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# Story Museum



Where are Reception heading? Hop on the story bus and find out in this week's newsletter!





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On Wednesday, Reception had a wonderful day out visiting The Oxford Story Museum, a magical place dedicated to the joy of stories and storytelling. From the moment they arrived, the children were immersed in a world where books come to life.

The children explored the Forest of Stories, where they discovered familiar characters and settings hidden among the trees. They also climbed aboard the Story Bus and enjoyed bedtime stories in a make-believe bedroom containing a GIANT, double bed.



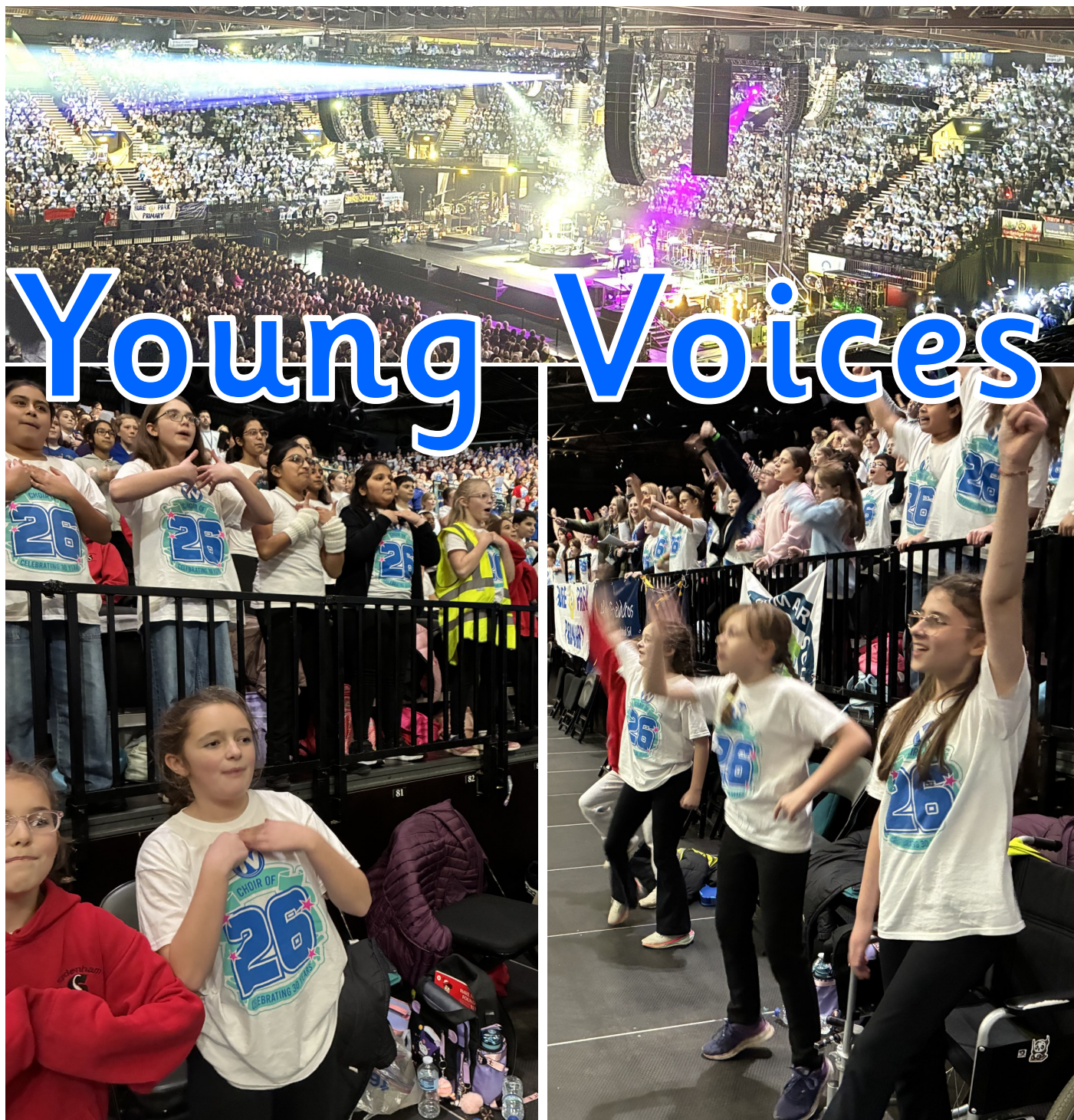


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The Oxford Story Museum is an interactive museum that celebrates stories in all their forms, from traditional tales and picture books to modern storytelling. It is designed especially for children, with hands-on exhibits that encourage imagination, creativity, and a love of reading. The museum also explores how stories are created and why they are important, helping to develop children's language, listening, and communication skills.





On Monday, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 had an unforgettable experience as they took part in Young Voices at the Utilita Arena in Birmingham. Young Voices is the world's largest school choir project, bringing together thousands of children from schools across the country to sing as one alongside professional vocalists, dancers and musicians.

In the weeks leading up to the event, the children worked extremely hard at school learning a wide range of songs, including pop hits and uplifting, high-energy numbers. They practised lyrics, actions and harmonies, developing their confidence, teamwork and performance skills.



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On the day of the event, the children travelled to Birmingham and then took part in an afternoon rehearsal. This gave them the opportunity to practise alongside thousands of other children and experience the incredible atmosphere of performing in such a large venue.

In the evening, the children performed in a live pop concert, singing with a professional band and special guest performers. Parents and carers attended the concert and enjoyed watching the children shine on stage as part of this spectacular event.

The children represented the school brilliantly and showed fantastic enthusiasm, commitment and confidence throughout the day. Thank you to the adults who supported the trip—it was a very late finish!



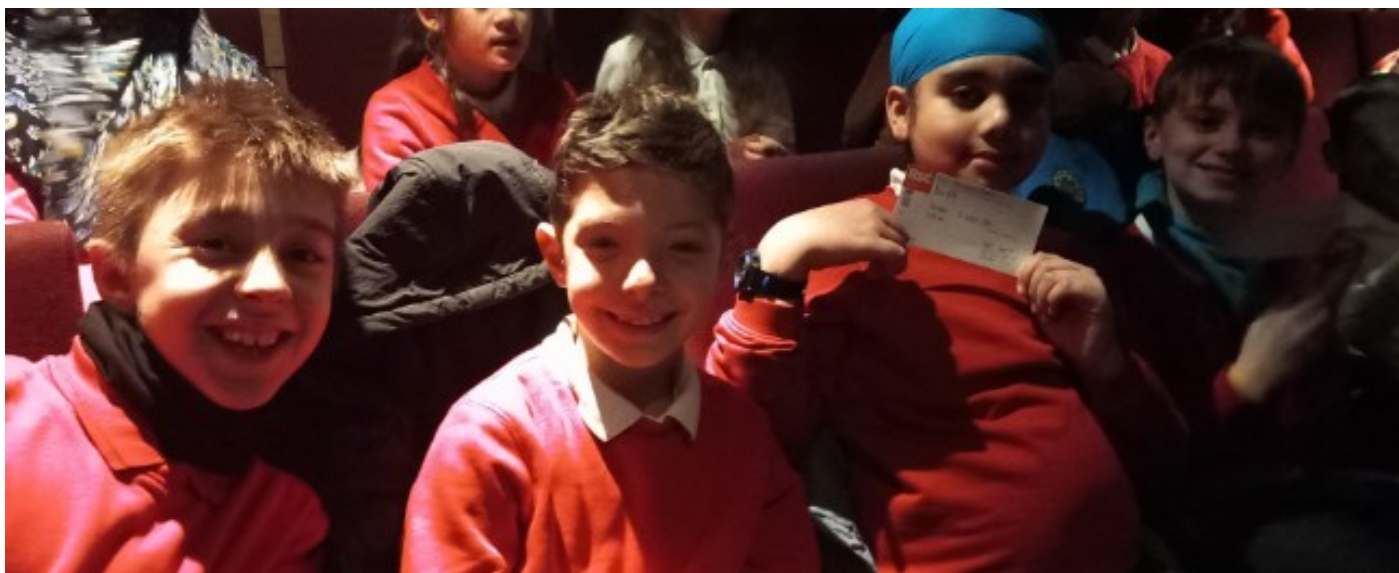




On Thursday, children in Years 5 and 6 travelled to the **Royal Shakespeare Theatre** to watch a production of *The BFG*. The performance featured impressive special effects, including puppets in all shapes and sizes that brought the story to life in creative and unexpected ways.

*The BFG* tells the story of a young girl named Sophie who befriends a kind-hearted giant who captures dreams and delivers them to children while they sleep. The other giants are cruel and eat humans but the BFG works with Sophie to stop them. Together, they travel to Buckingham Palace to ask the Queen for help, using courage, friendship and clever thinking to save children from harm.







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In RE, Y2 pupils have been reading the story of story *The Golden Rule*. Through the story, the children learned about why rules are important and how they help make the world a better place.

Working together, the class created their own list of “golden rules” that they believe could improve the world around them. Pupils reflected on the idea that rules do not just exist in books or classrooms, but begin with individual choices and actions.

As part of their discussions, the children explored different worldviews and discovered that many share similar rules and principles. They linked this learning to their previous lessons, noting that Sikhi teaches the importance of respect and treating everyone as equals, while Humanists follow the Ten Commitments to help lead helpful and happy lives.

All of these ideas were brought together through the class’s understanding of the Golden Rule: *“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”* Year Two showed great enthusiasm and insight as they learned how kindness, respect, and responsibility can make a positive difference in the world.



# The Golden Rule





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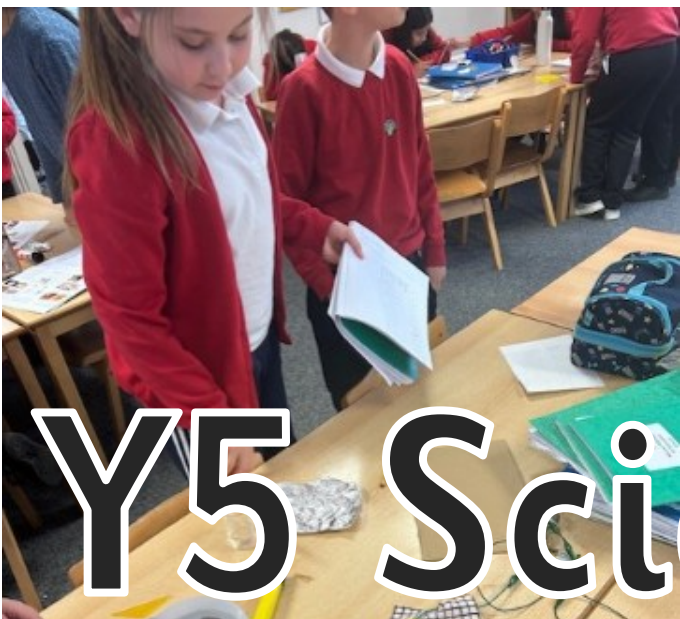
Year Two have been enjoying reading the story *Egg Box Dragon* and bringing it to life through exciting role play activities. The children took part in “hot seating,” where they acted as either interviewers or as the Egg Box Dragon himself, asking and answering questions in role.

Pupils took turns participating in a range of roles, helping them to develop confidence, speaking, and listening skills. As part of this learning, the class also explored how broadcasting has changed over time and how news is shared with audiences.

This linked perfectly to the story, as the Egg Box Dragon appeared on the TV news for his amazing search skills!

# Guided Reading





# Y5 Scientists

In Year 5, pupils have been busy researching the properties of materials through hands-on scientific investigations. They tested a range of everyday materials, including rubber, aluminium foil and plastic, to find out how their properties affect how they are used. The children carried out a range of tests to answer questions such as: Is it stretchy? Is it waterproof? Is it reflective? Is it electrically conductive? They then carefully recorded their results and discussed what they observed. They used this information to explain why these materials are used in particular items, for example rubber is the most appropriate material to use for wellies.



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# PARA FOOTBALL ENGLAND TALENT DAYS



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FOR PLAYERS AGED: 7 – 16 YEARS OF AGE

**DATE:** Thursday 19th Feb 2026    **TIMES:** 12:00 – 15:00

**VENUE:** Oakley School, Quercus Wy, Oakley Wood Rd, Bishop's Tachbrook, Leamington Spa CV33 9QE | Surface: 3G Pitch



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# Diary Dates

Monday 19th January	St Mary's Church leading whole school assembly.
Tuesday 27th January	<b>Y4 Starlings class assembly at 9.05am.</b> Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 30th January	Y5 trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.
Monday 2nd February	Loudmouth Theatre working with Y6.
Tuesday 3rd February	<b>Y4 Wagtails class assembly at 9.05am.</b> Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 5th February	Ethel String Quartet performing to KS2.
Monday 9th February	Dragon Dance workshop for YR/1/2.
Tuesday 10th February	<b>Y3 Doves class assembly at 9.05am.</b> Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 11th February	Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening, 3.30—5.30pm
Friday 13th February	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. If you're able, please make a donation of £1 to School Fund via Parent Pay.
<b>Monday 16th—Friday 20th February school closed for half-term holiday.</b> <b>Pupils return to school on Monday 23rd February.</b>	

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Tuesday 24th February	<b>Y2 Swallows class assembly at 10.15am.</b> Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 3rd March	<b>Y2 Wrens class assembly at 10.15am.</b> Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 10th March	<b>YR Goldfinches class assembly at 10.15am.</b> Parents/
Monday 16th March	St Mary's Church leading whole school assembly.
Tuesday 17th March	<b>YR Robins class assembly at 10.15am.</b> Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend
Tuesday 24th March	<b>Y3 Herons class assembly at 9.05am.</b> Parents/carers
Friday 27th March	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. If you're able, please make a

**Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April school closed for Easter holiday.**

**Pupils return to school on Monday 13th April**

## **Parent's Evening Appointments**

Appointments for Parent's Evenings on the 11th and 12th February will be available to book from 7.00pm tonight. Please click on the link in the email sent to you by the office team today.

Please note, YR Goldfinches class will have their Parent's Evenings on the **10th** and 13th of February.

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# Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two