



Bird's Bush 2024 Spring 1 Newsletter



Despite it being a very short half term, we have managed to fit an incredible amount of learning and fun in at Bird's Bush!

We hope that all families have a restful half term break and look forward to seeing children back in school on **Monday 19th February.**

DOJO winners



Our DOJO winners will celebrate with a board games club after half term. At Bird's Bush, we celebrate children that show our CHAMPION values with DOJO points. It was a close run this time, with so many CHAMPIONS almost winning the final reward. Keep up the hard work everyone!

Children's Mental Health Week 2024



Throughout the week, children all across school have been learning about Children's Mental Health through the theme of MY VOICE MATTERS. Children have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities to learn strategies to improve their mental health, ways to seek support and learning more about emotions and wellbeing. Please see the link below for tips and advice for families. Thanks to Rachel from the Mental Health Team for leading our assembly on this.



[Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Our new lunchtime and after school clubs have been a huge hit with the children that have attended, and we hope that you are able to make use of the holiday club on offer next week if you need it.



Staffing News

We say goodbye to Miss Francis as she sets off for adventures at her new school which is much closer to her home. We would like to thank Miss Francis for all she has done for the children of Bird's Bush and wish her the very best in her new role. We are excited to welcome Miss Duffy for Spring 2 before Miss Finnegan joins in Summer term. As ever, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's class teacher.



Well done to our Sports CHAMPIONS!

Some of our enthusiastic sports stars were given an amazing opportunity to visit Aston Villa and take part in a football tournament there. The team won 2, drew 2, and lost 1 game which is fantastic but unfortunately not quite enough to have won the tournament.

We were delighted to receive this email from Chris at Aston Villa Foundation. "I received a few kind words about your team of how brilliant they were with their sportsmanship towards opponents and worked well together."

No matter what the overall result, we are so proud of you and your outstanding conduct and behaviour.

Aston Villa Foundation have been in weekly this half term working with pupils across Key Stage 2. They have taken part in phonics and maths interventions through physical activities. School Council have been working closely with the Foundation to think about improvements and changes to our local community.

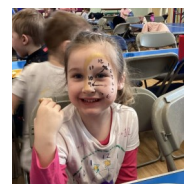
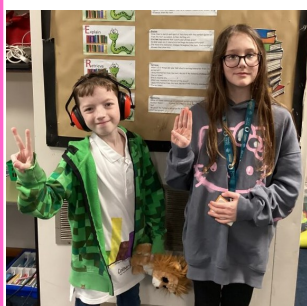


Thank you for your kind donations for NSPCC Number day. We raised £85 for this excellent cause and had lots of fun celebrating Maths!



Children took part in exciting activities such as hunting for maths in classrooms, TT Rockstar battles and problem solving.

Well done to Year 5 who were victorious in the battle showing excellent times table skills!



I loved the rock climbing, caving and high ropes because it's something I wouldn't do on a normal day.

YEAR 6 LACHES WOOD

My best experience at Laches Wood was definitely the high ropes because it was something I had been wanting to do for a long time.



Laches Wood was the best! The food and the activities were amazing. Although the hike was scary the views were mesmerising.



We are **so proud** of our Year 6 children who enjoyed their residential trip to Laches Wood this half term.

There were so many incredible highlights: children conquering their fear of heights and stepping off the climbing tower; taking part and enjoying a 6km walk to explore Carding Mill Valley; exceptional teamwork to complete challenges; trying new foods; sleeping away from home (for the first time for some!) The list of ways that Year 6 impressed not just Bird's Bush staff, but staff from other schools, was endless. They were a true credit to themselves and have made memories to last a lifetime.

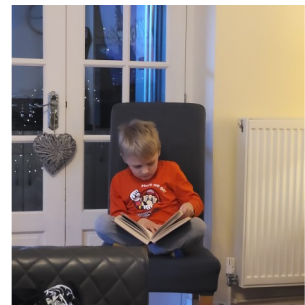
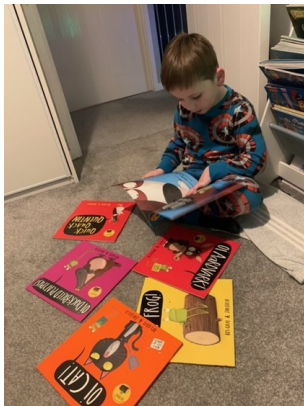
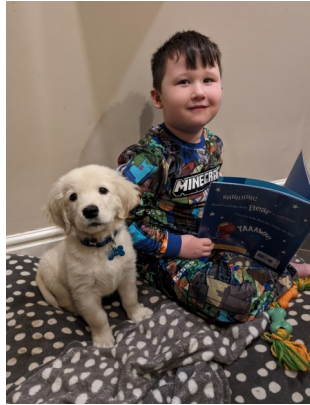
Huge thanks also to the staff who kindly gave up their own time to ensure that children could enjoy this fantastic opportunity.



Get Caught Reading!



Here are just a few of our GET CAUGHT READING entries. More can be seen on display in the school hall. Keep the entries coming over half term.



20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will improve critical thinking skills
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results