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Message from SLT

Happy new year!

Welcome to 2026!

Our Curriculum Connector this term is: *Wonderful World*

This term, our Curriculum Connector theme is **Wonderful World**, with learning inspired by the sights, sounds, textures, and movement of our local and global environment.

Throughout the term, pupils will explore themed learning through the following strands:

- **London Town**
- **Transport**
- **On the Move**
- **London Calling**

These themes have been carefully chosen to support communication, sensory exploration, early cognition, physical development, and curiosity about the wider world.

Learning in Action – How Pupils Are Exploring the Theme

Across the school, classes are already bringing *Wonderful World* to life through hands-on and sensory-based activities, including:

London Town

Tough trays featuring small-world London scenes with buildings, buses, black cabs, and bridges

Messy play using textured materials (sand, rice, and foam) to explore famous landmarks

Sorting activities with London-themed objects, colours, or pictures to support early categorisation and choice-making

Visual and sensory stories around a visit to London, supported by objects of reference

Transport

Vehicle sorting trays, grouping cars, trains, and planes by colour, size, or type

Messy play tracks using paint, mud, or shaving foam to make tyre and wheel marks

Cause-and-effect activities with rolling vehicles down ramps or pushing buttons for transport sounds

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Switch-activated toys representing different forms of transport

On the Move

Movement-focused sessions, encouraging pupils to explore travel through walking, rolling, climbing, or being pushed

Sensory pathways with textures underfoot to simulate journeys

Music and rhythm activities exploring speed, stopping, and going using movement and props

Heavy work activities, such as pushing boxes or pulling carts, to represent transporting goods

London Calling

Role-play and sensory trays exploring communication (telephones, post boxes, sound buttons)

Exploring sounds associated with the city, including sirens, bells, and announcements

Messy mark-making using red, black, and white to reflect London symbols

Interactive stories and songs related to calling, listening, and responding

A Term Full of Discovery

Throughout the term, classrooms will be filled with themed resources, music, sensory experiences, and opportunities for pupils to engage at their own level. Whether engaged in problem solving, early literacy or communication, exploring textures in a tough tray, making choices in messy play, or responding to movement and sound, every activity is designed to support communication, cognition, and sensory regulation.

Be sure to keep an eye out for photos, updates, and learning highlights as we continue our *Wonderful World* journey together.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Celebrating Our Evidence of Learning App Launch!

We have now been sharing with families information about your son/daughters learning through our **Evidence for Learning (EFL) App**. s

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We would love to hear your feedback or thoughts on your experience with the App.

We hope you enjoy seeing weekly highlights of your child's learning journey and that you take advantage of the opportunity to share special moments from home as well. We're excited to reignite this initiative and look forward to building on this positive start together.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing or using the app, please don't hesitate to reach out. Additionally, we will be hosting a **Coffee Morning this month**, where our team will be available to provide further support and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making your child's learning journey a shared and celebrated experience!

Pupils of the week

Serena in Simmonds class: - For using her AAC and GRID to communicate her wants and needs

Dylan in Grey Thompson Class :
By showing how brave he is by putting his face fully in the water while swimming.

13.01-parental coffee morning
Hospital passports
22.01-parental coffee morning
Continence nurse
06.02-Skills learning session for families-exploratory play
16.02-20.02 school closed Half term
24.02- Bamboozle for some ASD pupils
05.03-world book day
06.03- coffee morning
17.03 St Patrick's Day

Please see poster at end of newsletter with all dates and information.
20.03 Comic Relief
24.03 -parental coffee morning finance and legal advice
27.03 Inset Day
30.03-10.04 school **closed Easter**

Safeguarding

We hope all our families enjoyed a safe and peaceful Christmas holiday. As we welcome everyone back, we are excited to continue working together to ensure all our amazing pupils remain safe, happy, and supported throughout the coming term.

In our first safeguarding session of the year, all classes relooked at the levels of agency intervention from class member through to Child Protection. We focused on where Early Help sits within this framework and how staff can work with Early Help in collaboration with families. This important discussion provided a valuable opportunity to highlight training needs and identify any barriers to maintaining the best possible practices in our complex needs and PMLD (Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities) school setting.

The insights shared have been instrumental and will lead to meaningful changes as we continue striving for excellence in safeguarding. We are grateful for the commitment and collaboration of our staff and families in fostering a nurturing and secure environment for our pupils. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Here's to a positive and successful term ahead!

Welfare

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Upcoming Parents Coffee Morning – Join Us!

We are pleased to invite you to a Parents Coffee Morning next week, where our discussion will focus on two important priorities for our SEND children and families:

- **Hospital passports for children with SEND**, and
- **The development of safe, inclusive spaces in hospitals** for SEND pupils and their families.

This session will bring parents, carers and friends together to share experiences, explore concerns, and **agree a collective course of action** to take these priorities forward. The group is already beginning to work with our **local MP**, and this meeting will help shape the next steps and strengthen our shared voice.

The Coffee Morning will also provide an opportunity to introduce and talk about **FOLAR – Friends of Lime Academy Ravensbourne**. FOLAR aims to be a supportive and proactive parents and friends group, driven by your ideas and focused on making a meaningful difference for our school community.

Whether your interest lies in advocacy, peer support, raising awareness, or helping to influence positive change for SEND children and their families, your contribution will be valued.

We hope you can join us for an informal and supportive discussion, and we look forward to working together to make a positive impact. If you'd like a slightly more formal or more parent-friendly group please join us and let us know your thoughts.

⏰ **Time:** Tuesday 13th January

10am-11.30am

📍 **Location:** At school

Come along, share your thoughts, and enjoy a cup of coffee with us!

…and around school this week

please we said goodbye to the festive sparkle this week until next December…so hopefully we will be welcoming in the better weather very soon now!

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Activities with Families: Spring 2026

Date	Time	Event	Details
Tuesday 13th January	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Post-Christmas catch up, hospital passports & write to MP about safe spaces in hospitals for all children with complex needs
Thursday 22nd January	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Continence Nurse
Friday 6th February	10 – 11.30	Play Session for Families	An opportunity for parents and carers to work with school staff to develop strategies for exploratory play.
Friday 13th February	Time tbc	Shared Learning and refreshments with SLT	Families welcome to join their child's class for activities
		Half Term (16.02.26 - 20.02.26)	
Tuesday 24th February	Times tbc	Bamboozle for some ASD learners	Details of classes and times to follow
Thursday 5th March	All day	World Book Day	Dress up as a book character
Friday 6th March	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Guest tbc
Tuesday 17th March	All day	**St Patrick's Day**	**A chance to dress in green!**
	10 – 11.00	Stay & Play	Guest under 2s families to explore the Sensory Room

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