



# News from Great Aine Primary School



*“From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow...”*

27.2.26



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been here at school!

Despite the road closure and the persistent rainfall (and goodness, hasn't there been a lot of it!), we were treated to a beautiful glimmer of sunshine at the beginning of the week. The daffodils around our site are beginning to emerge, bright and hopeful, reminding us that spring is just around the corner. It truly is the loveliest location for your children to learn and grow, and I feel so fortunate every day to come to work here.

This week, our children have been learning about Chinese New Year and Ramadan. It is so important that they develop an understanding of a range of cultures, traditions and ways of life. The discussions taking place in classrooms have been thoughtful and respectful, and there are some beautiful displays around school that celebrate this learning.

In **Acorns**, the children have been exploring my all-time favourite children's book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Their enthusiasm for the story has been delightful to see! Meanwhile, in Oaks Class, the children are reading *Robot Girl*, which is sparking wonderful conversations and curiosity and even a debate!

Please do ask your children about their class shared texts. Reading truly is one of life's greatest adventures — a magical way for children to explore imaginary worlds, develop empathy and let their imaginations soar. Those shared story moments in class are often the highlights of the day.

A reminder that next Thursday, 5th March, is **World Book Day**. The children have already received their World Book Day tokens, which can be exchanged for a free book at many bookshops, including our lovely local **JT Bookshop**. Do pop along and support them when collecting your child's free book — there is nothing quite like choosing a new story to take home. Children can dress as their favourite book character too.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, positivity and partnership. Even in a week of rain and roadworks, our school community shines brightly.

With warmest wishes,

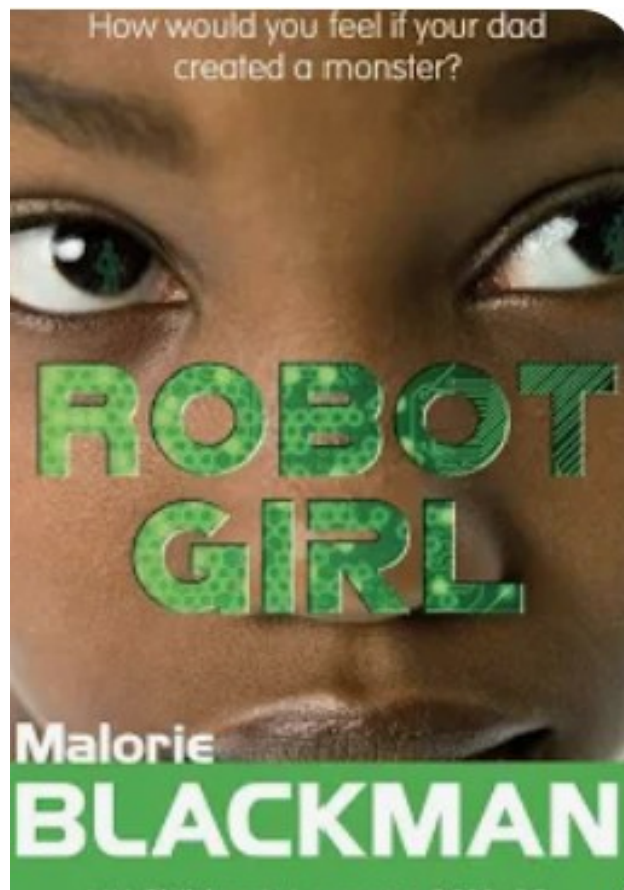
*Miss. L. Williams*



# Our Class Debate



The children held a very interesting debate based on their class text: Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman.



# Children's Mental Health Week 2026



**Creative play and  
Engagement Workshop!**

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## Spring term dates – 2026



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** -Young Voices- Birmingham Pulse Arena KS2 Choir children only

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**- Celebration Assembly- Families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Number Day – Dress up for digits

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Children’s Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**Half term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – British Science Week – Curiosity: What’s your question?

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**- Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Consultations

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Shakespeare Week

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**- 1.30pm-3pm – **Easter Workshop- St. Mary Magdalen**

**Church, Great Alne**- Families welcome to attend

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Break up for the Easter holidays

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils

Break up for Easter holidays      **Easter holidays – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** –                      **Children return for the start of the Summer term**



## Great Alne School

### Diary Dates – 2025-2026

#### Autumn term 2025

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

#### Spring term 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Ends: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**