



News from Great Aine Primary School



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

13.3.26



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week it has been in school. With British Science Week in full swing, the classrooms have been busy with experiments, investigations, questions and—most importantly—curiosity. The children have thrown themselves into every challenge, and it has been lovely to watch their scientific thinking grow.

Across the school, pupils have been exploring all sorts of fascinating ideas: building and testing bridges, discovering how aeroplanes stay in the air, learning how to turn dirty water clean, and even investigating the age-old question of whether toast is more likely to land butter-side up or down. What would *you* predict? The children made their hypotheses, carried out fair tests and recorded their results like true young scientists.

As always, learning has taken place everywhere—from classrooms to Forest School—thank you to staff for arranging a great selection of activities.

Our youngest learners in Acorns have had an extra special treat: visits from Sammy the dog and Floki, who popped into the children’s very own dog-friendly café. The children loved welcoming them, offering a treat or two, and proudly showing off the café they created from their shared love of animals. It is lovely to see the children leading their own learning in such imaginative ways.

Looking ahead, we have another exciting week planned. On Wednesday afternoon, children will be visiting the church to learn about the importance of Easter, and we are also expecting a visit from the Fire Brigade, which I know will be a highlight for many. I do hope they bring their fire engine with them!

Please don’t forget to sign up to see your child’s class teacher on Monday 16th March 2026 after school for Parents Evening. Many thanks to those parents who have already done this.

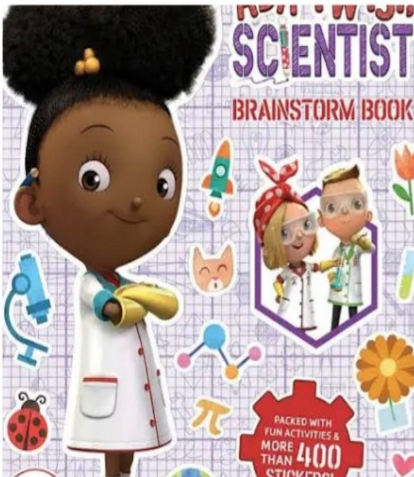
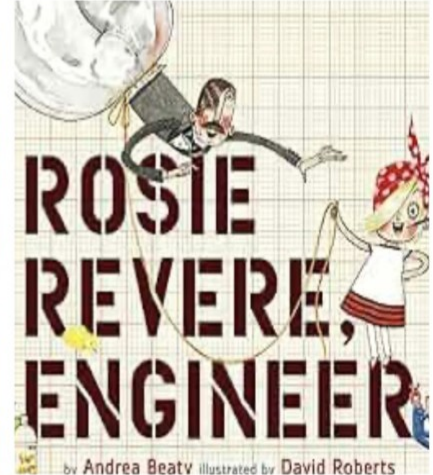
I do hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and that all our mums and carers manage to put their feet up and enjoy a well-deserved rest for Mother’s Day!

Warmest wishes

Miss. L. Williams

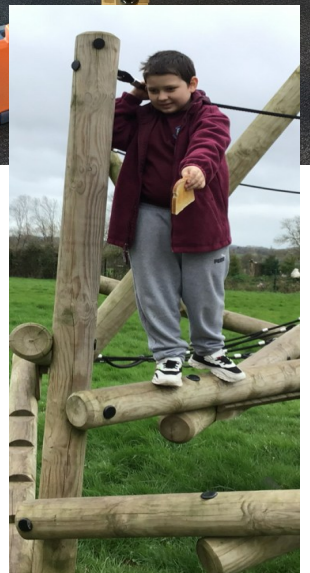


Science Week



British Science Week 2026

Curiosity- What is your question?





Furry Friends



Spring term dates – 2026



Monday 5th January - Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th January – Children return

Thursday 8th January -Young Voices- Birmingham Pulse Arena KS2 Choir children only

Wednesday 21st January- Celebration Assembly- Families of children celebrating invited to attend

Wednesday 4th February – Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

Friday 6th February – NSPCC Number Day – Dress up for digits

Monday 9th February – Children’s Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February – Break up for half term

Half term – Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Wednesday 25th February - Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 9th March – British Science Week – Curiosity: What’s your question?

Wednesday 11th March- Celebration Assembly- families of children celebrating invited to attend

Monday 16th March – Parent Consultations

Monday 23rd March – Shakespeare Week

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

Church, Great Alne- Families welcome to attend

Thursday 26th March – Break up for the Easter holidays

Friday 27th March – Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils

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

Monday 13th April – **Children return for the start of the Summer term**



Great Alne School Diary Dates – 2025-2026

Autumn term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3rd September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6th January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Monday 20th July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**