



Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children absolutely loved making their fantastic sledging biscuits! We hope you enjoyed tasting them at home too. In English the children have continued their work on persuasive writing. The children have been writing persuasive speeches on whether Y3 should visit Antarctica on a school trip. In Maths we have been learning about perimeter. In computing the children learnt about voice assistant technology as part of Safer Internet Day.

We hope you have a wonderful half term.

**Year 3 Team**

#### Key dates

**Half term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Science Fair**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Open Book Afternoon 3:15pm-3:45pm**

**INSET Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - (School closed)**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parents evening in person**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Lent Concert (1.45 - 3pm)**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Lent Concert (9.15 - 10.30am)**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening online**

#### Fundraising

Kingfishers and Nightingales would love to carry out another fundraising event this Spring Term for our class charity, The Mustard Seed Autism Trust. If you and your child would like to do this and have a great idea for raising money then please let your class teacher know.

#### Volunteer readers

If you have a DBS check with St Polycarp's and would like to volunteer to listen to children read each Monday or Friday, then please let your class teacher know. We would be very grateful for any time you could spare.

**13.2.26: NO HOMEWORK WILL BE SET OVER HALF TERM WEEK**

### **Lent Concert 2026**

This year's Lent Concert (in aid of Mary's Meals and the Catholic Children's Society) will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (1.45–3.00pm) & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (9.15–10.30am)**. This concert is a fantastic fundraising opportunity where each year group joins together to perform a song. Please put the dates in your diaries; further details will come out nearer the time.

Year 3 will be singing 'Waka Waka'. The children will be singing from memory so please do support them in practicing using our new online platform, Muse Class Primary; the song is accessible through this link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/DZgYjHvIGzS8mxC4>. Find the song, click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).

If your child is in the Polyphonic's choir, they also rehearse our two choir songs using this link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/DZgYjHvIGzS8mxC4>. The songs for choir are 'Play On' and 'Fireflies'.

### **St Polycarp's Science Fair – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

We will be holding our annual Science Fair on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### ***Categories:***

- EYFS & KS1
- Lower KS2 (Y3–4)
- Upper KS2 (Y5–6)
- Group entries



### **WORLD BOOK WEEK 2026**

Dear parents and carers,

St Polycarp's World Book Week will start from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, with World Book Dressing Up Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://worldbookday.com/participating-retailers).

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

The English Team  
Mrs Edgell and Miss Vardy