

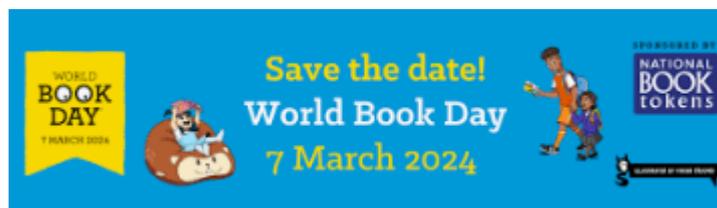


# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Another busy half term has come to an end, the children have worked incredibly hard and are now ready for a well-earned rest!

Some highlights from this half term have been our story time in the yurt and relaxing yoga sessions on Friday afternoons. The children in school and in the choir have been learning a selection of songs from musicals in preparation for our musical concert at the end of this term. We have started inviting guest readers again which the children love. Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered so far.

## WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. This year we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHES

We are very excited to be able to offer community lunches again after half term. The children in school will all be given the opportunity to nominate a family member who will be invited in to have lunch with the children. Due to [numbers, there will be a dedicated date for each class. Further details will follow.](#)

## 'MUSICAL MAYHEM' PERFORMANCE

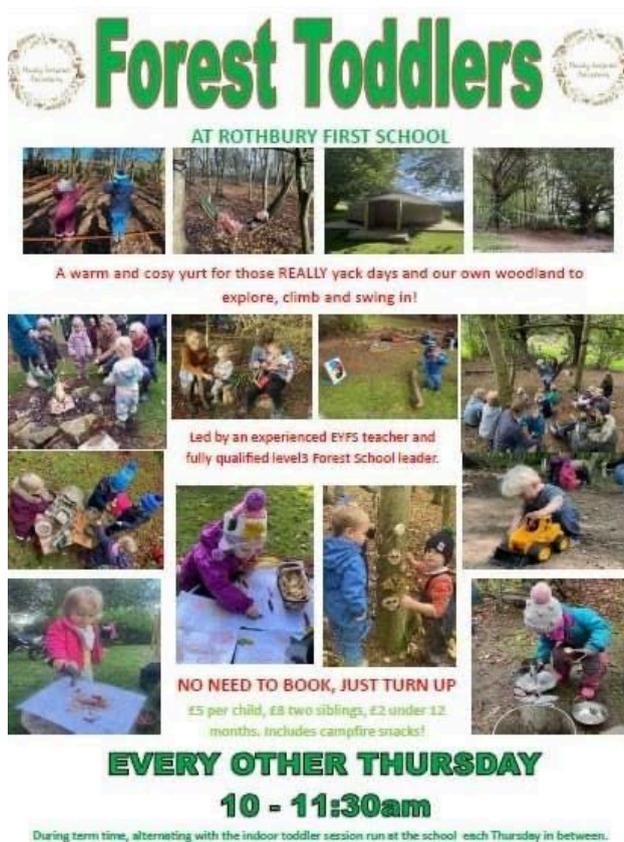
We are very excited to announce a brand new performance and we are looking forward to sharing it with you all. Rothbury First School alongside our choir, led by James Tait have been learning songs from a selection of musicals. There will be a performance to share our hard work on Wednesday 27th March. It's not to be missed! This will be a ticketed event, more details to follow shortly.

## NEW ARRIVALS

We are very pleased to welcome Joshua to our school.

## TODDLER GROUP/FOREST SCHOOL TODDLERS

Toddlers will continue on Thursday mornings, alternating between Forest school with Toni Dick and in the school hall with Jodie Morris.



**Forest Toddlers**  
AT ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL

A warm and cosy yurt for those REALLY yack days and our own woodland to explore, climb and swing in!

Led by an experienced EYFS teacher and fully qualified level3 Forest School leader.

**NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP**  
£5 per child, £8 two siblings, £2 under 12 months. Includes campfire snacks!

**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY**  
**10 - 11:30am**

During term time, alternating with the indoor toddler session run at the school each Thursday in between.



**Tiny Adventurers at Rothbury First**

**TINY ADVENTURERS**

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

AT ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY 10-11.15AM DURING TERM TIME

MESSY PLAY, MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, ARTS & CRAFTS

£1 INCLUDING A DRINK AND SNACK

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## **PTA NEWS** - from Lindsay Foggin (Chair):

Firstly thank you for all the volunteer forms you kindly sent back, we are delighted to be able to continue the PTA and have exciting plans for events to raise funds for equipment, to contribute to trips and resources that will benefit the pupils of Rothbury First School. Our first event, the Christmas disco, was well attended and the children had a great time, we managed to make a small profit so we have started off as we mean to go on. This term we have met with the School Council who have contributed their suggestions and ideas for events, we are working on an events calendar and will share that with you very soon. The school lottery has some brilliant prizes, if you haven't already signed up visit the Friends of Rothbury First School Facebook page for more information. If anybody would like to get involved in any way we would love to hear from you at [rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com](mailto:rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com)  
Any questions please let me know.

## **DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
28th February	Year 4	Forest School starts
28th February	YR - Y4	Trident starts
7th March	All Classes	World Book Day Dress as a favourite book character
5th March	Nursery & Reception	Community Lunch
12th March	Year 1	Community Lunch
21st March	All Classes	Parents Evening
14th March	Reception	Heights and weights
19th March	Year 2	Community Lunch
22nd March	All classes	Bacon Breakfast
27th March	All classes	'Musical Mayhem' performance
28th March	All Classes	School Closes for Easter Holiday

Note - Year 3 and 4 community lunches will follow after Easter

## **WINTER ILLNESS**

We have seen increasing numbers of people affected by winter illnesses, such as diarrhoea and vomiting and influenza. In order to reduce the risk of catching these common bugs please keep your child off school if they are very unwell. In school children wash their hands frequently and extra cleaning of shared areas is in place.

## FOREST SCHOOL/PE

Y4 children will be starting Forest School on Wednesday afternoons after the half term holiday. Please can the children have a pair of wellies to keep in school, and wear long trousers and a long-sleeved top on their Forest School days. Year 3 will have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon.

Y1/2 will be doing PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

N/R will now have PE on a Tuesday and forest school on a Thursday

## SWIMMING

There will be no swimming this term. Swimming will begin again in the summer term for Y1/2.

## TRIDENT

Trident will start again on Wednesday 28th February

## WRAPAROUND

Our wraparound service continues to be well used. If you require any wrap around care, please text **07776 945623**. This is checked regularly between the hours of 7.30am-5.30pm Monday - Friday. A parental permission/contact form needs to be completed if you wish to use the service. **If you have any requests for the first week back, all messages will be picked up on Friday 23rd February between 1-5pm**

## WINTER WEATHER:

Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat. We will still have outdoor play times in the rain.

**WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES:** If the weather is particularly bad and we need to close the school, we will inform you via parentmail at the earliest possible opportunity. School closures will also be updated daily on the Northumberland County Council website.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 26th February at 8.45am.**

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield

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