



NEWSLETTER

February/March 2026

LUNAR NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY:

On Friday 27th February, we celebrated our Lunar New Year Assembly. We are very lucky to have such enthusiastic parents who kindly provided decorations to decorate the hall. They also treated every child to a fortune cookie and a chocolate coin. We learnt about the Year of the Horse and how it is special. Many thanks to Mia, Leo and Minnesota's parents who shared their experiences of how they celebrated with us, through photos and stories. The assembly ended with a beautiful dragon dance. What a celebration! Kung Hei Fat Choi!



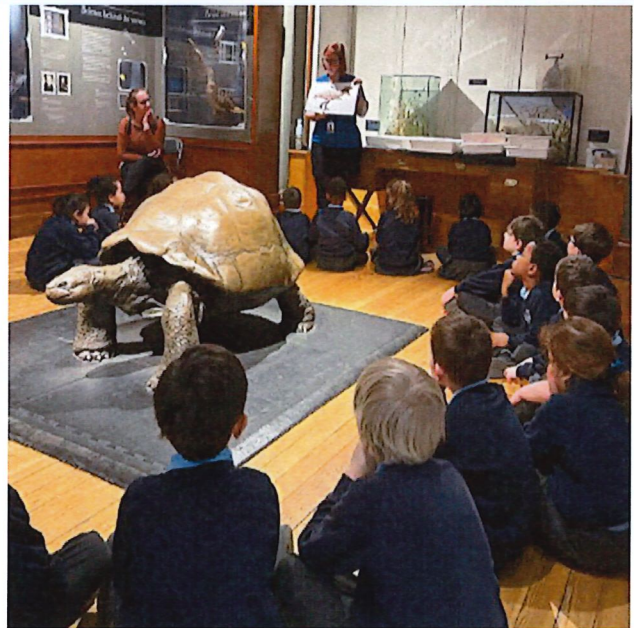
YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY:

Year 4 delighted us with an assembly all about states of matter and their book, 'How to train Your Dragon.' We were told all about solids, liquids and gases and how they change state. They also shared some inspiring writing from the book they have been studying with the use of expanded noun phrases, adverbial phrases and figurative language.



YEAR 2'S NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRIP:

On Tuesday 3rd March, Year 2 attended the Natural History Museum in Tring. They looked at an assortment of animals and enjoyed taking part in several activities. They had a wonderful day and saw so many brilliant things!



WORLD BOOK DAY:

On Thursday 5th March, the whole school enjoyed an assortment of activities to celebrate 'World Book Day.' The children and staff dressed as characters from their favourite books and there were some amazing costumes! Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed activities including painting potatoes, making dream catchers, making marmalade sandwiches, creating butterflies and much more. We even had time to decorate our doors so the corridors now look like a story world!



YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY:

Year 6 shared a wealth of knowledge about World War 2. They have been studying *Goodnight Mr Tom* and have thoroughly enjoyed delving in to this piece of fiction. They shared some pieces of drama, writing and reflections about this difficult time.

They had recently visited the RAF Museum and explored the life of a child in World War 2 by looking at artefacts. They were also able to study the aircrafts used at this time and even pop into one!



THE SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL CSI INSPECTION:

Mr D Carrasco-Morley, would like to share the following:

We would like to share with you that in our recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate inspection, the school has been awarded Grade 1 (Outstanding) judgements across all areas.

'The report recognises our school as a beacon of Catholic education, praising a community where faith, learning and life are united and joyfully lived.

Inspectors highlighted the strength of our Catholic life, the quality of religious education and the central place of prayer and worship in school life. They also recognised the inclusive and caring nature of our community, where pupils feel known, valued and supported to flourish.

These highlights include:

- 'The school is a beacon of Catholic education, where faith, learning and life are united in joyful witness to the lived-out Gospel.'
- 'The school's Catholic identity and mission are deeply embedded and joyfully lived by all members of the community.'
- 'This is an inclusive community that values the dignity of every person and ensures that staff and pupils feel valued, well known and loved.'
- 'Prayer and liturgy are at the heart of the school's ethos and mission, fostering reverence, belonging and personal growth.'
- 'There is an exceptional commitment to Catholic social teaching by the whole community, inspiring pupils to live out their faith through social justice, charitable action and service to others.'
- 'Leaders demonstrate a profound understanding of the mission of Catholic education, placing this at the heart of the school's life and strategic decision making.'

The full report can be found on our website:

<https://www.jhn.herts.sch.uk/391/inspection-reports>

BIRTHDAYS:

We would like to wish the following children and staff a very happy birthday for the month of March.



Early Years	Neila, George and Joanna
Year 1	Esmae
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	Albert and Carla
Year 5	Frankie, Irenaeus, Amalia, Mark and Archie
Year 6	
Staff	Miss Jackson, Mrs Gaylard and Mr Curry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 11th March: Year 6 Class Assembly
- 13th March: EYFS Mothering Sunday event
- 15th March: Mothering Sunday
- 17th & 18th March: Art Exhibition in the hall
- 20th March: Maths Workshop
- 24th March: Career Aspiration Day
- 27th March: End of Term at 1pm

