

Queen Mary Avenue Infant & Nursery School

Dream Big, Shine Bright



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - January 2026

Spring One

Happy new year, the festivities seem a lifetime ago as we are back into full swing at school. Children have come back with a positive attitude and as our new song goes, **'We Try Everything!'**.

We congratulate Miss Surfleet on the safe arrival of Maeve, we have seen lots of photos and mother and baby are doing well.

As always, **attendance is so important**. The children who attend school regularly make the best progress. Help your child to **'Show Up and Shine Bright'**, so they can reach their full potential here at Queen Mary Infants.

Twist and Flip

The very lucky KS1 pupils are enjoying their gymnastics P.E lessons with the local company 'Twist and Flip'. I asked one child about her experience, she said, "It was just AMAZING!"

Reports

We are once again sending out written reports to parents/carers midway through the year. This is to inform you of your child's attainment and targets which will help them to make progress during the rest of the academic year. A data report will also be sent out at the end of the Summer term. Reports will be sent home on Friday 27th February.

This will be followed up with an open afternoon on Wednesday 4th March when class teachers will be able to provide further information and guidance about how to support your child at home to meet the end of year expectations. Please sign up for an appointment after half term.

Open afternoons for Nursery children will be held in the week beginning 2nd March. Please sign up for appointments after half term.

NSPCC Number Day

NSPCC Number Day is on Friday 6th February. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their number, make a hat, wear a birthday badge or any another creations! The school council will pick a winner from each each group.

- Nursery (a number 1 – 5)
- FS2 (a number 1 – 10)
- Year 1 (a number 0 – 20)
- Year 2 (a number 0 - 30)

Parents are invited to spend some time in their children's class for them to showcase their number skills:

- Nursery – 2.15pm – 2.30pm
- FS2 – 2.30pm – 2.45pm
- Year 1 – 2.45pm – 3.00pm
- Year 2 – 3.00pm – 3.15pm



number 2 craft idea



number block 6 dress up

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a Read Write Inc sound. For example, 's' – slither down the 'snake', a child may come as a snake. Each class will send out a sound sheet for inspiration.

Children will also be involved in other Read Write Inc activities arranged by Mrs. Todd and the reading ambassadors on the day.



u - umbrella



r - robot

Spring Calendar

Please take a photo of important dates!

Monday 26th January FS2 Walk to St Aidan's Church

Friday 6th February Whole School NSPCC Number Day (see details above)

Friday 13th February MISS SCHOOL, MISS OUT! – all children will take part in a themed crafternoon and have Valentine's cookies.

Friday 13th February Finish for half-term

HALF-TERM BREAK

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 term starts

Friday 27th February Reports to Parents

Friday 27th February 'Wear it Red' Day – children are invited to wear something red and donate a silver or gold coin in support of British Heart Surgery.

Wednesday 4th March Open afternoon – see details above

Thursday 5th March World Book Day - see details above

Friday 20th March Red Nose Day – more details to follow

Tuesday 24th March Year 1 – Visit to Far Ings

Friday 27th March FS2 – Visit to Hall Farm Park

Thursday 2nd April MISS SCHOOL, MISS OUT! – all children will take part in an Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 2nd April Finish for Easter at 2pm

Tuesday 21st April Summer 1 term starts

Statutory Testing

Year 1 phonics screening - Monday 8th June to Friday 19th June 2026

Any unauthorised absences on these dates are highly likely to result in a penalty notice being issued. If your child is unwell during these times, please contact school immediately.

