



# NEWSLETTER



23rd January 2026

## ARTS WEEK

**Next week is our Arts Festival Week. Over the week, all children will be involved in creating their own artwork.**

**We would like to invite parents to come in to school and look at the artwork produced on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm till 3.40pm with your children. Please can parents collect their children as normal and then we will open the doors to allow parents in to walk around each classroom.**

## Y1 PHONICS MEETING - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @11:00am

Phonics meeting will take place at 11am, immediately before the Family lunch.

## Y1 FAMILY LUNCH - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @11:30am

The cost of a meal is £3 which can be paid using the school shop on Arbor or you can pay using cash on the day. Unfortunately, due to space we can only allow one adult per child to attend. Please complete your meal choice by following this link [FAMILY LUNCH Y1 - Fill in form](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to share that we have received a letter from the Department for Education congratulating Bookwell Primary School on the excellent outcomes achieved by our disadvantaged pupils at the end of the 2024/25 academic year, with our performance placing us among the very best schools nationally. This recognition reflects the hard work, commitment and ambition of our pupils and staff, and our continued focus on ensuring every child is supported to succeed. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and would like to thank our children, staff and families for their ongoing dedication and support.

## YORK RESIDENTIAL - JUNE 2026

**You can continue to make payment by installment of as little as £5.**

**The full amount will need to be paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### **LOTTERY**

Congratulations to last week's lottery winner Ms Dorgan. For more information and to play through our page, please follow this [link](#). The next draw takes place on Saturday 24th February. Please don't forget to renew your numbers when you get a reminder.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

World Book Day this year is 5th March 2026. This year to celebrate World Book Day we would like the children to come dressed up as their favourite book character. There are so many different possibilities to choose from, so please do not feel that you have to go out and buy something. If you need any suggestions or help, please contact your class teacher via Seesaw.

### **Y3 CLASS ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 9am in the school hall

Please access by the main entrance and wait until all children are in school before making your way to the hall.

### **PACKED LUNCH – NO CHOCOLATE PRODUCTS OR CEREAL BARS PLEASE!**

Our Whole School Food Policy is written with the aim of helping all children to eat healthily at lunch time. As well as not allowing nuts in school, we do not allow chocolate products or cereal bars as we cannot guarantee that these are nut-free. We have children in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. Thank you for support in following this guidance.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER**

As part of our school uniform and appearance policy, children should not attend school wearing false or acrylic nails, make-up, or earrings. These items are not permitted as they can pose health and safety risks during the school day, particularly during physical activities.

For this reason, any child wearing false or acrylic nails or earrings will not be able to take part in PE lessons until they have been removed. Make-up and earrings should be removed before coming to school. Thank you for your support in maintaining high standards and helping to keep all children safe.

# A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Russell,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Bookwell Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

*Your sincerely,  
Bridget*

**Bridget Phillipson**  
Secretary of State for Education

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