

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Children and staff had lots of fun on World Book Day, dressing up as book characters, writing stories and reading our favourite books. You all looked amazing!



Following a successful World Book Day, we are working with Usborne Books to deliver our first online book fair. This will run for two weeks from Monday 9th March until Friday 20th March.

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to browse an online catalogue and order books if they wish to. These will then be delivered to school. As a bonus, any books purchased will go towards receiving free brand-new books for our school. More information on where to

browse and order will be available on Monday 9th March via our Dojo app!



We have all enjoyed the FRIS MASKED READER competition over the last 6 weeks children, staff and parents! All our correct entries were put in the randomiser and the winners of the Waterstone vouchers

Nursery— Reuben Ga (Butterflies)

Reception— Lilly (R3)

Year 1— Evangeline (R10)

Year 2— Henry (R15)



This Fortnight's Reading Recommendations



JASPER'S BEANSTALK



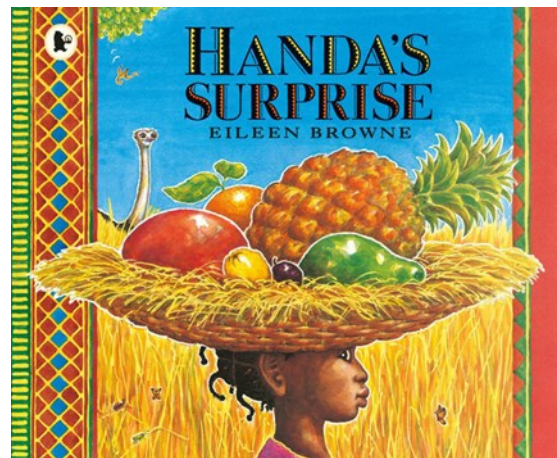
Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen

Nursery

A lovely illustrated book about growing as we had towards Spring.

Reception

A popular story that shows a colourful landscape and encourages the use of senses.



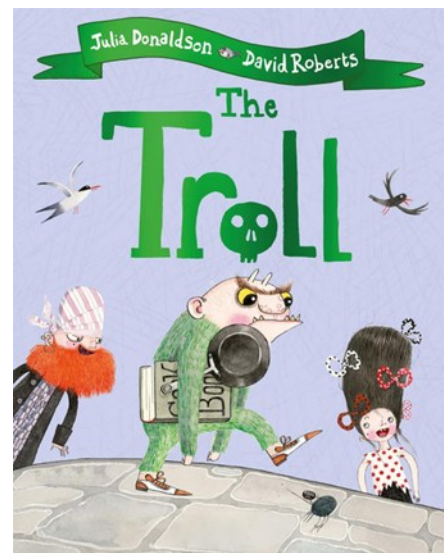
Year 1



An engaging and repetitive story with a journey that will keep you immersed throughout.

Year 2

This book includes a well-known character mixed with a pirate theme to bring charm and humour.



FABULOUS NEWS



We are proud to announce that our school is officially a myHappyMind Bronze Accredited school.

The Accreditation recognises schools that are embedding the myHappyMind curriculum into school life and taking real action to improve the mental health and well-being of the school community. As a school we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self esteem as well as teaching them how to self regulate in those stressful times.

We would like to thank those children, staff and parents who provided feedback about the programme, which supported the application.

Reception Child "I use my bravery character strength when I need to try something new. Honesty is one of our golden rules too and I know I am honest but I need to try hard to be brave sometimes. When I went swimming I was scared but my happy breathing helped and I remembered that I am brave."

Year One Pupil "We've been learning about how the three parts of the brain react. If the hippocampus and prefrontal cortex are asleep you would be sad, scared, frozen. The amygdala keeps you safe from danger. Team HAP shows us this."

Reception Teacher "The myhappymind multimedia lessons, resources and strategies are part of our teaching and learning. We complete sensory circuits three times a day and the myhappybreathing is part of the calming process that enables the brain to then refocus on the next key learning. We also incorporate the strategies on our SEN plans for children with additional needs."

Year One Teacher" During a phonics lesson, one of my pupils couldn't remember what a particular digraph was in a word, so I asked him to have a think to which he replied I will use my hippocampus. A moment later he recalled the letters he needed! "

"As a family myHappyMind is absolutely key to our emotional regulation at home. After being introduced to it from both my daughters aged 7 and 4 we use it with our direction and they ask for it too. We have played songs through the app in our car when we need a bit of chill time. We have used the techniques to calm or diffuse situations as well as overcome situations where the girls have been worried about something. We use it so often I've seen them try and regulate each other using the techniques, which is wonderful. It's a great thing to introduce to them at an age where they are still learning all the time." Parent.

"At Farnborough Road Infant School the myHappyMind programme has wholeheartedly supported the whole school focus we have on children's, and adult's mental health and wellbeing and has complemented our calm, inclusive and nurturing culture. The myHappyMind programme has enabled us to embed preventative and consistent strategies and language across our whole school community. We have seen our young children develop a strong

understanding of how their brain works, enabling them to build their resilience and confidence in managing their feelings and emotions." Miss Sephton

Don't forget to sign up to the FREE Parent app, you can use the QR code below to download it.



If you want to find out more about Myhappymind Programme



Elsie's Story Mothers Day pop up shop under the canopy Friday 13th March at 3pm. New style tote especially for Mothers Day and the small and 3 wick candles available.

Thank you for all your Hoodie competition entries. We have received a total of 224 hoodie competition entries from FRS's. We are blown away by the talent right the way across the whole school. An outpouring of love for Elsie and the charity.

Elsie's Story - London Marathon 2026



Emily Flanagan is raising money for Elsie's Story

London Marathon 2026 - 26 April 2026 - Start fundraising for this event



£840
raised by 44 supporters

Give Now

Share



London Marathon 2026
Campaign by Elsie's Story (RCN 1210811)

Elsie's Story is running the next London Marathon! A team of runners, taking on the iconic challenge on the 26th April 2026. Every step continues to write the pages... A huge 'thank you' to both our runners and supporters...

[Read campaign & charity description](#)

Mrs Flanagan's training is going well. She says, "so with 50 days to go to the London Marathon the training has really stepped up now! The long runs are getting longer and the short runs are not long too! I'm at the halfway mark

in terms of distance so the only way is up! I have been enjoying getting out and having some time to myself and nothing beats that post run feeling! I'm so motivated and inspired by other runners for Elsie's story and other charities, especially David and Sergio. And of course, reminding myself of Elsie's determination, positivity and joy helps me when training is tough. Please sponsor me if you can, it's a cause so close to all of our hearts. Thank you. " Please follow the link to support Mrs Flanagan <https://www.justgiving.com/page/emily-flanagan30>

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Amazing News!



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS DARWIN



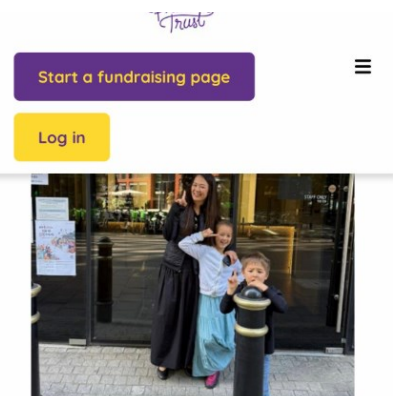
This week Darwin returned from the Golfing world championship in Spain and we are pleased to say that Darwin had a great week finishing 6th playing against the best 7 year olds in the world when he is only 6 and on a incredibly hard course and abroad for the first time too. Darwin has also finished 2nd in a World Championship in Ireland last July (under 8s) and won 15 times last year in other competitions.

He has a busy year ahead, including international/world competitions- European Championships (Scotland, May half term), Irish International Open (end of June) and World Championships Pinehurst (USA, end of July), Darwin works so hard in school and on the golf course! What an amazing achievement, we are all so proud of you.

Oscar and his sister Scarlett have raised £335 this year for Little Princess charity. Each year the family chose a different charity to support. In 2025 they raised £475 for North West Air Ambulance last and £650 for Macmillan the year before. That's £1,460 over 3 years! How amazing is this! I am so proud of Scarlett and Oscar thinking about others. Huge shout out to all their family and friends for their support too.



Hi. My name is Scarlett and I'm turning 10 and my little brother Oscar is turning 7 years old in January. We'd like to have a fundraiser to the charity instead of getting presents for our birthdays. The reason we started this project it's because we lost our grandma for cancer 3 years ago. We made a donation to MacMillan cancer charity, Northwest air ambulance over the last 2 years. This year my mum is donating her hair to Little Princess charity and me and my little brother Oscar would love to have a fundraiser for making the wig for the children instead of our present. We hope this makes someone feel happy and give a big smile.



Scarlett, Oscar and Kyoungmi's



HUGE THANK YOU to Frankie and Tayah and Mrs Bedford

Thank you for donating your Tonies to school for our NEST and Pet Paradise sensory rooms.

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Nursery spaces are filling up fast for September 2026 if you are interested in a 2 year old Nursery place or 3 year old pre-school place please contact our school office for an admissions form and a school tour.



Join us for a School Tour

Come and see what our Early Years provision has to offer

2 year old Nursery
3 year old Nursery
Reception

Individual school tours available
9.30am, 4pm & 5pm

Book a school tour with
Miss Sephton on 01704 577637
or email
admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Wrap around care available
7.45am till 6pm including holidays

Reasons to choose our Nursery provision :

Your child will be taught by a qualified Nursery Teacher with excellent knowledge of the Early Years Curriculum and how children learn.

Your child will enjoy a carefully planned, creative curriculum enhanced by a range of visiting professionals.

Your child will enjoy a high quality Nursery environment and also use our excellent

school facilities.

Your child will make excellent progress and be ready for starting school in Reception.

We provide a choice of sessions to meet every family's needs. 30 hours full time plus wrap around 7.45am till 6pm OR 1, 2 , 3 or 4 days, top up your funding entitlement with additional sessions.

If you are interested in full time 2 year old provision please contact our school office to discuss.

Oracy challenge!



What makes you smile the most?



My dogs make me smile the most. The greeting you receive after a hard day at work is joyous, their wagging tails, wet kisses and unconditional love is heart warming.

Do you agree or disagree with Miss Lea? Have a discussion with somebody in your house using the talk tactics. Remember to speak in full sentences and explain your reasoning.

<p>Instigate Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “ I think ____ “ Let's begin with ____ “ I have a great idea, I'll go first ____ 	<p>Build Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “ X's idea made me think ____ “ I'd like to know more about ____ “ Yes, and ____ 	<p>Challenge Disagree or present an alternative argument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “ I don't think ____ “ You said ____ but what about ____? “ I disagree with ____ 	<p>Clarify Ask questions to make things clearer and check your understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “ Do you mean that ____? “ I think you are saying ____ “ So, what you're saying is ____
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2026 SMARTIES CHALLENGE

FRIS PTFA have given you a treat, these yummy Smarties for you to eat.

Thank you for all your kind **SMARTIES** donations. We hope your children enjoyed collecting coins for their jobs around the home.

Look out for the total raised soon!

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Our class weekly attendance is shared in Friday's 'Star of the Week' Assembly and the children are keen for their class to win the Attendance Bear for the week.

Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 23rd February is Room 1 99% and Room 7 100%

Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 2nd March is Butterflies 98% and Rooms 7 & 10 99%

Whole school attendance for the year to date is 96%.

The Government target for whole school attendance is 97%.



World Down Syndrome Day

••• **March 21** •••

As part of our work promoting Equality and Diversity and developing the features as a neuro-diverse friendly school we are continuing our series on our newsletters, raising awareness of Neurodiversity across the whole school community.

Don't forget to wear your odd socks on Saturday 21st March!



Down's Syndrome

World Down Syndrome Day - Saturday 21st March 2026

What is Down's Syndrome?

Down syndrome (or Trisomy 21) is a condition in which a person has an extra chromosome.

Chromosomes are "packages" of genes in the body. They determine how a baby's body forms and functions as it grows.

Down syndrome occurs naturally - there is no known cause.



Facts about Down's Syndrome



We love to make friends.



Speak slowly and clearly. Signs may help us understand.



Please give us extra time to answer questions.



We enjoy learning through play.



Please use pictures to help me learn.



Be patient with us.



Listen carefully to what we say and make sure we can see your face when you speak to us.



We love it when we receive praise - "Well done!", "Great job!"



Don't underestimate me...

Everyone with Down syndrome has a learning disability, it takes longer to learn new information and master skills but with greater inclusion, our young people can each fulfil their potential.



FRIS PTFA

Mother's Day Shop

Wednesday 11th March
£3 per gift on ParentPay until
4 March 2026.

The perfect gift for your special people!
A Mother's Day shop will take place on
11th March for children to get presents
for the special people in
their lives.

Please note: payment via
ParentPay only, due to the
advanced planning of this
event.

**25 MARCH
2026**



FRIS PTFA

EASTER FAIR

**£3 ON
PARENTPAY**

Plus 50p to enter this year's
Decorate An Egg Competition



Each class will visit the Easter Fair during the school day for
Easter fun, games, crafts and prizes!

Please bring one or two boxed Chocolate Easter Eggs to class by
Wednesday 18th March for the Egg Tombola, in exchange for
non-uniform day on the day of the fair.



Every child wins an egg to take home!



Children can enter the Decorate An Egg Competition for 50p.
Please decorate an egg with your child at home* and bring them
on 25 March. Miss Sephton will pick the winners according to
year group, who will come home with prizes!



Please clearly name your creation along with class number.



Please remember the school
remains nut free!

Please note: only payments
made via parentpay will be
accepted

*Eggs can be hard boiled
with the shell on or
polystyrene.



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