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Hello everyone,

What an exciting week we have had in school! On Tuesday, our **Golden Ticket Attendance Award winners for the Autumn Term Bronze Award** showed us their creativity during their jungle themed Lego building sessions. The children worked brilliantly together to produce some fantastic models - congratulations everyone! On Wednesday, **Year 5** participated well in **safety workshops** with two of our **local Police Officers** focusing on knife crime. Well done, Year 5!



Here are some important dates for you:

Tuesday 10th February — Safer Internet Day online assembly for ALL children

Thursday 12th February — Y3 workshops with our favourite illustrator KOrky Paul!

Friday 13th February 8.45-9.30am — COMPASS online safety workshop for Y5 parents/carers

Friday 13th February — Year group online safety assemblies with COMPASS

Friday 13th February — 4NG & 4AA Trip to Lapworth Museum

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February — February Half Term Holidays

Monday 23rd February — All pupils return to school 8.30am (by 8.45am latest time)

Friday 27th February — 4SH & 4TW Trip to Lapworth Museum



And finally, please remember we are a **NUT FREE school**—there have been a few children bringing in Nutella snacks for breaktimes. Unfortunately, this is strictly forbidden as we have several children with life threatening nut allergies. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week, Year 5 have been learning about **online safety** through the lens of UNICEF's Rights of the Child. We explored **Article 17**, which explains that children have the right to access reliable information, including online, and how to do this safely and responsibly. We also learned about **Article 19**, which states that children must be protected from harm, including harmful content or behaviour they might encounter on the internet. The children have discussed how these rights help them make sensible choices online and keep themselves and others safe.

This week's activities link to the following articles:

- Article 17, Access to information from the media - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.
- Article 19, Protection from violence, abuse and neglect - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.



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Author of the month: February

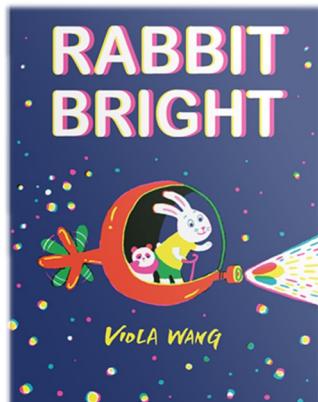
Viola Wang makes amazing children's books as an author and illustrator. She was born in China and loved art so much that she studied oil painting at University. Later, she moved to London to learn more about animation and illustration while working as a designer. Viola also studied at Cambridge School of Art, and even won a special prize called the Sebastian Walker Award!

Fun facts about Viola Wang

- Viola grew up in a family who loved printing, which made her really interested in making pictures in special ways.
- She now writes and draws her own books for children!
- Her stories are all about celebrating differences and helping children feel confident and proud of who they are.



Viola Wang



Books written and illustrate by Viola Wang



SCAN ME

Listen to 'Hello' by Viola Wang



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to classes **3MJ, 4TW, 5ST, 6ZB and 6MF** who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above for last week

Our school attendance last week was 94.4%

Golden Ticket Initiative-Autumn Term Bronze Award Lego Creative Workshop.

The Creative Lego Company have sent Thornton lovely feedback on how creative and amazing our children were. The Lego Creative Company said that the children were all so engaged throughout the LEGO® building activities and it was great to see how proud they were of their models at the end. The way they collaborated, shared ideas and worked together was really lovely to witness – LEGO® always seems to bring out such creativity and teamwork in them. Here are some more pictures of the creative work done by the children.

Well done to all the children who took part in the workshop!!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 9th February

Year 4

Tuesday 10th February

Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 11th February

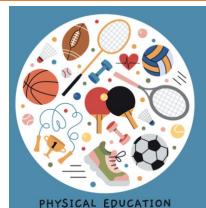
Year 3

Thursday 12th February

Year 5

Friday 13th February

Year 6



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

National Story Telling Week 2026

This week Thornton celebrated National Story Telling Week, children celebrated the event by bringing in their favourite book and a cuddly toy. Here are some pictures where children enjoyed having a cuddly toy and reading their favourite story book.



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