

The Owl - March and April 2025

Healthy Me

Our Jigsaw piece this half term has been Healthy Me. This important unit of work as the title suggests; focuses on ways to improve our health.

As our Jigsaw scheme is now in its 6th year at Reed First School; the children's knowledge and understanding of what being healthy means is wonderfully wide and embedded. We of course focus of health in terms of exercise and a varied range of foods to eat but we also focus of hygiene, friendships, our mental health and keeping safe inside and outside.

PCSO Hannah has also helped us by talking to the children about what to do if they are lost, how to stay safe when walking, scooting or cycling outside and how we stay safe in cars.

Does your child know how to contact you if they ever became separated? Suggestions from Hannah include helping your child to learn their address or a parent's phone number. Phone numbers can also be written and kept in a safe place in a coat or bag where your child knows its location if they ever need it. A sharpie pen used inside a coat or rucksack always gave me more peace of mind when my children were little.

When I ask the children what it means to be a 'Healthy Me' it is clear as the children move through the school, that their knowledge of this has grown with them. The first answers given aren't always simply exercise and a varied diet. Clear links are also in place that going for a walk or playing a game of tag with friends is not just helping us physically healthy but also mentally to take time away from things which may make us anxious.

March really has been a particularly active month with various sporting opportunities and events for all!



Our active month began with football coaching with Laura Mills from Royston Town FC; just for the girls! Laura has played in the past with some of the Lionesses. Our girls were suitably impressed and inspired.

Next, our sporting fixtures moved to our annual inter-house pancake races. Another successful event which showcased our children's resilience and the wonderful support and nurture our House Captains show towards their members!



The results of the 2025 Pancake Race House Competition

	1 st (5 points)	2 nd (3 points)	3 rd (2 points)
Race 1	Tawny	Barn	Eagle
Race 2	Tawny	Eagle	Barn
Race 3	Tawny	Barn	Eagle

Stand out racers for super flipping

Barn Owls	Max	5 points
Barn Owls	Scarlett	5 points
Tawny Owls	Blake	5 points
Eagle Owls	Edward	5 points

Stand out racers for super team work

Grace	Barn Owls	5 points
George H	Barn Owls	5 points
Piotr	Eagle	5 points

Final results

Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Eagle Owls
28	20	17



Well done House Captains also for cooking all of the pancakes themselves!





Our Year 2s showcased their brilliance next! Having mixed year groups often enthuses our younger children to look forward to their turn at events which we attend every year. Each year, our Year 1s train with the Y2s in our tag rugby lessons to give them a head start in the game. This year, this early start really paid off! Our Year 2s made up two teams to compete in a tag rugby festival. Both teams not only demonstrated understanding of the game; its rules and object, but also a sense of team and how to use the space on the pitch and each other to get the ball over the try line.

Both teams drew their first matches and won their subsequent two matches. The children have a great belief in themselves and aspiration to keep up with the larger schools they compete against and show just what Reed First School children are made of!

The children made me immensely proud, not only on their playing skills but also in their respect for the other teams. They were quick to shake hands with every team played and honestly stood out in their conduct throughout the whole morning.



I know that the children in Key Stage 1 and 2 are pleased to know, we have more events coming up over the rest of the school year, including: cross country, multi-skills, rounders and athletics. The whole school has maypole dancing to look forward to and of course Sports Day!

DIARY DATES

April 2025

22nd and 23rd INSET days (school closed to pupils)

24th Summer term starts for children

28th Dinky and Junior Medics (First Aid training for Bysouth and Layton classes)

30th Maypole dancing lessons (all classes)

May 2025

2nd Jackson Class assembly

7th Inter school Multi skills sports at Jenyns (Layton Class)

14th Jackson Class trip to Shepreth Wild Animal park

16th Beyond Europe Day – a celebration of our links to the world.

19th Selected School Council members taking part in Royston Schools anti-bullying campaign

21st Bysouth trip to Royston (details to follow)

26th Half term

June 2025

2nd INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

3rd Pupils back to school

6th Y2 Athletics event at St Eds

6th Inter school cross country at Anstey (Layton Class)

8th FoRS Summer fair

11th School photo

20th KS2 community safety event hosted by Reed

27th Inter school Rounders event at Reed (Layton Class)

July 2025

3rd and 4th Summer Performance at 2.00pm (whole school)

9th Community tea party hosted by Layton Class

10th Herts Transition Day (new school / class visits)

11th Layton Class campout 6.00pm – 8.00am at school

15th Sports Day 11am

17th Reception, Year One and Two toy museum trip

22nd Final celebrations and Layton Leavers assembly at 12.45pm

22nd term ends at 2pm for children

Please remember all dates are available on our website:

<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>

Thank you to those of you donated this month to Red Nose Day 2025.



We raised an impressive £127 thanks to the children getting so involved with red noses galore!



The Burrow

An update on our outdoor learning area. It is an absolute delight to open the blinds in Jackson Class now to look out on this view!



There is still work to be done but there has been amazing progress. Huge thanks to the Jackson Class team of mums and Mrs Arnott for leading this project. Thank you too for the generous donations made for plants and equipment! Just let us know if you would like to get involved in projects at school. There are always jobs to do, like putting up some coat pegs in Jackson Class if anyone is willing?!

Immersing ourselves in books

As you know, March is always the month for World Book Day. As our children love books so much, we always spread our celebrations of books out. After our Where the Wild Things Are workshop at the end of February, the children have been busy using the dance to inspire some writing. I look forward to putting some of this on display in the hall soon.

The children during World Book Day week also explored and bought new books at our book fair, dressed as favourite books or characters and our librarians ran a fabulous book swap stall through the week.



Thank you children for continuing to show such a love of reading!



Sound waves

Layton Class enjoyed a workshop this week to support their science curriculum.



I learnt about vibrations, I saw them in the sand because there was a speaker underneath sending sound waves to the sand.

Frankie

Tuning forks can be put very near your ear but others don't need to. Some make a sound which last longer and travels further because there is a hollow inside it.

Nathaniel

Sound doesn't just travel in one direction.

Isla

Your ear drum vibrates when you hear sounds. This sends a signal to your brain to decipher what the sound is.

Henry



Easter Fun!



The children enjoyed their final day of term thanks to the joy of wearing their own Easter hats and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

The children complimented each other on fabulous hat creations and helped each other find eggs!



Particular mention goes to those children who showed great resilience and so demonstrated this week's Jigsaw Celebration of being able to keep calm in difficult situations; like worrying if you were ever going to find an egg! You know who you are!

There were also children in Jackson Class who found an extra egg at lunch play after the hunt and handed it in! Amazing honesty – thank you!

congratulations
on your
wedding

Keeley and Matt!

And finally...

Thank you for all of your support for our school it really does make all the difference to have a real sense of team and family within our community.

We look forward to welcoming Oscar and Alfie who are joining us in the summer term. I know that they will be welcomed by all along with their family.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break. Mrs Wittich

