



Our Week



We can't believe we are halfway through the year and what a wonderful 6 months it has been! Here are some of the things that we have covered at school for you to discuss at home:

- This week we have focused on learning about Chinese New Year. We are really good at writing captions now and we wrote captions for different animals in the story
- We tasted noodles and described how they felt and tasted
- In Understanding the world, we became Polar explorers and explored what life was like in a cold place. We compared it with our own lives
- In RE we continued learning about feeding the 5000 and thought about caring for others. We thought about how we could care for others, and we wrote our own prayers for the prayer table.
- In RSE we are continuing to learn about the internet. We have been talking about some rules to help them stay safe whilst using the internet – especially whilst playing games. .
- In PE we continued to practise balancing and making shapes.
- In Games we played athletics style games
- In phonics we have been enjoying learning new special friends and trying hard to read our Green words speedily
- In Maths we focused on making 6, 7 and 8 using the part, part, whole model
- We enjoyed using our junk modelling to create our own emergency vehicles. We used different joining techniques.

Notes for parents

- Please can you sign up for our trip to Gostrey meadows (10th March)
- PE next term will be outside. Children need to be dressed appropriately for outside and must have trainers on PE and Games days.

- A reminder that the children are only to bring in red book bags. We do not have the space in our cloakrooms for backpacks
- If you would like to volunteer as a weekly (or whenever you can) helper in either Puffins or Robins, then please contact your class teacher
- Please can you send in any recycling and egg boxes you have as we will be making boats and treasure chests the first week back
- **Monday 23rd February**- return to school
- **Tuesday 24th February** – Science Fair
- **March 5th** World book day
- **March 10th – Trip to Gostrey Meadows**
- **23rd & 26th March**- Parents Evening
- Please see below for the information about the Lent Concert.

Please see the message below (from Mrs Ridgeon our Music teacher) regarding our upcoming Lent Concert

Lent Concert 2026

- This year's Lent Concerts (in aid of Mary's Meals and the Catholic Children's Society) will be on **Wednesday 25th March (1.45–3.00pm) & Thursday 26th March (9.15–10.30am)**. Please put the dates in your diaries (it is the same concert, just repeated to allow for working schedules); further details about seating will come out nearer the time.
- Our Robins and Puffins are joining forces with some of our older students to sing 'Sing' (from 'Sesame Street') and the chorus of 'Yellow Submarine'. These songs will be performed from memory (and 'Sing' even has actions!) so please do encourage your child to

rehearse when and if you are able to support them. You can do this using our new online platform, Muse Class Primary:

- <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/DZgYjHvIGzS8mxC4> Find the song, click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access 'Audio' – 'Demonstration' or 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt.

Lent Concert

Our Robins and Puffins will be joining together for our Lent Concerts to sing two songs. The first they are singing as a year group, you can hear it by accessing the following link: [God is watching over you - BBC Teach](#). The second song will be performed by Key Stage 2 soloists with our Reception children singing the chorus. Please feel free to have a listen to these songs over Half Term. The lyrics will need to be performed by heart for the concert, so we have included them below.

God is Watching Over You

God is watching over you,
When you lay down to sleep,
When you wake he will keep
Always watching over you,
Now and forever more.

Living On a Prayer

Whoa, we're halfway there,
Whoa oh, living on a prayer,
Taker my hand and we'll make it I swear,
Whoa oh, living on a prayer!

Have a well-deserved, relaxing half term.

With best wishes, The Reception Team



WORLD BOOK WEEK 2025

Dear parents and carers,

St Polycarp's World Book Week will start from **Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March, with World Book Dressing Up Day on Thursday 6th March**. Every year during our World Book Week we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the week including:

Special guest readers: We are inviting you as parents, careers or family members to come and read to your child's class, either in English or another language of your choice. This can be at the end of the day or a time that is convenient for you, we know your children will love it! Please let your class teacher know if this is something you can do.

Use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.

Thursday 6th March we will be dressing up. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. We will be carrying out a World Book Day parade at school to celebrate our love of reading!

Resident author: At St Polycarp's, we are fortunate enough to have children's author, Tom Easton, as our resident author. He will be visiting us on **Thursday 6th March** to carry out some workshops with each class. Tom will also be selling his own books in the library after school on this day from 3:30pm. Access to the book sale will be through the Early Years area.

Shelfie/reading competition: We will be carrying out a competition of who can read in the craziest place. Take a photo of the children reading and send it in. The crazier the better!

We hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate all things reading!

Best wishes

The English Team
Mrs Edgell and Miss Maloney

St Polycarp's Science Fair – Tuesday 24th February 2026

We will be holding our annual Science Fair on Tuesday 24th February. The children were very excited to hear about our upcoming Science Fair and are welcome to take part by creating a project at home. Please talk with your child about whether they'd like to get involved and support them with any planning if needed.

Families are warmly invited to come and view the exhibitions in the Pope Francis Hall from **3:15–3:45pm** on the day.

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- Lower KS2 (Y3–4)
- Upper KS2 (Y5–6)
- Group entries