

# Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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March 2026 edition



Term



dates

## TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025/2026

### SPRING TERM ENDS

Friday 27th March



### SUMMER TERM 2026

#### TERM STARTS

Monday 13th April

#### HALF TERM

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

#### TERM ENDS

Monday 20th July



## TRAINING DAYS/PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL

May Day – Monday 4th May 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026



# Message from Mrs Brettell



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Easter holiday, I want to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a happy and safe holiday. I would also like to take a moment to reflect on the past term and express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to our school community.

Our students have demonstrated outstanding performance this term, and I am proud of the hard work they have put into achieving such success.

Alongside their usual lessons pupils have taken part in World Book Day, Mother's day events and Eid assemblies to name a few.



I would also like to commend our staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our pupils. They go above and beyond to ensure our pupils have a positive and fulfilling experience.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our new FORCS committee that have worked incredibly hard to raise the profile of FORCS and started to raise funds to support a new sensory room. You will have seen they are in the process of organising 'miles for smiles' charity walk.



As you are aware the plans for the expansion/development are underway in terms of consultation phase. This is a much needed project for our pupils and staff.

Next term we are excited to welcome Mrs Wood and Mrs Willott to our senior leadership team. They will be joining as Assistant Headteachers and both have a wealth of SEND experience. Many of you will already know Mrs Wood as she has been part of the school for many years and has been one of our incredible phase leads. Mrs Willott currently works at a large special school in Birmingham so we look forward to her bringing further ideas and experience. Miss Ayoub, Miss Bibi and Miss Samir will also be joining as new personal support assistants.

We officially said goodbye to Miss Bev at the end of Autumn term who retired. However, she returned as a lunchtime supervisor and casual member of staff, so you will no doubt continue to see her around. Miss Bev has been at the school for 29 years. I would like to thank her for her years of commitment and dedication to the pupils and staff. It has been a pleasure to work with Miss Bev and I know everyone will miss her within the classroom.

I wish you all a very happy Easter, let us come back from the holiday refreshed, recharged, and ready to continue our journey.



# Shooting Stars

Shooting Stars class have explored the keyword 'need' this half term. The children particularly enjoyed rainbow themed activities with communication opportunities based on what colours we 'need' to include. We also explored toys with switches, so the children had opportunities to show a 'need' for help.




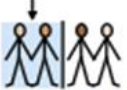






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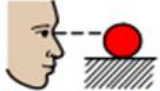






# Sunshines Class Newsletter

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Over this half term we have loved taking our




        
learning outside of the classroom. We have enjoyed

         
Forest School and looking at variations across the seasons.



     
Our favourite lesson has been

    
Geography and exploring

    
different countries and cultures.



Planets Class








Planets class have been learning about self









care and independent skills in Science.


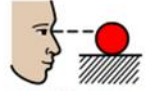



We have been practicing brushing our teeth

and weather appropriate clothing.



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  have   
  loved   
  exploring   
  Forest   
  School   
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 +   
  and rainy   
  Spring   
  term,   
  jumping   
  in   
  puddles,   
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 hot chocolate   
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  and looking at   
  wildlife   
  through   
  binoculars.



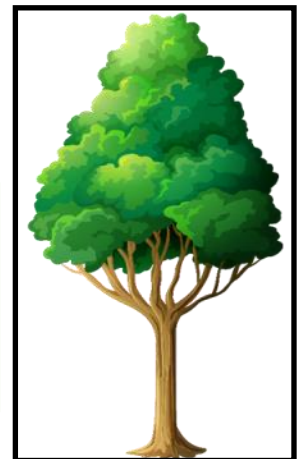
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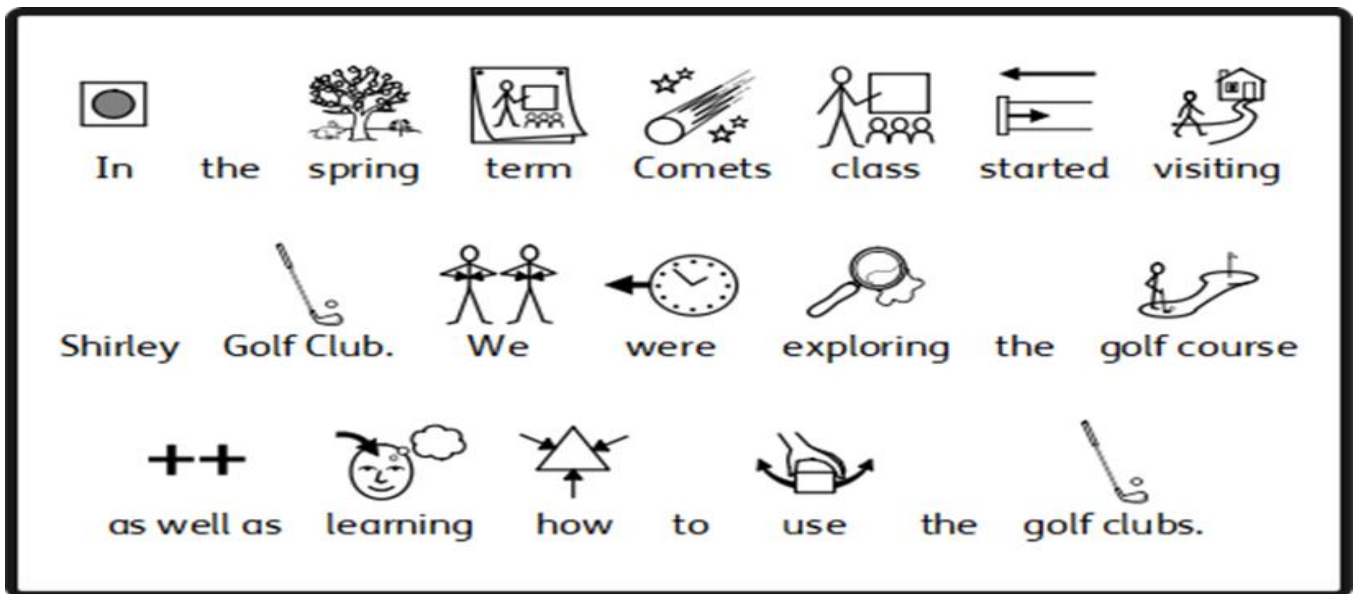
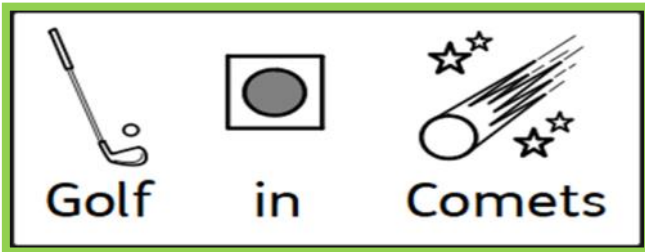
In maths we have been exploring weight and volume whilst making different sensory recipes. Pupils have taken it in turns to add weigh and add the ingredients before combing them to make sensory play items such as oobleck, moon sand and coloured rice.





Rockets have been exploring the outdoor area linked with Phonics and the sounds that you hear in Spring.







Galaxies



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Galaxies have still been travelling around the world in Geography. This

month, Galaxies have been to Italy, Spain and today Mexico. The children

tried crispy tacos and dressed up in traditional Mexican clothes. We also

celebrated International Woman's Day and had a Mothers & Others

assembly. Pupils made beautiful cards to send to Mothers and Others.





















This term, the topic was clothes. In Mercury class we have


explored different types of materials and clothing. Through the term we



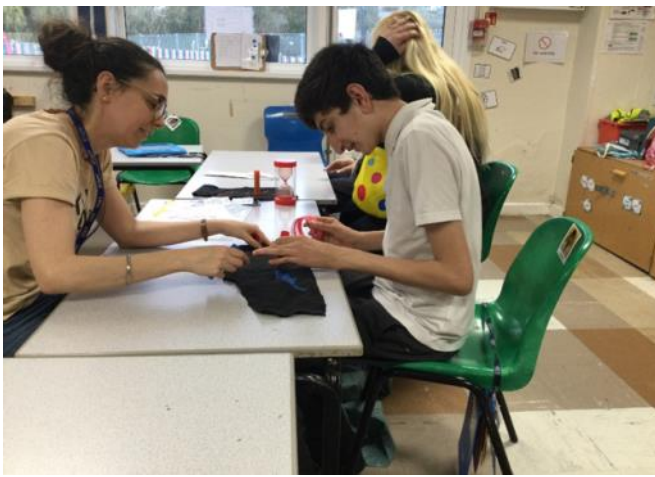









have designed clothes using our favorite colours, materials and patterns.





This term pupils have been going out and about on the school bus.

Pupils have visited cafes and have also been shopping to buy their Mother's Day cards.





This term pupils engaged in a lot of different activities

such as: safe transitions and job responsibilities, total

communication sessions throughout the day, exploration of

clothes and fabrics, weather related lessons and outdoor learning.





Jupiter



class



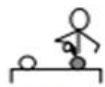
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farm!



# Neptune Class



In my community, Neptune have been 'getting out and about'.



Pupils have learnt about how to safely move around their



school community and have applied this knowledge when walking



to the School House garden.



This half term Satellite centre students have been busy going on  
 their my future visits. Students have been on work experience and  
 work tasters, alternative provision visits as well as college visits.



**Year 14 – 19 students**



### **Working towards ASDAN qualifications**

Students in 14 – 19 stage continue to work hard towards their ASDAN qualifications. Many activities within the school day support accreditation along with specifically planned lessons. We also regularly visit our local community to practice and gain a range of skills.

Students from Venus have been working hard on 'Preparing drinks and snacks' This is a student from Venus class helping make a cup of tea. Students are encouraged to do as much as they can by themselves ensuring safety is followed.



The students at satellite centre have been working on 'Getting on with other people' This is two friends taking a selfie together.

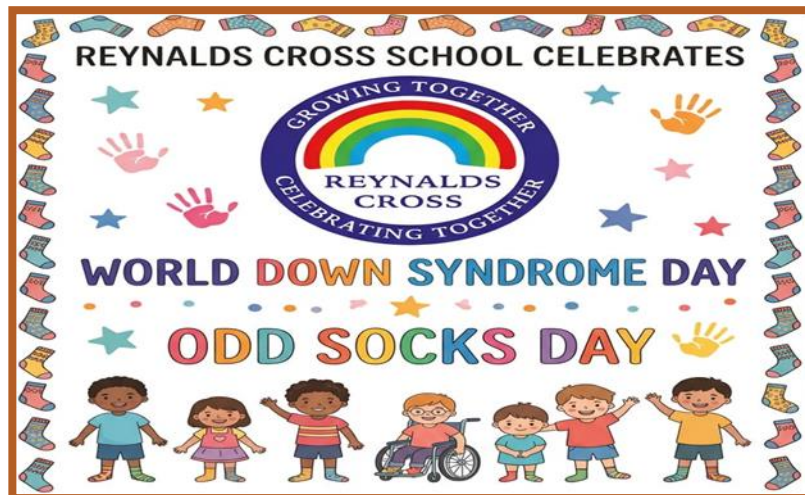


As part of 'Encountering experiences and being part of things' A student in Jupiter class is enjoying using sand, he is feeling different textures when it is dry and when it is wet.





This term, we have celebrated Odd Socks Day to raise money and awareness for Downs Syndrome day.



We have also implemented a “chill zone” for upper school. A quieter space indoors where pupils can relax and take part in an activity in a quieter environment than the playground.

We hope that everyone has a great half term and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back in 2 weeks.

Cara M, Jess and Laura O

# Supernova classes

Congratulations to the classes below for achieving 100% attendance for the week.



Well done

Week ending:	Class(es):
27/02/2026	---
07/03/2026	Rainbows
14/03/2026	---
21/03/2026	---
28/03/2026	—

