

## Enjoy half term break

We finish for the half term break at 3:20 pm today and the children return to school at 8:45 am on Monday 19th February. We are looking forward to the Spring Term 2.

## Once a week—take a peek

We have been notified of a significant number of children across the school who currently have head lice. Our half term break is a great time to eradicate them as once we have them in school we find they keep being passed back and forth between children. Please can we encourage all parents to check their children's hair over the break and treat appropriately if there is any evidence of lice or nits. There is help & advice available at [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com)

**CHECK** You should check the child's hair regularly, ideally once a week – a good way to remember this is **ONCE A WEEK, TAKE A PEEK.**

**How to diagnose head lice**  
To diagnose a case of head lice you need to find them alive. This is when you need to use a treatment. They move fast and are small, so they can be tricky to find!

**Sizing up head lice**  
Head lice range in size from a full stop to a sesame seed.  
Actual size in stages of growth.

**Where to peek**

- Close to the scalp
- Behind the ears
- The back of the neck
- The top of the head
- Under the fringe

**What to for peek for**

- Adult lice are 2-4 mm long, immature lice are even smaller
- Live lice remain close to the scalp
- Nits are dead or empty egg shells - if you have already treated for head lice then simply remove these by hand or by combing

**MYTH:** Only dirty children get head lice

**FACT:** Having head lice has nothing to do with personal hygiene

**CHECK...** If head lice are spotted, take a close look at all the family, including adults and ask close family and friends to check as well. Consult the pharmacy team for treatment advice

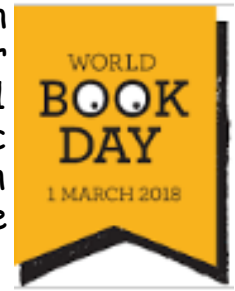
## How to check

- Checking for head lice shouldn't be considered a big deal, it's just a normal part of a family's personal hygiene routine like brushing teeth or washing hair
- It's best to check for head lice using a comb made for the purpose, ideally white so they can be easily seen and with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart in order to trap head lice
- Combing through the hair when wet, or after applying a conditioner, may make the process more comfortable
- Good lighting is important and so is comfort to ensure the child stays still. Perhaps distract the child with the TV or reading a book



## World Book Day & Scholastic Book Fair

World Book Day will be celebrated at Wybers Wood on Thursday March 1st. Parents should have received a letter with more detailed information. All children will receive a £1 book voucher on the day. These can be spent at the scholastic book fair which will be in school the week of the 12th March and coincides with Parents' Evenings at the school. The vouchers can also be spent at bookshops in town.



## Staffing at Wybers Wood

We are really pleased to welcome Miss Elson back from her maternity leave. She is now teaching 3W. We are also delighted to be working with a number of initial teacher trainees who work alongside the class teachers:

- Miss Elmhirst is helping in Early Years
- Miss Orłowska in 5T with Miss Wesley
- Mr McMullen in 3R with Miss Penny
- Miss Hutson in 4S with Miss Barnsley

At the end of this term we will be welcoming back Miss Tilmouth and Miss Eddington from their maternity leave. Miss Tilmouth will teach 5S full time for the Summer Term and Miss Eddington will teach 2 days a week alongside Miss Merchant in 1/2D pending her resignation to focus on her son.

## Forthcoming dates for your diaries

19th February	School Opens to Pupils for New Term
21st February	Y5 & 6 Visit to Eden Camp, Malton
22nd February	Y3/4 Harry Potter Sleepover
1st March	World Book Day
14th—20th March	Scholastic Book Fair in School
14th March	Parents' Evening (info to follow)
15th March	Parents' Evening (info to follow)
16th March	3R & 3W Visit to Harry Potter World
23rd March	4S & 3/4H Visit to Harry Potter World
29th March	School Closes at 3.20pm for Easter
17th April	School Opens to Pupils for New Term
25th May	School Closes at 3.20pm for Half Term
4th June	School Opens to Pupils for New Term
20th July	School Closes at 3.20pm for Summer