

## 24.1.25 WEEKLY NEWS!

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy week at Snape Wood! The **READING** bus has been open at the end of each day and we have welcomed children taking a free book from here to support our aim to be a **book loving school**. It has been super to see children continuing to **read at least x3 a week** and bringing in their reading diary: thank you for your support with this.

We were grateful to some of our governors at the weekend who gave up some of their time to clear the overgrown courtyard areas in school and they look much better. We have also had more equipment out for children to play with at break and lunchtime—the hoola hoops have been very popular!

A special routine at Snape Wood is the **“family service”** at lunchtime. I have been very impressed with how older pupils support younger pupils at this time and Year 6 pupils have the role of being “Lunch

Leaders”



### The evidence suggests there are many benefits to a “family service” approach:

- Lunch is a **more sociable** experience – children have time to chat, to enjoy their food
- Improved behaviour – less standing in a queue means less time to feel hungry and less time to be bored and frustrated and argue with the person next to you.
- Children have a **more enjoyable eating experience**.
- Lunch is a learning opportunity and children learn valuable skills – taking care of each other, taking turns, sharing, good manners and much more.

***We are currently reflecting on our “family service” routines so that it is the best it can be as it is such a unique part of the school day for children in school.***

**Parking outside of school:** We are aware that parking at the start and end of the day can cause congestion. We want children to be safe as they enter / exit school so please do be mindful of where you are parking cars. We have contacted the council re what more they can offer to ensure there are effective signage / road markings etc in place.



# Key Dates for Parents

**Wednesday 29th January**—Lemon Chicken and Rice / mango muffin.

**WB 3rd Feb** – Children’s Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 4th February**—Y1 Phonics Parents Open Session @ 9am—10am

**Wednesday 5th February**—Reception Phonics Parents Open Session @ 9—10am

**Friday 7th February** – **NSPCC Number Day!** (chn welcome to come into school wearing any non uniform which includes a number)

**WB 10.2.25** - Parent Open Afternoons (more info will follow)

**Thursday 30th Jan / Thursday 6th Feb** – SEND REVIEWS

**Tuesday 11th February** – **Safer Internet Day**

**Friday 14th February**—Break up for HALF TERM



**Monday 24th February**—**INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 25th February**—Children back to school for Spring 2

**WB Monday 3rd March** – “ARTS” WEEK (linked to a book)

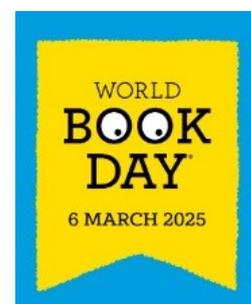
**Thursday 6th March** – World Book Day!

**Wednesday 19th March** – Parents Evening Wed 19th March and Mon 24th March

**Friday 21st March** –COMIC RELIEF (RED NOSE DAY) 2025

**Tuesday 1st April**—Easter Service at St Johns Church

**Wednesday 2nd April**—Spring Disco



[2024-25 DATES—Follow this link](#)

## FREE Online Safety Workshops for Parents

We have been asked to share with parents some [FREE online workshops for parents](#) on online safety:

These sessions aim to provide parents with a good understanding of the online trends their children may encounter, the popular apps they use, the associated risks, and effective strategies to safeguard them. The workshop will cover several key topics to help parents address the challenges of online safety.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January: 6:30pm - 8:00pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1117717395819>

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: 6:30pm - 8:00pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1118792591759>

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: 10.30am – 12:00pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1118802691969>

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February: 6.30pm - 8:00pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1118807616699>

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February: 1:00pm - 2:30pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1118821046869>

Once tickets are purchased (tickets are free) parents will have a teams link sent for them to join the workshops.

**Uniform and Jewellery:** Thank you to lots of parents who ensure that children come into school in the correct school uniform and PE kit on PE days. This is a good chance to remind our school community that we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. **Stud** earrings are fine to wear in school with the exception of PE where stud earrings are currently taped if worn.

