



THE WREN



April 2025

An Easter *EGG*stravagnaza



Spring has finally sprung and the warmer weather has arrived! We hope you enjoy reading about all the fabulous activities we have enjoyed here at Wren Park.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 6th March it was World Book Day. We were amazed by the fantastic costumes supporting our 'Go Green' sustainable theme either by reusing or making homemade costumes. It was wonderful to see so many creative outfits, from Matilda and Harry Potter to a Hungry Caterpillar and Augustus Gloop! The whole school had a fantastic time parading in the sunshine, and our class winners were delighted to receive their prizes.



Throughout the day, all classes took part in some activities to celebrate World Book Day and their love of reading.

AIR AMBULANCE

This term, our school came together to support the Air Ambulance charity in a special way. We had an assembly where we learned all about the amazing work the Air Ambulance team does to help people in emergencies. To show our support, everyone dressed in



yellow, the colour of the Air Ambulance, and took part in fundraising activities. Evelyn, in Year 2, even designed her own t-shirt for the day! (pictured here with Stuart)

Thanks to the generosity of pupils and families, we raised an incredible **£251.90!**

BRILLIANT BUILDING

We are pleased to announce the news that Wren Park is getting a huge £2 million expansion! Two old classrooms will be replaced with a new four-classroom building, creating space for more pupils in the future. A new multi-use games area will also be built for children to enjoy. Although the building work won't start for a while, we are all very excited about the times ahead!

"This has been an ambition of ours for quite some time. I'm very excited about the future for our school," Mr Buckley.

GOING FOR GOLD!

Congratulations to the winners of our golden ticket reading prize draw this term. They enjoyed a cinema experience at Middleton Lodge, with pizza, popcorn and the most comfy seats in Derby!

Pupils also took part in our Wonder Wren Bars challenge, hoping to find a Golden Ticket! The special chocolate bars were sold to raise money for school funds, thanks to our amazing PTA. Inside a few lucky bars were golden tickets, and the winners won some fantastic prizes such as a movie afternoon, extra playtimes, jumping the dinner queue, and even hot chocolate with Mrs. Pettit!

We finished the term with our annual Chocolate Bingo—a great family event with many prizes to be won!



DINOSAURS

Reception children have had an amazing half term, packed with baking, fossils and lots of fun in the sun!

One of their favourite topics was dinosaurs! They loved reading exciting stories, especially the one about Mary Anning—a girl who discovered fossils on a beach in Lyme Regis many years ago. Now all the children want to be fossil hunters too!

What a fantastic time Reception have had—bring on the next adventure!



MUDDY BOOTS

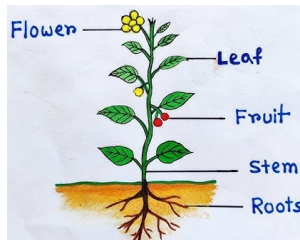
This half term focused on plants and growing in Year 1. In English, children enjoyed learning about Handa from the book 'Handa's Surprise'. The children enjoyed acting out the story, even having a go at balancing the basket of fruit on their heads, despite each cheeky 'animal' trying to steal a piece of fruit from the basket! They have also been using adjectives in their writing, which has led to some fabulous storytelling based on the events in 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'

Year 1 science topic this half term was 'Plants and Growing'. The children planted sunflower seeds and observed them growing into seedlings and young plants, which has helped them to identify the basic parts of plants. Super work Year 1!



PLANT LIFE

Year 2 have been flexing their 'green fingers' this half term, learning all about plants. This included the parts of the plant, it's lifecycle and finding out that seeds travel in many different ways including animal poop! Plants are amazing – they provide us with colour, food and even oxygen. Year 2 investigated different conditions to grow seeds and the results were not what they expected!



The children have also learnt about Eid and had even had a celebration afternoon. It was really interesting to find out how people celebrated and the similarities with other faith festivals such as Holi and Easter.



ROTTEN ROMANS

This term, Year 3 have been diving into the world of the Romans, exploring the Roman Empire, writing non-fiction pieces, crafting Roman god poetry, and creating their own mythical stories.



In science, they became super scientists by working scientifically—investigating how jelly cubes dissolve at different temperatures and testing the best substances to clean coins.

For DT, they designed and built monster boxes using pneumatic systems to create exciting moving toys!

"We have learnt about Julius Caesar and his inventions that we still use in modern days," Ahyaan, 3RP



EXTREME EARTH!

Year 4 have been on an exciting journey deep into the Earth's fiery secrets! As part of their learning about how our planet is made, they have been exploring volcanoes and their powerful eruptions. Inspired by the story *Escape from Pompeii*, they stepped into the shoes of people who witnessed the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Their diary entries are bursting with vivid descriptions, capturing the sights, sounds, and emotions of the moment.

From the scorching heat of the lava to the fear and chaos of fleeing the city, their writing brings history to life in an incredible way!



HOLA MEXICO!

This term, Year 6 have been busy learning all about the geography of Mexico and comparing it to the UK. To celebrate the end of their exciting topic, 'Mexicocoa', they held a *Day of the Dead* festival (Día de los Muertos)! Year 6 dressed in bright colours or skeleton costumes to honour the life of dead. They got creative by making sugar skulls, luminaires and colourful cards. They also had the chance to watch the film 'Coco' and taste traditional Mexican food... the hot jalapeños were clearly a hit!



SMASHING SAXONS

Year 5 traveled back in time when Bjorn, an Anglo-Saxon warrior, visited our school in March. Dressed as Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, the children looked fantastic and were ready for a day of history and battles.

Bjorn took them on an exciting journey through time, telling stories about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and the famous Battle of Hastings. The children tested their knowledge with quizzes, solved riddles, and played an ancient board game.

In the afternoon, they learned about Anglo-Saxon weapons before re-enacting the Battle of Hastings. The day ended with a fun javelin-throwing game. Bjorn was very impressed and said he loves visiting our school. Thank you to all the families for the amazing costumes!



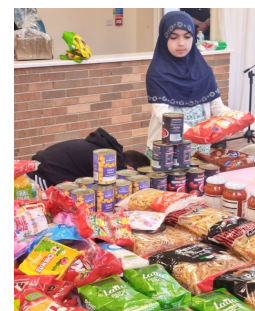
SUCCESS STORIES

There has been so much success to be proud of at Wren Park this half term.



Our amazing friends at Middleton Lodge began writing to their 'pen pals' in Year 4, whilst Year 3 children took part in Easter crafts and bingo during their recent visit.

Outside of school, the success continues...Zoha and Milad volunteered at a local food bank as part of their Islamic studies module 'Zakat' to help people who are less fortunate. Isabelle, Olivia and Molly achieved their grade 2 ballet exam—an outstanding achievement! More stories can be seen on our school website <https://www.wrenpark.derby.sch.uk/page/?title=Success+Out+Of+School&pid=212> If you have a success to share, simply send your story and picture to admin@wrenpark.derby.sch.uk



EASY EASTER NESTS

Try this family favourite recipes this Easter. Children have great fun whilst learning essential skills of organising ingredients, reading a recipe, measuring, using tools for baking, as well as enjoying a tasty treat at the end! Send any pictures to class dojo, we'd love to see what you've made...



Ingredients

200g [milk chocolate](#)
broken into pieces

85g shredded wheat
crushed

[2 x 100g bags mini chocolate](#)
eggs

You'll also need

cupcake cases

Method

Step 1

Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.

Step 2

Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.

H-E-R-R BEAUTY

Exciting things are happening at Wren Park! Four amazing Year 6 girls—Heidi, Elsie, Ruby, and Rosalie—have started their own nail-painting business called *H-E-R-R Beauty*. They are ready to make your nails look fabulous!

H-E-R-R Beauty is now taking orders to paint children's nails in fun and stylish colors. The best part? All the money they raise will go towards helping the school and making the Year 6 leavers' party extra special!



Want to support them? HERR Beauty will be at the Summer Fair. Look out for a future letter to book your nail appointment and help make a difference!

SEE YOU SOON, MRS GRAHAM

We said a fond farewell (for now!) to Mrs Graham who finished school for her maternity leave. We will miss you so much while you're not with us at Wren Park! Enjoy lots of cuddles with your new baby and special family time. We can't wait to meet the new addition to the Grahams soon!

We welcome Mrs Foster who will teach 5G next term. We hope she will be very happy with us at Wren Park!

What kind of music do bunnies like?

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What's FREE this Spring...

◆ Easter Fun Day at Peak Village, Rowsley

On Sunday, 20th April 2025, from 11am to 4pm. A free, Alice in Wonderland-themed event; storytelling, craft sessions, and an Easter trail.

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◆ Derbion Dinos

7th to 22nd April 2025. FREE Dino trail. **Fossil Finders Dig**, £2.50.

◆ Spring Market, Farmhouse @ Mackworth

20th April, 12-4pm. Spring shopping and Easter egg hunt.

◆ Derby's free children's holiday programme

Enriching activities for children age 5-16 who are eligible for free school meals. See website below for more details:

<https://derby.gov.uk/news/2025/march/derbys-free-childrens-holiday-programme-returns-for-easter-2025/>

