

Newsletter

April 2025

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter!

Spring Term Highlights

I've always had such a huge sense of pride whenever writing pieces for the termly newsletters. As I reflect on this spring term, I am similarly filled with immense pride in the achievements, effort and conduct of our children, who have exemplified the 11 school values in every aspect of their learning and behaviour. Their daily application of values such as honesty, persistence, co-operation and respect have shone through, making Putnoe Primary School a wonderful community to be part of.

Our children have proudly represented the school in various sporting events, such as netball, football, multi-skills, kurling and archery, demonstrating teamwork, responsibility, and determination. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring, and we celebrate their hard work and achievements, on and off the field.

This term has also been packed with exciting trips and visits, enriching our students' learning experiences beyond the classroom. From museum visits, musical and theatrical events, to outdoor adventures, our children have consistently received high praise for their exemplary behaviour. Organisers and members of the public have been quick to commend their politeness, attentiveness, and curiosity – something we are incredibly proud of.

A particularly exciting moment for us this term was being featured on Anglia News! A group of our students were involved in the creation of the 'Book of Bedford,' a fantastic project showcasing their creativity and deep appreciation for our local history and facilities. Their work not only demonstrated their dedication but also highlighted the incredible learning opportunities within our school.

I'm sure many parents have now watched the hard-hitting Netflix drama 'Adolescence'. There are some extremely strong themes represented in this powerful production. Sadly, schools are increasingly seeing the negative impact of social media influencers and content creators as well as unsupervised use of electronic devices (particularly when online). I will be writing to parents separately with some equally hard-hitting guidance and information so you can support us in keeping children safe when online.

As we look ahead to the summer term, we are eager to continue fostering a love for learning, growth, and community spirit. Well done to all our children for their hard work this term – you make me immensely proud to be your headteacher.

Mr
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In March, we celebrated World Book Day. Our theme this year was Superheroes/Superpowers.

During the day, we welcome friend of the school Phil Boyd who read us 'Supertato'. The children loved Phil's expression and telling of the story.

From this, the children participated in virtual author events and finished the day with a whole school competition.

KS1 were asked to design a superhero cape or design a superhero mask while KS2 were asked to design a superhero with a superpower or if 'I had a superhero power, it would be...'

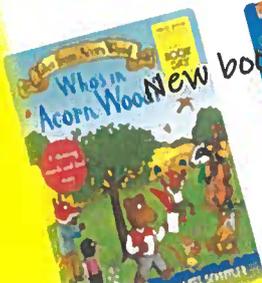
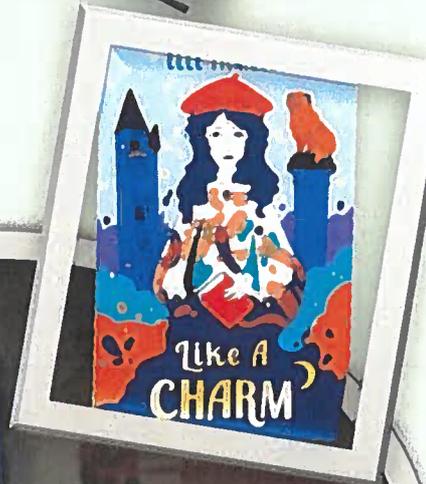
Thank you so much for your wonderful effort and enthusiasm throughout the day, it was fantastic to see such a lovely atmosphere throughout the school.



WORLD BOOK DAY

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Librarian news



In January, Year 5 participated in a virtual author event with author Elle McNicoll.

Each child received a copy of Elle's book 'Like a Charm' and the event was discussing Elle's different books and the inspirations behind being an author.

Giacometti class have had a great Spring term, settling into school routines and making new friends. They have enjoyed exploring nursery rhymes and have been building walls for Humpty Dumpty, experimenting how to protect their own egg from a fall and baking Jam tarts for the Queen of Hearts!

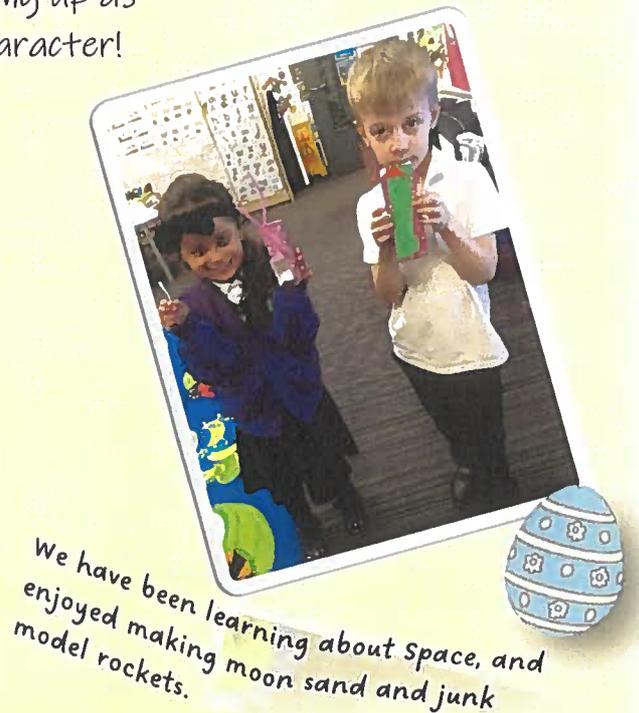


Reception



Reception's Chinese dragon dance

Reception enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character!



We have been learning about space, and enjoyed making moon sand and junk model rockets.

Reception



We made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday



We used rollers to paint to Jazz music





This half term, Year 1 have been busy learning all about plants! We planted the seeds in the soil and understood what they needed to survive. The plants are growing so well and the children can't wait to take them home!



Year 1



In our Art topic, we have been creating flower sculptures, inspired by Pheobe Cummings. We practised our sculpture by using playdough and then created our final design using clay.

