



Coates Way School

*Working together, learning together, achieving together-
every child aiming for excellence.*

Upcoming dates

18.10.23– Harvest Assembly.

18.10.23– Fundraisers AGM– 7.30 in school

19.10.23– Year 6 trip to The Titanic Museum

20.10.23– Come as you like day raising money for our book corners.

20.10.23– Fundraisers Cake sale after school

02.11.23- Fundraisers Halloween Disco.

30.10.23– Year 2 walk to the local shops

06.11.23– Parents Evening– 3.30– 6.00

09.11.23– Parents Evening– 3.30– 6.30

16.11.23– Individual Photos (details coming soon)

30.11.23-Year 3 and 4 trip to the BBC Planet Earth Experience

01.12.23– Fundraisers Clothing Collection

08.12.23– Fundraisers Gift Sale (details coming soon)

14.12.23– Year 1-6 Panto trip

15.12.23– School Christmas Dinner

15.12.23– Fundraisers Cake Sale and Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30

18.12.23– Nursery and Reception Father Christmas visit to Aldenham Country Park

20.12.23– School finishes at 1.30

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

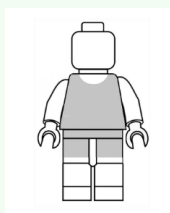
I can't believe that we are now in our last week of the half term but the weather has certainly got colder. With this in mind, please send your child to school with a coat for playtime.

As the shops begin to fill with Christmas decorations and presents, next term is rapidly filling up with events and activities for the children. Please look at the dates highlighted on this newsletter.

We are all looking forward to our harvest assembly this week, led by Father Eddie from All Saints Church Leavesden. Any donations for Watford Foodbank will gratefully be received. We will have a representative from Watford Foodbank joining us as well.

This Friday we will be having a 'Come as you like' day for the children. Any donations received will be put towards books for the class libraries.

There is **no expectation** for anyone to give anything in order to wear their own clothes.



There is, however, an expectation that all children will come in clothes **suited for school**. They need clothing that covers the shaded area as seen on this

Lego Figure. No crop tops please. It's too cold!

I hope you all enjoy your half term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Fiona Hayes

Attendance– Our attendance figures up until Monday 16th October are positive in most classes. We are being asked for holiday leave which will be unauthorised in accordance with our school policy.



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

| Attendance Percentages from 01.09.23– 16.10. 23 | | | |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| Reception | 96% | Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 96% | Year 3 | 97% |
| Year 4 | 98% | Year 5 | 96% |
| Year 6 | 95% | Red- Very concerned Amber- concerned Green- Good | |
| Whole School: 96%- Let's keep it up! | | | |

Fidget Toys-

It has come to our attention that we have an increasing number of children bringing in toys from home telling us they are fidget toys.

Whilst we understand that fidget toys can be a useful tool for some children, we would like remind you that children should only have a fidget toy in school if they have an identified need for one and have an agreed plan in place to use this as a reasonable adjustment. In such cases, we ask for children to only use a school provided fidget toy which should remain in the classroom. Children should not bring fidget toys from home.

After School Club is going to run all week.

Due to popular demand we are going to run our after school club on a Friday as well.

Monday- Friday

3.15- 5.30

£10 a session

If you would like your child to attend you need to fill in a registration form and give us at least 24 hours notice.



We have had cases of headlice in school, please check your children's hair on a regular basis. If they have long hair it is recommended you tie it up.

The NHS gives advice on treatment. Please click the link below.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

We have had reports about dangerous parking at drop off and pick up times. If you do come by car to school, please park safely and not on the yellow lines or across residents' drive ways. Whilst this sort of behaviour is very inconsiderate towards the residents living close by to the school, it is also **very dangerous** for families trying to cross the road with their children.

Miss Haynes, our English Lead, has recently put together a list of books we would like the children to be able to read whilst they are at Coates Way. Our aim is to supply these books in the class reading corners. If you have any of these books at home that your child has finished with, please consider donating them to us.

We are going to hold a 'come as you like' day on Friday 20th October in exchange for a small donation to buy these books for your child's class. The donation is purely **voluntary**.

Nursery:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

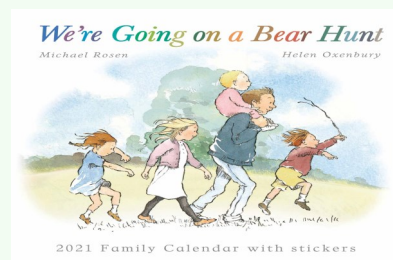
The Train Journey by June Crebbin

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet Ahlberg

Full, Full, Full of Love by Trish Cooke



Reception:

Clean Up! by Nathan Bryon

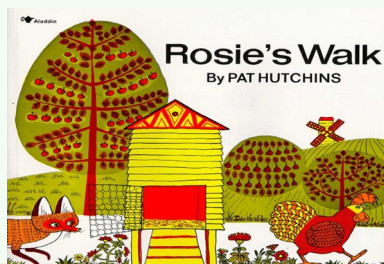
Oi Frog! by Kes Gray

Take Off Your Brave: Poems Just for You by Nadim Shamma-Sourgen

Rain Before Rainbows by Smriti Halls

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake



Year 1:

Dogger by Shirley Hughes

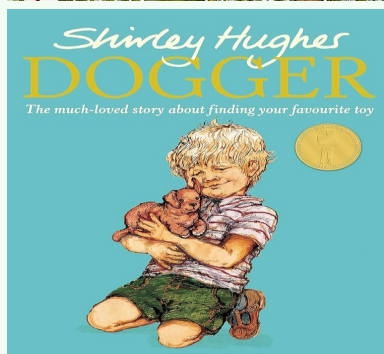
Elmer by David McKee

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

The Go Away Bird by Julia Donaldson



Year 2:

The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith

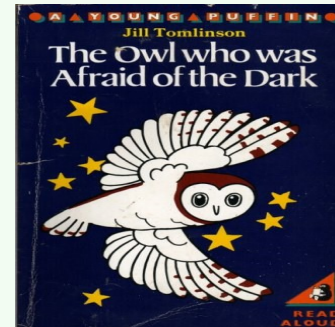
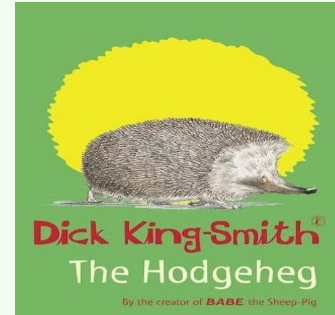
Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel

Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

The Barnabus Project by Eric Fan

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson



Year 3:

The Battle of Bubble and Squeak by Phillipa Pearce

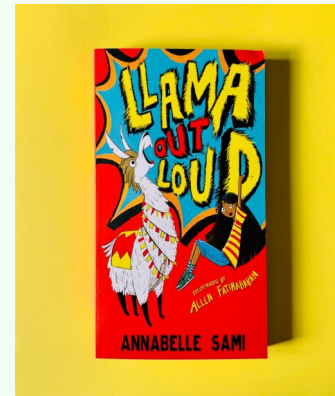
Llama Out Loud! by Annabelle Sami

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith

Nim's Island by Wendy Orr

My Dad's a Birdman by David Almond



Year 4:

Charlotte's Web by E B White

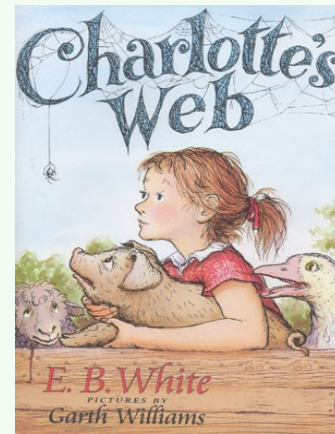
Shackleton's Journey by William Grill

The Children of Swallow Fell by Julia Green

A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman

The Boy Who Met a Whale by Nizrana Farook

Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo



Year 5:

Street Child by Berlie Doherty

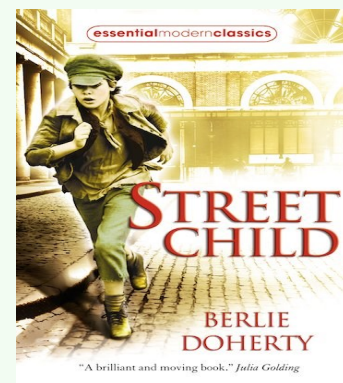
The Midnight Fox by Betsie Bryars

The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

Kaspar: Prince of Cats by Michael Morpurgo

The Odyssey by Gillian Cross



Year 6:

The Skylarks' War by Hilary McKay

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Some Places More than Others by Renée Watson

Romeo and Juliet (William Shakespeare) by Helen Street

The Princess' Blankets by Carol Ann Duffy

