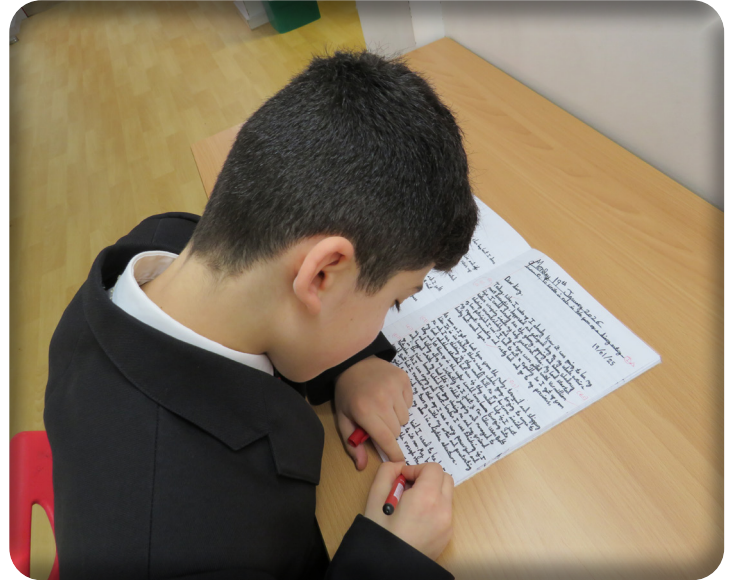


## National Handwriting Day



National Handwriting Day, celebrated on Friday 23rd January 2026, was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the art of handwriting. We marked this special day by embracing the joy of putting pen to paper and recognising every child's unique handwriting journey - from Nursery all the way to Year 6. Handwriting helps to build confidence, connection, and creativity, and it remains an important skill in an increasingly digital world. We invite you to join us in this celebration by continuing to encourage your children to explore and enjoy the wonderful world of writing.



## Firefighters - Keeping us Safe!



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## Reception and Year 1 Pupils Learn About Pedestrian Safety



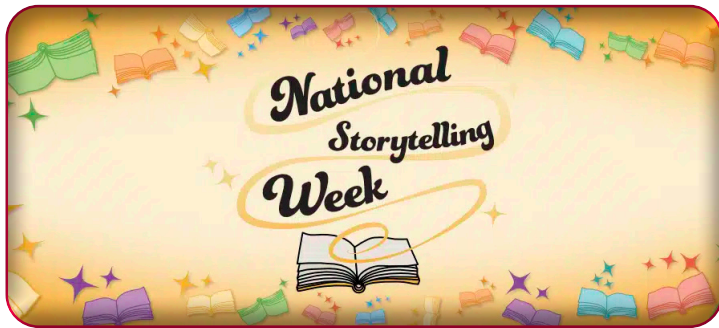
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## Booster and Enrichment Clubs – Spring Term

Booster sessions started last week and will continue for the remainder of the Spring Term. If you are unsure of your child's booster session arrangements, please speak with the class teacher. Enrichment clubs are set to commence during the week beginning Monday, 9th February 2026. To ensure that each child gets a fair opportunity to participate in an enrichment club, clubs will be limited to one per child. If your child was selected to attend a booster session after school, please avoid choosing an enrichment club that is being offered on the same day. Thank you.

## National Storytelling Week



Have you ever opened a book and suddenly found yourself transported - surrounded by colourful worlds, meeting unforgettable characters and being swept up in adventures you never saw coming? That's the magic of storytelling. It connects us, sparks our imaginations and brings language to life. Through stories, we explore new places, encounter different cultures and share the values that shape who we are. From **Monday 2nd to Friday 6th February 2026**, Hewens Primary School will be celebrating **National Storytelling Week**. Throughout the week, children will have the chance to take part in exciting storytelling experiences designed to ignite curiosity and inspire creativity. We look forward to a week filled with imagination, discovery and the joy of stories shared.

## Young Voices Concert – Wednesday 4th February

On Wednesday 4th February 2026, children who have been taking part in the Young Voices Choir rehearsals will be attending the Young Voices concert at the OVO Arena in Wembley. Please make sure your child is in school on time and in the correct uniform (black trousers and their Young Voices T-shirt). This will be a long day for the children so please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch and some teatime food and drinks for the day. Thank you.

## Time to Talk Day – Friday 6th February

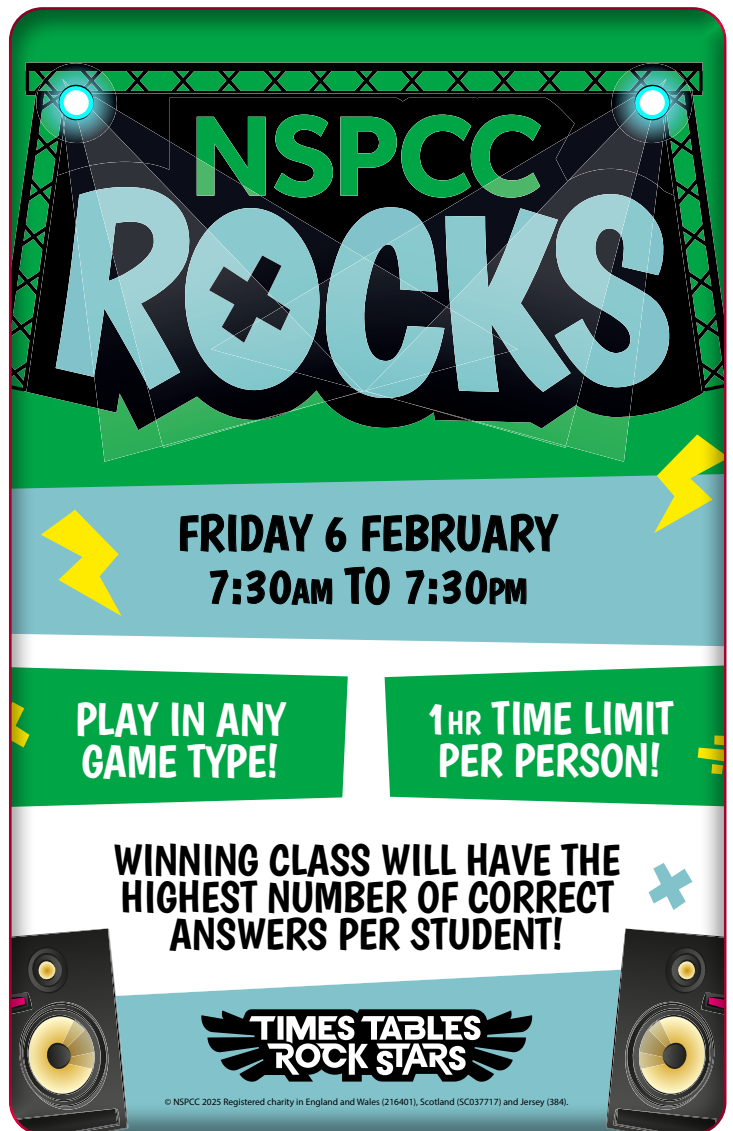
Our school will be marking Time to Talk Day on Friday 6th February 2026, a national event that is all about creating supportive spaces for conversations about mental health. By talking openly, we help break the stigma and create a community where everyone feels heard, valued and supported. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in age appropriate activities that promote confidence, empathy and emotional wellbeing. We encourage parents, guardians and carers to join us in marking the day by taking a moment to check in with one another at home too. Even a short conversation can have a powerful impact. **Together, let's make Time to Talk Day a reminder that every conversation counts.**

## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 6th February 2026, our school will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day which is a maths-inspired fundraising day for all primary children. NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards mathematics.

As part of the day, we will be celebrating with 'Dress Up for Digits'. Children are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, football, rugby, netball, hockey shirt or cap). Or get even more creative and become a human calculator, dice or domino, or by choosing any outfit with a maths or numbers theme.

## NSPCC Rocks: Let the Maths Battle Begin



On Friday 6th February 2026, we will enter pupils from Years 1 to 6 into an online 'Rocks' competition on Times Tables Rock Stars. This competition promotes Number Day and is a fun, exciting way for children to practise their Mathematics.

All pupils can find their Times Tables Rock Stars login details on the front of their reading Record. If you are unsure of these details, please speak with the School Office or the Class Teacher.



Eagle Alliance



Falcon Alliance

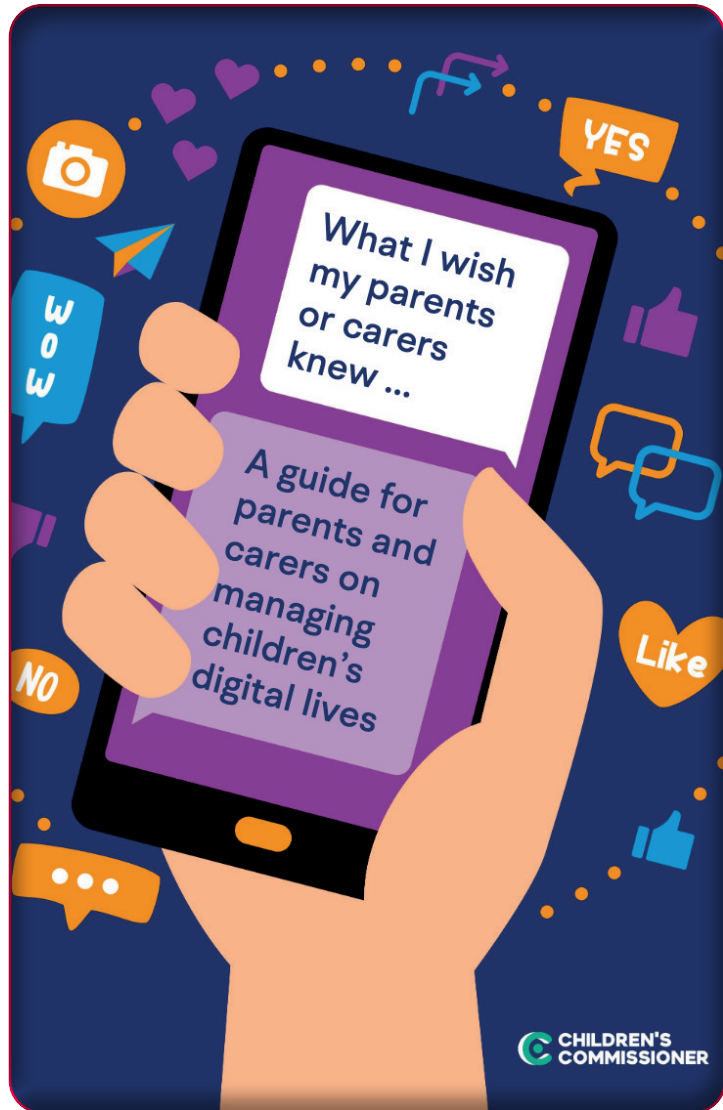


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Sparrowhawk Alliance

### Children's Commissioner – A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives



We would like to inform parents, guardians and carers about a new guide published by the Children's Commissioner for England, "What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew: A Guide for Parents on Managing Children's Digital Lives."

The guide explores the challenges young people face growing up in a digital world and offers practical advice to help families navigate children's everyday online habits. Developed with direct input from children and young people across England, it highlights their desire for firm, informed boundaries around smartphone and internet use, as well as the importance of parents staying engaged and protective when they are concerned about what their child may be viewing online.

With schools across the country reporting increasing worries about online safety, this guide aims to support parents, guardians and carers and schools in working together to keep children safe. We encourage all families to read the guide which can be found on our website:

<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/childrens-commissioner-a-guide-for-parents-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives>

	<b>Week Commencing: Monday 2nd February</b>
<b>MENU 1</b>	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Jam Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Lemon Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

FEBRUARY TO MARCH 2026		
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Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th	National Storytelling Week	
Wednesday 4th	Young Voices Concert	
Friday 6th	NSPCC Number Day	
	Time to Talk Day	
Monday 9th to Friday 13th	Children's Mental Health Week (Theme: This is My Place)	
Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 11th	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	
Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th	Enrichment Clubs Begin	
Monday 16th to Friday 20th	Half Term Break	
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	Practice Papers - Year 6	
Wednesday 25th	Year 4 Pedestrian Training	
Thursday 26th	Class Photographs	
Friday 27th	8:30am	Coffee Morning for all Parents, Guardians and Carers
MARCH		
Monday 2nd to Sunday 15th	Fairtrade Fortnight	
Tuesday 3rd to Friday 13th	Incredible Eggs	
Thursday 5th	World Book Day	
Friday 6th to Sunday 15th	British Science Week	