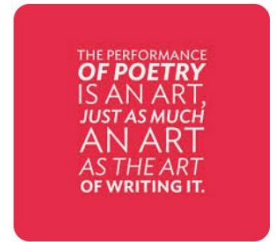




A highlight of this week is the final of our Off by Heart poetry event. The children's performances astounded us all! They performed with enthusiasm and confidence and once again we were in awe by the expression, effort and talent on show.



Every pupil across the school had learned a poem and shared it within their class: we are incredibly proud of all the performances and all were celebrated. As with any competition there can only be a small number of finalists and winners, yet every child deserves recognition for the bravery and commitment it takes to stand up and perform poetry in front of an audience

Congratulations to our finalists: Penny, Willow, Neo, Finley E, George, Daphne, Teddy P, Lily H, Clementine, Gwyn, Ffion, Raf, Esther, Jadon, Poppy, Henry W, Harris, Julia, Ching Ching, Henry H, Ada, Isabel P, Aurelia N Freya, Lydia.

Our 2025 winners and their poems :

- George (1) – How to tell a Llotz from a Glotz by Dr Seuss
- Teddy P- Jack and Jill
- Clementine – As soon as Fred Gets Out of Bed by Jack Prelutsky
- Harris – The Tyger by William Blake
- Julia – The Mouse and The Cake by Eliza Cook
- Ada – Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll
- Freya – The Tyger by William Blake

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Finalists received engraved medals and sweets, with trophies and book tokens for the winners.

**Big thanks** to [The Book Case in Lowdham](#) for donating the book token prizes. We hope winners will enjoy choosing a lovely new book!

Well done and thank you to our wonderful children for sharing their talents with us, and to our parents and carers for your support. Thank you to our Governors, Dr Bullock and Mrs Rowen for their judging.



## Feeling Proud



Our chess teams have continued to perform well in the Rushcliffe Schools Chess League. Our school entered four teams into the spring event and have achieved a combined total of 31 points across the autumn and spring competitions, placing the school competitively within the league.



★ Thomas would like to share his player of the match award achievement.

★ Barney completed his first big hike around Monsal Dale in the Peak District. There was some very heavy rain but Barney led the whole way, learning about the local wildlife, the old Monsal trail and exploring the viaduct and illuminated tunnels.

★ Swimming success for Ross and Sophie – well done!

★ Alex was selected as one of just three players from his club to attend an England Basketball 3x3 Aspire development session this weekend, where he joined 59 others and received excellent feedback.

★ Jason has been awarded “Player of the Week” at FSM Southglade Park Hub. He has won two tickets to a Notts County match which he is looking forward to.



Well done for your dedication and hard work.

We had lots to celebrate today - congratulations to all our Golden Assembly Super-Stars.



**Foundation ‘open classroom’**

It was a pleasure to welcome Foundation parents and carers into the classroom this afternoon. The children were proud to share their work and achievements, and it was great to have you in school with us. Mrs Hodgson will be planning another opportunity for you to visit soon.



**Staying safe**

The document attached to the email “When Something Goes Wrong Online – A Simple Action Plan for Parents.” is designed to help parents respond confidently if their child experiences something upsetting online, offering clear guidance on how to talk to their child about what has happened and how to report concerns through the appropriate channels

**Fundraiser**

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club is hosting its second annual Swimathon on Saturday 20th June at Bingham Arena, following last year’s fantastic event which raised over £6,500.

The Swimathon is open to all ages and abilities, with teams working together to swim as many lengths as they can during their allocated time. It’s a great community event and a fun way to stay active while raising money for good causes.

A proportion of the funds raised can be donated to a charity of your choice — we would love for our school to be one of them.

Please scan the QR code on the flyer for more information and to sign up.



Diary Dates	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4&5 residential to Condover Hall, Shropshire returning on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Nottinghamshire County Show
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 <b>SATs week</b> starts
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential returning on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return to school
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Ks2 summer show pm & eve
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 summer show eve
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for children
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day