

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



A message from Mrs Foston

As usual, February has flown by and spring is just around the corner! We are looking forward to some sunshine, lighter mornings and nights and to lots of exciting learning opportunities and events as our Spring Term continues.





Horizon Schools Federation Birthday

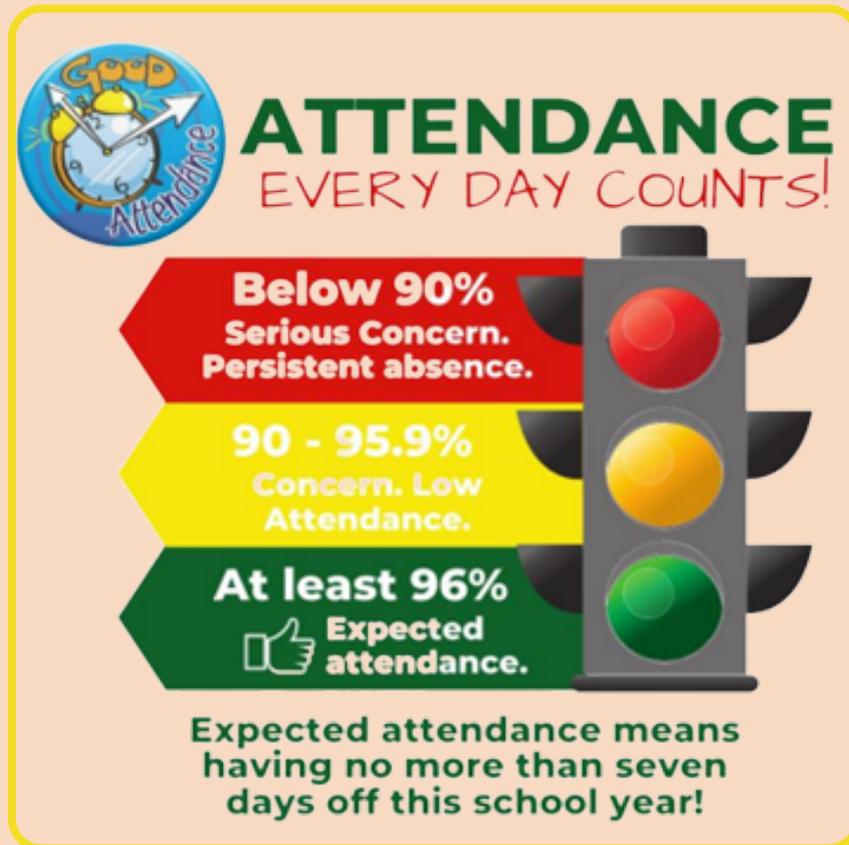
Horizon Schools Federation turned 1 years old on Thursday 26th February 2026.

This was a welcome opportunity to celebrate our 2 incredible schools and the wonderful achievements we have had since our partnership began. During the week, children across both schools were involved in enrichment and team building opportunities, working together to complete subject based challenges and activities and experiencing a wonderful visit from Zoo Lab to develop their scientific and geographical knowledge. A shared assembly, through the powers of technology, brought our children together once again in a joint celebration of togetherness and success. Happy Birthday HSF!



Attendance

We understand that life sometimes presents exceptional circumstances. Our aim is to work with families to ensure children are supported while maintaining high standards of attendance. Please speak to us if you're unsure whether a leave request qualifies as exceptional.



SEND and Inclusion

Our Padlet is a resource library of information, printable resources and links to support you and your child. Follow our links below to have a look!

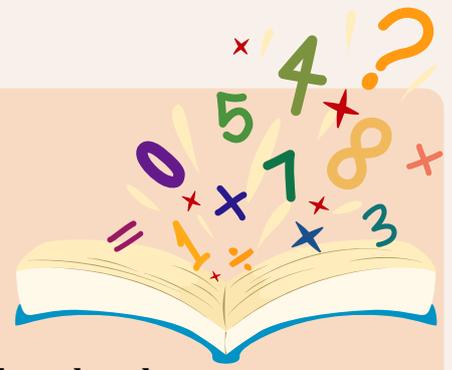
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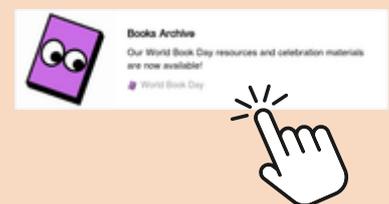
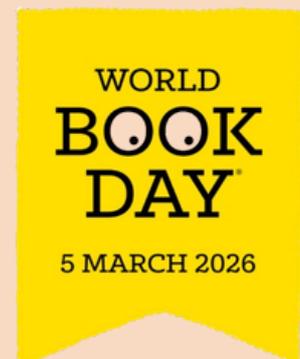


Next week our booster sessions begin across both schools to support Year 6 and Year 4 pupils in readiness for statutory assessments during the summer term. These sessions will be an opportunity for targeted tuition to develop confidence, and increase knowledge and understanding. We strongly encourage all of our Year 6 and Year 4 pupils to attend these sessions. Please do sign up if you haven't already via the 'Club' section of your Arbor Parent App.

Reading

Next month we are excited to celebrate World Book Day! Each child should be coming home with a voucher which they can use at any large retailer that sells books. You can choose if you would like £1 off a book purchase or you can choose from the fabulous range of £1 books! Your children will recognise many of these amazing authors. Please follow this link for more details about the fabulous books on offer for 2026. Looking towards World Book Day, all classes are excited to take part in numerous activities including online author visits and draw alongs.

Just a reminder that this year we welcome all children (and staff of course) to come to school in their comfiest clothes that they enjoy reading in. This could be pyjamas, a onesie or even a cosy tracksuit. Children are also welcome to bring one of their favourite books from home into school to share within our paired reading activities.

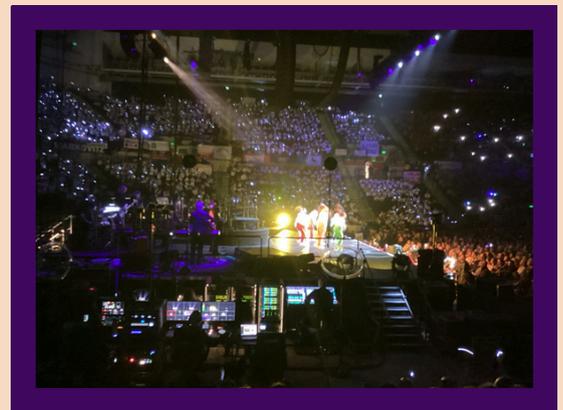




Young Voices



On Wednesday 11th February, the children from Donington and St Gilberts travelled to Sheffield to take part in Young Voices. It was an incredible day where the children were able to take part in one of the 'largest children's choir concerts in the world'. It was an amazing day of singing and dancing as part of the concert of 5,123 children. We sang songs ranging from a Wicked medley, a selection of sea shanties and a makaton signed song. We even took part in a hip hop dance off with the audience! The children were all super representatives and had a fantastic day. We can't wait until next years concert.



School Council

School Council have continued to meet weekly to discuss various events in school and make decisions together. We presented an assembly to the whole school about our PSHE topic 'Dreams and Goals' and each councillor shared their own goal. We explained that it is important to have not only long-term goals for the future, but also short-term goals for the end of the week or the end of the term.

We have also helped to raise awareness of mental health through 'Time to Talk Day'. This day is part of our PSHE awareness calendar and supports children with discussing their own mental health and the mental health of others. To help children with this, School Council created their own bingo card with different ideas to try and cross off. This included listening to music, going for a walk, writing about your day or making a goal for the end of the week and sharing this with someone.

Red Nose Day

School Council met this week to plan ways for us to be involved in Red Nose Day 2026. This year, children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and black clothes and bring in a money donation which will go to Comic Relief. During the day, we will be doing an art competition which will be judged by School Council. Children will also have the opportunity to bring in their funniest joke to share with their class during the school day!





Sports



It has been another exciting and active period for sport in our school, with pupils showing fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and determination.

As part of our Dance Development Day, a group of pupils visited another local school to take part in a collaborative dance experience. The children worked with specialist dance coaches and pupils from other schools to learn a variety of new routines and styles. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their coordination, timing and confidence while expressing themselves creatively through movement. Throughout the day, pupils practised together and shared ideas. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learned unfamiliar routines and performed alongside others. The experience was both enjoyable and inspiring for everyone involved.

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils recently took part in a Sports Hall Athletics event, competing against other local schools. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and determination in a range of track and field events including relays, speed bounce, javelin, standing long jump and obstacle races. Every pupil gave their best effort, supported their teammates and showed resilience throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and the positive attitude they displayed.

Also this month, some of our Year 3 and 4 girls attended the Gymnastics Development Day at Boston High School. The children were amazing showing super flexibility, determination and perseverance to master some really tricky skills.

A big well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the staff who supported the events. We look forward to more sporting opportunities in the coming weeks!





PTFA

Summer Fair

Plans for our Summer Fair are underway and we have already booked lots of lovely stalls. We have put a request in for the sun to shine too, so hopefully that will be another successful booking!

Please follow our Facebook page for further updates.



Young Voices

The PTFA were very proud to be able to donate funds towards the coach for Key Stage 2's choir trip to Young Voices, meaning there was no cost to parents/carers for this trip. This was an amazing opportunity for the children and we have heard that they had a fantastic time.

If you would like to share fundraising ideas or offer your time or support, please email ptfa@cowley.lincs.sch.uk or join us at our next meeting.

JOIN US

Our next meeting is:
Monday 2nd March

A note from Mrs Foston

We would like to thank Donington PTFA and School Council for their fundraising efforts to cover the costs of coach travel, enabling our continued participation in this incredible event.

Important Dates - Donington

March

5th - World Book Day

10th - Parent Consultations

16th and 17th - Roots to Food

20th - Red Nose Day

27th - Nursery- New intake parent coffee afternoon 1:30-2:15pm

31st - Class Photographs



April

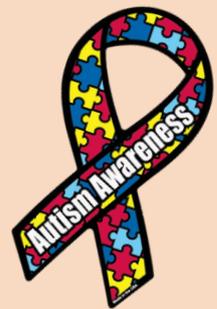
1st - Autism Awareness Day- Non- uniform- Wear it loud and Wear it proud- the brighter the better

2nd - 2pm-3pm EYFS/KS1 Easter crafts

2nd - End of Spring Term

20th - Start of Summer Term 1

23rd Tennis Development Day



May

4th Bank Holiday Monday

11th - 14th - KS2 SATs Week

18th - Sports Day. EYFS/KS1 am and KS2 pm

22nd - End of Summer Term 1



JUNE

6th - PTFA Summer Fair

