

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10

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‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

January has come to a close and we warmly welcome February as Spring draws nearer. It has been such a joy to see the children enjoying their themes and engaging with the values each week. Last week during our celebration assembly we focused on Hedgehog class and their space theme. They were very proud to share their learning with the rest of the school. Their creative skills really shone from making planets to rockets and working as a team to create their own dream land.

We are very proud of our Hedgehogs!

## UPDATE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our latest fortnightly newsletter. I hope you have all had a wonderful start to the year and are looking forward to the upcoming half-term break.

In December, I shared an update regarding my recent absence from school. As this period has lasted longer than expected, I wanted to offer a little more detail. I am currently undergoing some cardiac investigations, which unfortunately mean I am unable to drive for extended journeys or be in school at present. However, I am continuing to work from home as part of a phased return and remain closely involved in school life. I am hopeful that I will be able to return to school in person soon.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of Mrs Scott and our amazing Pines team during this time. It has been a real pleasure to see and hear about the many positive things that continue to happen across our school, and I am thankful for everyone’s ongoing commitment and care.

I am especially delighted to see the launch of our recent Maths project. This exciting initiative will further strengthen the teaching and learning of maths across the school and builds beautifully on the pupils’ Number Day experiences. Another real highlight has been the Year 4 Arts Awards, which followed their wonderful and immersive Tin Forest experience last term.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term, and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.



# Our Values



Over the last two weeks we have zoomed in on our values of Collaboration and Creativity. We have discussed the importance and benefits of working as a team and developing our imaginations with creativity.

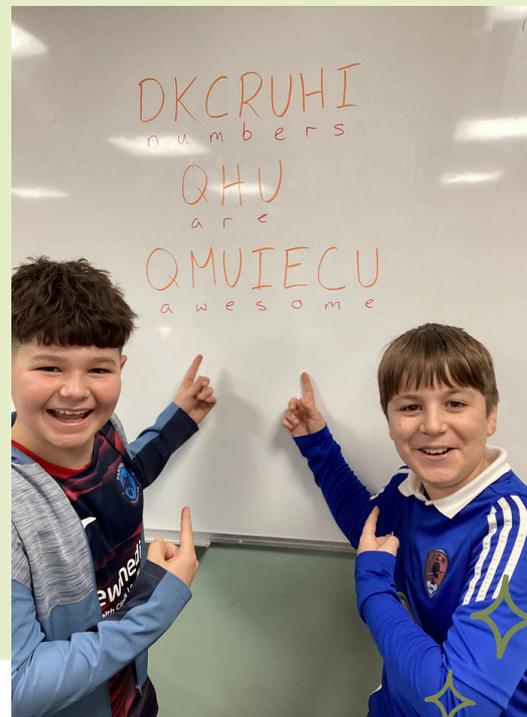
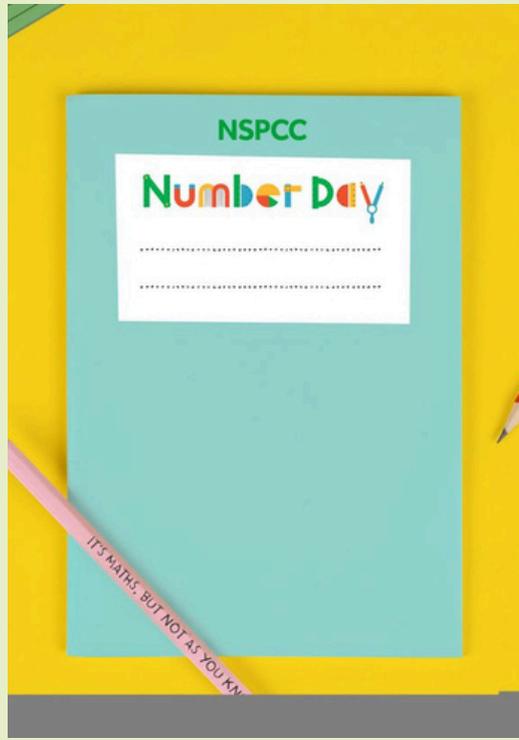
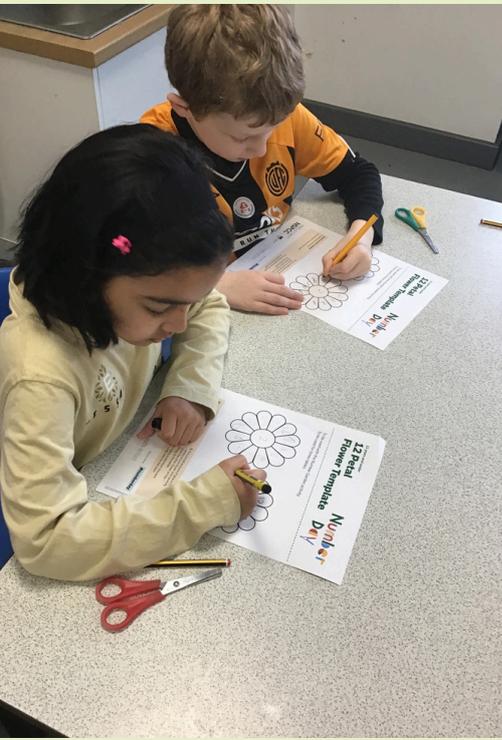


## Number Day 2026

On Friday we supported NSPCC Number Day!

The children had a fantastic time celebrating with all sorts of number-themed activities, from games and puzzles to creative challenges, all designed to make learning about numbers fun and engaging. It was wonderful to see so many bright smiles and enthusiastic participation across the school.

If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, there's still time to support this important cause. Donations can be made via MCAS under "Products", with all proceeds going to the NSPCC to help protect children and provide vital support. Thank you for helping us make a difference!



# DISCOVER ARTS

Our Year 4 children worked with Mr Sloane and received the Discover Arts Award.

Managed by Trinity College London and Arts Council England, this award encourages children to:

- Participate - Explore the arts around them and try new art forms
- Research - Learn about professional artists and their work
- Share - Show their creative journey and favourite discoveries to others.

This achievement shows the power of creativity to inspire, connect, and create lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of every one of our new Arts Award achievers and grateful to Kate Romano, the Stapleford Granary team, Emma Mason, Lesley Morgan and all staff whose dedication made Inspire25, and its legacy, possible.



# PFA NEWS



## NEW PLAYGROUND TOYS AND GAMES!

Thanks to your generosity, we have successfully spent £1,169.57 on new playground toys and garden games to enrich the break-time experience for the children.

We have a new Ride-On Taxi, Ride-On Tuk Tuk, Rickshaw, 2 Giant Polydron sets and a Giant Board Game. These were introduced to the children last week and have already been a huge hit!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



13th  
Feb

YR Alien Tea Party

16th -  
20th Feb

Half Term

24th &  
26th Feb

Parents Evening- book now on MCAS  
(Y1- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February)

5th  
Mar

World Book Day - more details coming soon

26th  
Mar

6-7pm - Parent Forum

30th Mar  
-10<sup>th</sup> Apr

Easter Break

13<sup>th</sup>  
April

PD Day

