



## CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

What a fantastic and action-packed week we've had at Cawston! It's hard to believe that our Reception children have now completed 100 days of school—time really has flown by! We celebrated this milestone with a special 100-day party, and it was wonderful to see the joy and excitement as our youngest learners marked this achievement.

Across the school, we've also been recognising amazing progress with lots of Headteacher Awards handed out this week. Looking back on the learning taking place in classrooms, it's inspiring to see just how much the children have grown in confidence and ability as we pass half-way in our academic year.

Our Cross Country team braved the elements on Monday after school, competing at Hart Field alongside around 115 girls and 150 boys from Year 5 and 6 across the Rugby area. Despite the cold, muddy and rainy conditions, the Cawston team showed fantastic effort, determination and team spirit—well done to all who took part! The next race is set for after half term at Binley Woods Primary, so keep up the great work.

This week also saw some exciting experiences beyond the classroom. The PTA organised our first ever Bingo night, Bikeability helped our children develop vital cycling skills, and our trip to see the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) was a real highlight. Hearing the CBSO perform John Williams' well-known music—especially as he's been our Composer of the Month—was a fantastic experience for the children.

As we head into half term, we encourage everyone to stay busy with our Cracking Contraption Challenge—we can't wait to see your creative inventions!

### **Exciting Changes Over Half Term!**

When we return, there will be some exciting upgrades to look forward to:

- New sound and lighting installation in the hall, along with acoustic treatments to improve the sound quality
- An ENORMOUS new sandpit on the field
- A refreshed entrance foyer to give visitors a warm welcome

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term and a well-deserved rest. See you on Monday 24th!

Mrs Worthington

# Wallace & Gromit



## Cracking Contraptions Competition!

Got a problem in your life?

**Invent and design a 'cracking  
contraption' to make your life better!**

Use anything you like to design your contraption (e.g. *paper, playdough, foil sculpture, cardboard, lego*). Please label the different materials, equipment and reasons for your choices. Be as inventive as you can!

**Designs will be displayed in our 'Cracking Contraptions Gallery' in the hall at 8:30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – everyone welcome!**



Please bring your design  
sheet to school by  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February!**

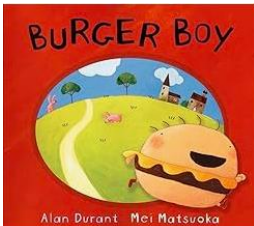
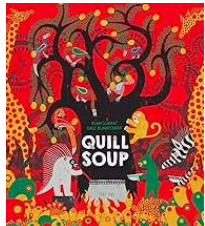
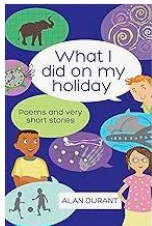
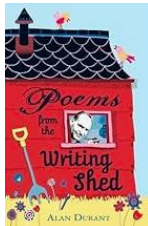
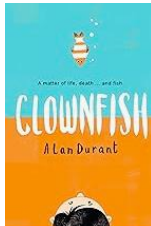
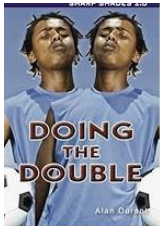
You must include your **name**  
**and class** on your design  
label, and **explain how it**  
**would make your life better.**



## World Book Day 2025

As part of our World Book Day celebrations next half-term, we are excited to announce that author Alan Durant is going to launch Book Week on Monday 3rd March with workshops for all children across the school. If you would like to pre-order a copy of any of Alan's books which he can sign, please complete the order form attached and send it in to school with correct cash by Monday 24th February.

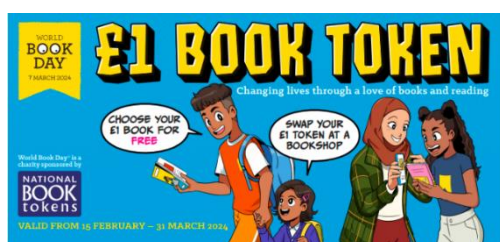


					
A) £7	B) £8	C) £6	D) £5	E) £7	F) £5



### Thursday 6th March

On World Book Day itself, we would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are also inviting children to come back to school in pyjamas with teddies for stories and hot chocolate. This will be from 4:30 to 5:30.



### Book tokens

We will send out your £1 book token next week, which can be exchanged for any of the 2025 World Book Day titles in book shops or supermarkets.

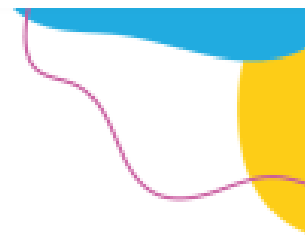
### Local Author Rebecca Cartwright.

I have recently had a children's book published. It is aimed at children age 8-10 and is based around some of the challenges with self-esteem in children at primary school. I spent many years as a primary school teacher locally and all the characters in the book are named after children in my first class. If you are interested in purchasing please use the following [Link](#)

## Mental Health in Schools – Kindness



Mental Health in Schools Team  
**Tips For Wellness**



### Kindness

Kindness means being friendly, generous, and considerate to others. It's all about showing care and respect through our actions and our words.

**Random Acts of Kindness Day** is celebrated each year on **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, however you can practice random acts of kindness all year round!

#### Ideas for random acts of kindness

Here are some easy ideas to spread kindness:

- Give compliments – A genuine compliment can make someone's day brighter.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Share a smile – Smiling at people can help to boost their mood.
- Send a thank you note – Write a note of appreciation to someone who has helped you.
- Be a good listener – Sometimes, all someone needs is someone to talk to.
- Help your teacher – Offer to hand out something to the class or do something to help them.
- Ask someone how their day is going – Asking someone about their day can make them feel cared for and happier.
- Pick up a piece of litter.
- Offer to help someone at home.

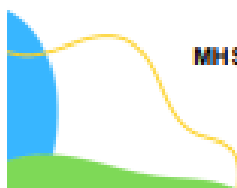
#### Why is being kind important?

Kindness is contagious! When you show kindness, it inspires others to do the same.

When you are kind to someone, it can help them to feel happy, it can brighten their day and boost their mood.

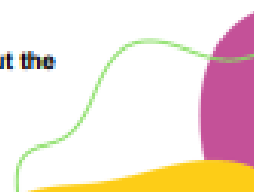
Kindness can help to make schools, homes and communities more welcoming and friendly. When people are kind, everyone feels more comfortable which can lead to better relationships and friendships.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the **RISE Crisis Helpline** available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.



**MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.**

**Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.**



## Weekly Online Safety Bulletin - Nintendo Switch

This free online safety guide attached focuses on the Nintendo Switch. The guide takes a look at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as indecent images, overspending and inappropriate language.

## Playtime Snacks

Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring a snack from home to eat at playtime. Please ensure that this is either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar (nut free). Many children are taking items such as packets of crisps or sandwiches from their lunchboxes but these should be eaten at lunch, not playtime. We have also reminded the children of this in school.



## Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that bookings and payment for breakfast club places is via SCOPAY, all breakfast places must be pre booked 5 days in advance. Any questions please contact the school office

## School Lunches - New Ordering system



Please ensure that you have downloaded and registered for the new SwiftKitchen app ready for the start of next half term, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Remember that if your child is having a hot school dinner, meals need to be booked no later than 9am via your Swiftkitchen app.

Click link for more details ([SwiftKitchen Video](#))

Please remember to book your lunches over half term.

## PTA

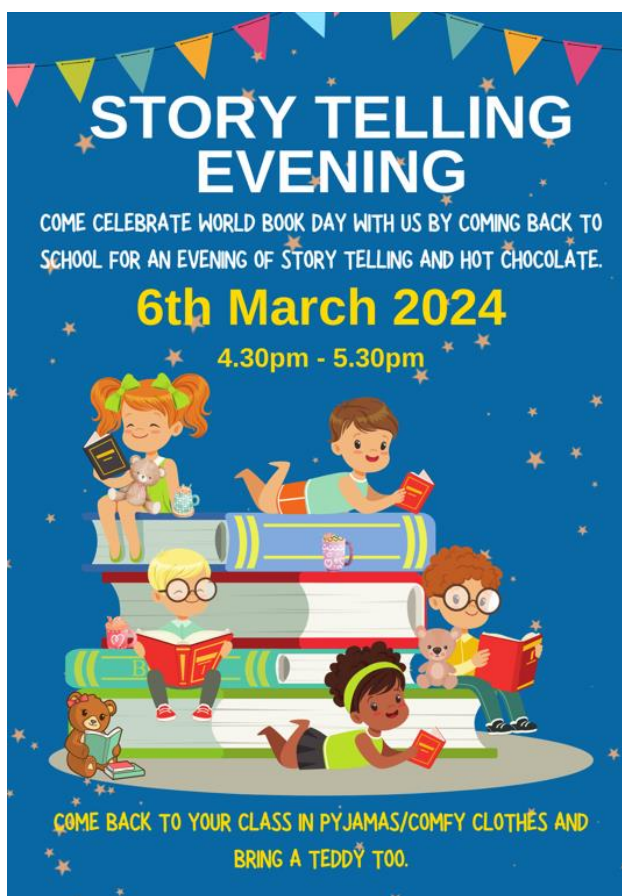
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended last week's book fair. Thanks to your support, we raised an incredible £1,643.10, which will be used to provide new books for our school. Your enthusiasm and generosity are truly appreciated!

Additionally, a big thank you to everyone who joined us for Tuesday's bingo night. It was a fantastic evening full of family fun, and together, we raised £526.50. Your participation made the event a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We are so grateful for the continued support from our school community. Thank you for helping make these events such a success!

Hope you all have a lovely rest during the half term break.

Our next exciting event after half term is story telling after school on world book day. If you are able to help during this event please contact us either via PTA WhatsApp, Friends of Cawston Grange Facebook group or email me at [cawstongrangeptachair@gmail.com](mailto:cawstongrangeptachair@gmail.com)



## Warwickshire Fleet Cycles Competition

Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers. By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users, and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

- The competition is open to everyone.
- The closing date for entries is 31st March 2025.
- You can suggest a name for one of our cycles per entry.
- All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors.

They will share the new names for the 20 cycles once they have been chosen and let the winners know that they are using their name. They will provide a small, age appropriate prize for the winning names. Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

This is the link to the entry form - <https://forms.office.com/e/PHUzdvsqPi>



## School Year

**2024/2025**

### Diary Dates – Spring Term 2025

February 2025		
14/02/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Half Term	
17/02/25 to 21/02/25 Half Term		
24/02/25	School reopens at 8.40am	
26/02/25	Reception – Vision Screening	Details e-mailed 25/11/24
March 2025		
06/03/25	Story Time 4.30pm-5.30pm	Children can come to school at 4.30pm in their pyjamas for a story in their classroom
07/03/25	Final Payment for Year 6 residential due	
25/03/25	Year 6 Leavers Hoodies, Final order Day	Details sent via e-mail
31/03/25	Last Week of Teacher Led After School Clubs	
April 2025		
8/04/25 & 10/04/25	Parents evening	More details to follow
11/04/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Easter	

### Diary Dates – Summer Term 2025

April 2025		
28/04/25	School reopens at 8.40am	
May 2025		
05/05/25	Bank Holiday	School Closed to Pupils
21/05/25-23/05/24	Year 6 Residential	
23/05/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Half Term	

26/05/25 to 30/05/25 Half Term		
June 2025		
02/06/25	School reopens at 8.40am	
20/06/25	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to Pupils
July 2025		
05/07/25	Summer Sizzler	
17/07/25	Year 5 Trip to London	Consent and Payment via SCOPAY
18/07/25	School Closes at 3.30pm for Summer Holidays	

*Please check dates regularly as more trips and events will be added as the year progresses.*

## Attachments

Mental Health in Schools – Kindness

Weekly Online Safety Bulletin – Nintendo Switch

Sports Camp Flyer

Rugby Children & Family Centres – February Half Term Timetable

Rugby Children & Family Centres Spring Term Timetable

Alan Durant Books – Order form



**A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE...**

Where your child will be valued, encouraged and challenged

Join us for our  
**Open Morning**  
Thursday 13 March 2025  
10.30am to 12.30pm

**Year 5 Taster Days**  
May and June 2025

**Entrance Examinations for 2026 Entry**  
Saturday 8 November 2025  
9.30am to 3.30pm

Registration deadline for 2026 Year 7 to 10 Entrance Examinations is Friday 26 September 2025

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