eliza Gold Reader- Chloe, Joyshaanaa

66 Club- Chloe, Ayan 77 club- Theo, Ruhan 99 club- Khuzaimah Silver club- Tanya

Year 5

13.02.26

Lianne - For always challenging herself in her learning showing great ambition

Methmi - for being ambitious with her art sculpture and creating a lovely butterfly.

27.02.26

Elia - For always showing honesty within her friendship group and also with her learning.

Other certificates:

55 club - Dolly, 66 club - Amelie, 88 club - Felicity

Silver team points - Alfie, Elia, Zak, Lucas, Mason, Eze, Noah, IBK, Amelie, Rafe

Gold team points - Methmi, Dolly

Year 6

13.02.26

Ama - for being ambitious to overcome challenges and for pushing herself out of her comfort zone.

Fatima - for always being ambitious in her learning

27.02.26

Isabella - for demonstrating honesty even when it can be difficult, well done.

Benjamin - for being honest even when things might be difficult for saying so.

Other certificates:

Bronze team points - Robin, Charlie, Osas, Lily

Silver - Reegan, Abi,

Gold - Esme

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Year 4 Narwhal - 100% Well done!

Week 2 - Year 6 Ocelot - 98.7%

Times tables Rock Stars Champions

Class of the week - Week 1 - Year 5 Panda

Player of the week - Week 1 - Isabella - Panda Class

Class of the week - Week 2 - Year 5 Panda

Player of the week - Week 2 - Lianne and Lienna - Year 5 Panda

Golden Welly Award - for the tidiest welly boot area

Year 4 - Turtle and Narwhal

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What's been happening in Year 2?

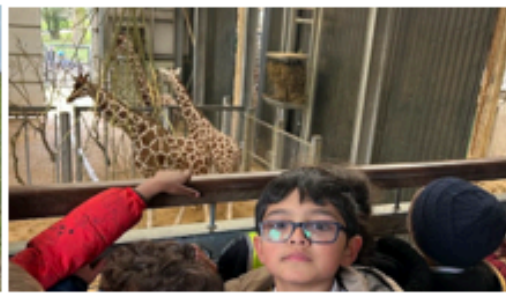
Year 2 have been working hard and finished the last half term with some fantastic writing of stories as Little Red who meets the last animal on the planet and sets about saving them.

In art, we have been focusing on flowerheads and studied flower art before creating some beautiful collage flowers, printed our own flower patterns and made some delicate petals from tissue paper.



On the first day back, we had a fantastic day visiting Whipsnade Zoo to learn about different habitats for animals. At the workshop we could feel and touch animal skulls in different habitats and learnt interesting facts about them.

We spent the rest of the day exploring the zoo and saw different habitats up close and what animals need to survive, including witnessing the lions eating their lunch and seeing the new baby monkey, giraffe and rhino.

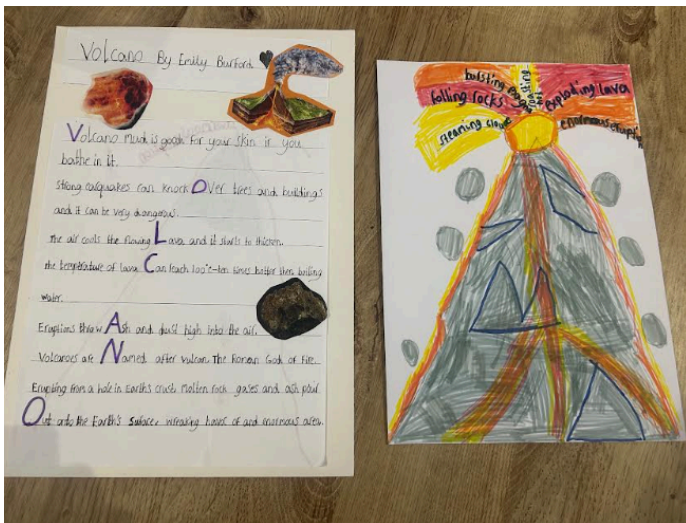


What has been happening in Year 3?

It has been a really exciting half term in year 3! First, in Art we have been learning about the artist, CS Lowry. Inspired by his urban landscapes, we have been drawing areas of Aylesbury using the children's choice of media including pastels, paints and sketching pencils.



In Geography, we have been exploring Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We started the topic with the very exciting VR workshop and it was incredible to feel so close to an erupting volcano! We have had some amazing homeworks including a poem and information poster from Emily B and a volcano experiment from William!



We have learnt the three different types of plate boundaries by singing a song to 'The Adam's Family's' theme tune. Please ask your children to sing it to you at home! It's catchy and you will love it!

SEND support at Broughton

I am Mrs Kitchen the Inclusion Manager across both the Infant and Junior sites of Broughton Community Schools. Welcome to our section of the newsletter for families of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). If you need to contact me, you can do so via the school offices by telephone on 01296 423276 (Juniors)/ (01296) 415642 (Infants) or by email:



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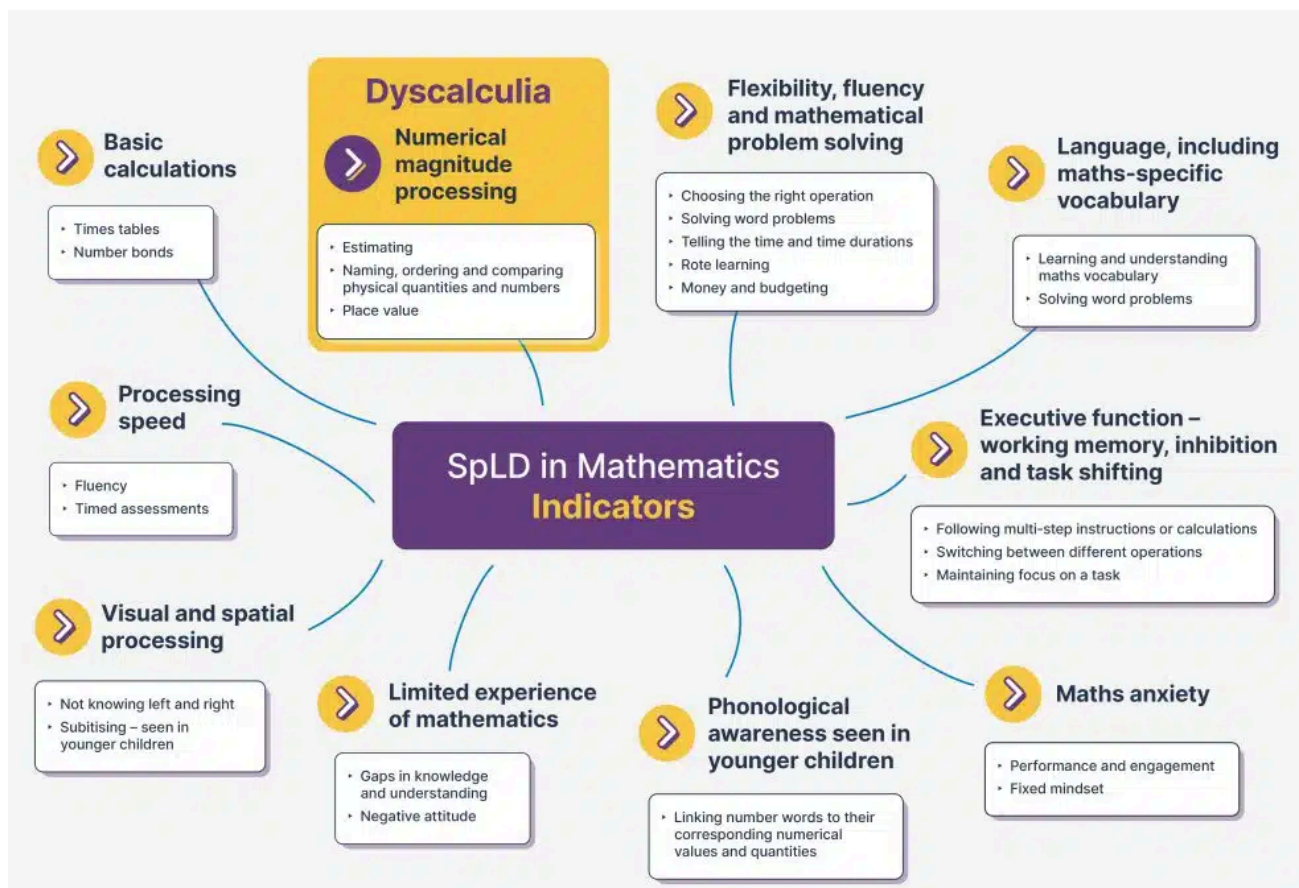
This Week's Focus: Dyscalculia Awareness Day March 3rd 2026

Dyscalculia Day (3rd March) aims to raise awareness and bring attention to the challenges faced by those with dyscalculia, provide educational resources, and promote understanding in schools, homes and workplaces.

What Is Dyscalculia?

'A specific learning difficulty in mathematics is a set of processing difficulties that affects the acquisition of arithmetic and other areas of mathematics.'

What are the indicators of Dyscalculia?



Top Tips on how you can help your dyscalculic child at home

- ★ Ask the school what you can help with at home and practice with your child: **little and often, revise and repeat, is key to success.**
- ★ Liaise with your child's school: **good communication and good relationships are essential.**
- ★ Use hands on manipulatives at home: **preferably the same manipulatives that are being used in school.**
- ★ Use real life examples of maths around you: **talk about maths in everyday situations such as when baking, doing DIY or craft or at the supermarket.**
- ★ Talk about maths positively at home: **your enthusiasm as a role model will rub off on your child!**
- ★ Give your child/young adult pocket money in cash: **help develop budgeting skills by having money boxes for spending and saving.**
- ★ Use the power of 'yet' when they say they can't do it/don't understand: **say you can't do it/don't understand it yet.**
- ★ Use praise as much as possible: **hearing we are good at something goes a long way to improve confidence.**
- ★ If you consider an assessment or a tutor privately ensure they have the correct specialist dyscalculia qualification/s: **an index can be found on the website.**
- ★ Find support for you: **being well supported you will be in a better position to help your child.**

Remember, not all maths difficulties are caused by dyscalculia. Maths difficulties could occur because of maths anxiety, missed education, other specific learning difficulties like dyslexia, or difficulties with concentration.

However, if after a period of intervention and support, the school and/or you, feel that that the extra support is still not helping your child to reach their full potential, and your child still has significant difficulties with number, a diagnostic dyscalculia assessment may be considered. This requires either an Educational Psychologist assessment or a Level 7 Dyscalculia Assessor.

Further information and support can be found here:

<https://dyscalculianetwork.com/dyscalculia-for-parents/>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/v6x3-MvgkTI>

<https://www.stevechinn.co.uk/dyscalculia/myth-buster-the-biggest-misconceptions-about-dyscalculia>



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 Thurs 12th Mar
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 Thurs 26th Mar
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