

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 6th March 2026

Trip to China

Mr Winch and I have been offered the chance to travel to China for a week to visit Chinese schools, looking at how children are educated and how teachers use technology to support this. We will be travelling with staff from a partnership of local schools, including King Edward VI Upper, with the aim of building global links between our schools. This may lead to cultural exchange visits for older pupils.

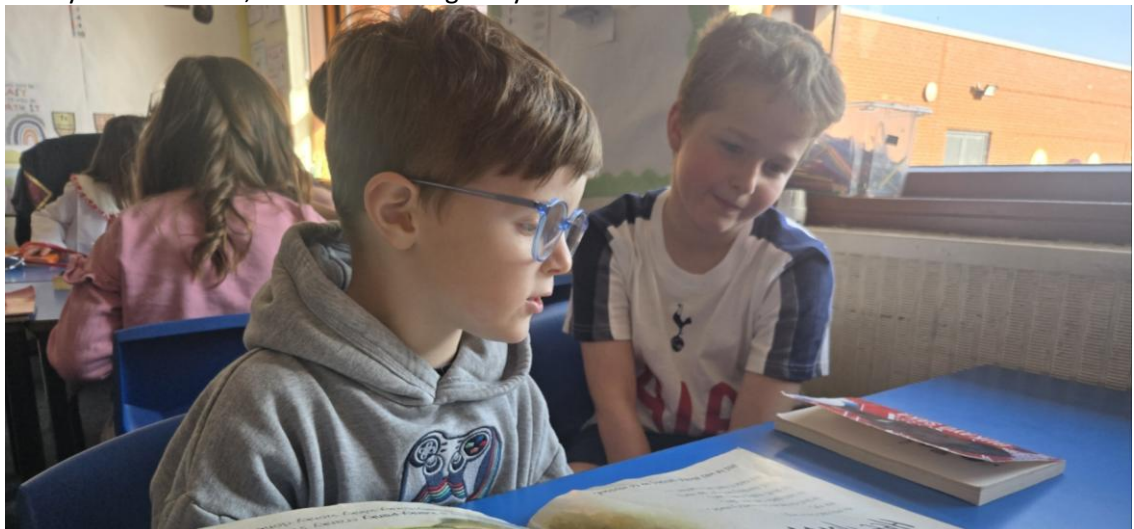
We fly out on Tuesday 17th March and return the following Wednesday. During this period, Mr Wells and Mrs Dade will lead the school. We look forward to sharing details of the trip with pupils on our return.

Mr James Tottie, Headteacher

World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to visit the Book Fair over the past month. We sold nearly £1000 worth of books – it has been great to hear children excited about reading and sharing stories with their friends. We are still awaiting delivery of books ordered at the fair – I hope these will be delivered early next week.

Yesterday was a real celebration of reading, with children bringing beloved books of their own to share with staff and friends. Most yeargroups spent the morning turning creating graphic novels based on these stories, which will be proudly displayed in our library! In the afternoon, we mixed up classes across the school so that younger and older pupils could share stories together. Across the day, the leadership team visited every class in the school to read a story. I was fortunate to be able to read to our Year 6 pupils, and overheard one pupil say “this is my favourite part of Book Day”. Watching the whole yeargroup laugh, gasp, cringe and pause as I read really reminded me of the power of reading. These pupils, a few months away from their SATS, looked exactly as they did when I used to read to them in Year 2. A good story brings out the young child in us all and is a bonding experience – give it a try this weekend, no matter the age of your child!



Mr Jamie Winch, Reading lead

Competition Winners

We had many entries for our 'turn a box into a book character' and it was *very* hard to choose winners! A huge thank you to every child who took part. Congratulations to the following winners, each of whom was given a £5 book voucher:

Nursery – Mabel

Year 2 - Isla

Year 5 – Amelie

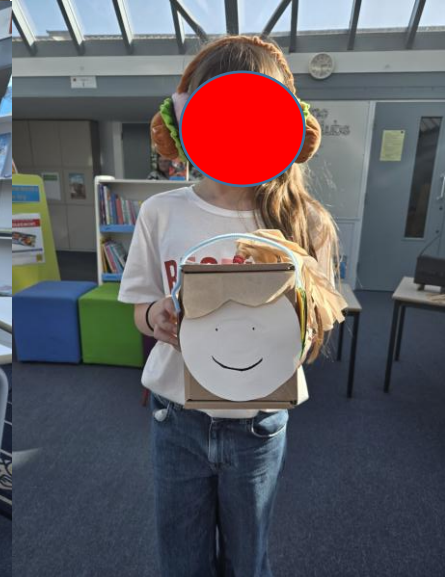
Reception – Mabel

Year 3 – Lochlan

Year 6 - Emelia

Year 1 - Maisie

Year 4 – Zoya



Outside of School

Year 5 pupil Iris has been celebrating this week after winning an incredible three gold medals for swimming! She took part in a competition at the Crown pool in Ipswich where she came first in the 50m butterfly, 100m backstroke and 100m individual medley races. Iris joined West Suffolk Swimming Club in Year 3 and practices three times per week. She said she felt proud and tired after the races, and that her friends reacted 'OMG!' when they saw her medals! Well done Iris – we are all very proud of you. Remember this moment!



Outside of School

Well done to Carter in Class 11, who achieved his white and purple belt 4th Kyu after passing the exam on Saturday. He is pictured below with his sensai. Congratulations Carter – your practice is helping you get better and better!



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Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a benchball tournament this week. One group came first and one second. They did a fantastic job of trying their best and were great representatives of our school. Congratulations to them all!



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Nischay (Year 3) has gained his orange belt in Karate. His friends are very proud of him! Well done Nischay and keep it up!



Cake Sale Success

Well done to our Year 3 pupils, who recently fundraised for an upcoming school trip. The children raised £470 – a brilliant success! The pupils worked well together to add totals and give change.

