



School Closure Dates

Half Term break - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February - Treetops/After School Club Closure (Afternoon session only) & Nursery Closure (after 3pm only)

Monday 10th March - Treetops/After School Club Closure (Afternoon session only) & Nursery Closure (after 3pm only)

Whole School Information

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day

Children of an infant age can be indirectly affected by age-inappropriate content through accessing short form video services.

Children allowed to independently access services like YouTube Shorts/Instagram Reels/TikTok often bump into content aimed at adults. Unrestricted access to these services can mean children hear swear words, see clips of mature television shows (e.g. Squid Game and Stranger Things) and learn about characters from video games aimed at grown-ups. It also risks exposure to adult themes and content that children of an infant age are not able to understand appropriately.

Please exercise caution when allowing children access to your devices, do not allow them to access services designed for adults (such as social media) and use parental controls to ensure these services aren't accessed accidentally (such as through a Smart TV).

The NSPCC has an online safety page on their website with advice for parents and carers on a range of different online safety topics, including specific information for families of children who have additional needs. Please use the following links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

They also have a pre-recorded Keeping Children Safe Online Workshop available which provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in the online world: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>



**Safer
Internet
Day 2025** | **Tuesday
11 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



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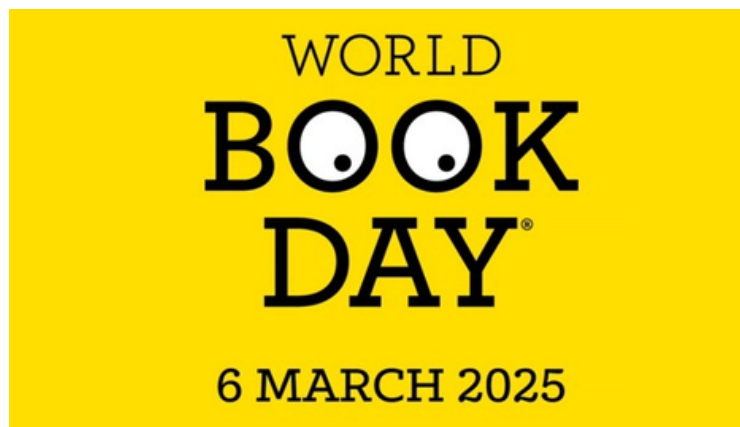
Week Commencing 3rd March - World Book Week Photo Challenge

To kick off the World Book Week celebrations, we would like to set you a reading challenge! Choose your favourite book and send us a picture of you reading in the most unusual place. Please email your photos to adminoffice@northbaddesley-inf.hants.sch.uk by Wednesday 26th February. Miss Welch will be announcing the winner from each year group in an assembly on Friday 28th February. Happy reading!

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

We would love everyone to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day! Bring your book into school to share in your class. We can't wait to see your costumes!

Keep an eye out on our social media for more information about a World Book Day costume swap shop.



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Nursery

Dinosaurs

Our children have enjoyed our 'Dinosaurs' topic this week and we have loved discussing all the dinosaur themed items they have brought in to share with us at Nursery.

Wednesday 26th February at 2:30pm - Stay and Play

We will be having a Dinosaur-themed Stay and Play session on Wednesday 26th February at 2:30pm which will be open to all our Nursery families. For full details and to confirm your attendance, please see the ParentMail form which has been issued.

Year R

Monday 3rd March - Mr Wolf's Pancake Palaver!

Mr Wolf needs your help! You are invited to join us for our Book Week launch on Monday 3rd March at 2:40pm.

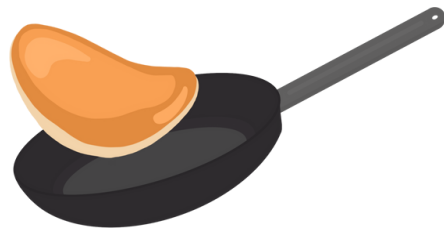
You can collect your child from the Year R playground at 2:40pm and then we invite you to join us in the school hall, where we will share our story and set you off on our story trail to help Mr Wolf! We will also be giving out a special task to complete at home at the end of your trail.

Please note that the trail will not be pushchair friendly due to the uneven surface in our grounds.

This event will support your child's learning throughout Book Week.

Please can you confirm your attendance via the ParentMail form which will soon be sent to you. Please also let us know if you are not able to join us so that we can arrange an alternative provision for your child.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Year 2

Wednesday 26th February - Marwell Visit

We are very excited to be starting our new topic with a trip to Marwell. Your child will need a rucksack or bag they can carry as it will be with them all day on the trip. If you have ordered a school picnic for your child, please ensure there is enough room to fit this in their bag.

Our children will need to wear their school jumper and comfortable trousers and footwear, as they will be walking all day. We cannot predict the weather so please ensure your child has a warm coat for the day.

If you have questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Other Information

Monty's Birthday Balloon Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Monty's Birthday Balloon challenge!

We are thrilled to announce that you have raised an incredible £2,347.83, with Birch Class raising the most money (£458.20)!

All the money raised will go towards our exciting landscape project which will focus on a new playground for the children!

School Library Open - Thursdays 3:15pm-3:45pm

We are excited to be opening our school library to families after school on Thursdays, starting after the half term break. Come along and choose a new book to take home or just spend time browsing different books. We hope to see lots of you there!

Start and End of the School Day

A polite reminder to all our families that cycling or scooting on the school playground is not permitted. This is to ensure everyone's safety at these busy times.

We also ask that parents and carers do not walk onto or off the school site via the Year 2 building unless you have children in that year group. This is to ease congestion outside the Year 2 block where there is limited space for parents and carers dropping off and collecting their children safely from these classrooms.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

FoNBIS Valentine's Disco

It was wonderful to see our children having so much fun at the discos last evening! Thank you to all the adults who supported the event.

The pop-up café was also busy with parents and carers enjoying a cuppa and chat.

Positive Parenting with our Family Support Workers (Mrs Calder and Mrs Cundy)

Parents and carers want to give their children the very best chance in life. However, sometimes, being a parent or carer can feel like the toughest job there is!

We want to do all we can to help our families. We have built up a wealth of information and resources around supporting families. Please don't hesitate to contact us via our confidential email familysupport@northbaddesley-inf.hants.sch.uk or catch us on the playground at the start of the school day if there is anything you would like to talk to us about or to arrange a longer confidential meeting at a time to suit you.

YOU CAN
DO IT!

Tip of the Week - Time to Play

You might already have your own favourite family games but it's always good to have a few extra ideas to keep everyone entertained, especially with half term next week! Here are some cheap or free games to play together or to set up for your children whilst you get on with what you need to do:

- Obstacle course (indoors or outside)
- Making a space rocket/ship/tank from a big cardboard box (available from an electrical store)
- Cooking together
- Kitchen disco
- Memory games, e.g. 'I went to the zoo and I saw ...' with each person adding an additional item
- Drawing a giant picture on old left-over wallpaper
- Treasure hunt to find pre-hidden treasure or a list of items around the home/garden/on a walk
- Indoor picnic
- Put on a show with singing and dancing or a play with puppets
- What's in the bag/box - one person hides an item in a box/bag and everyone asks questions with yes/no answers to find out what it is
- Den building inside with old sheets, cushions and chairs

Your children might also enjoy helping you with the chores - a bit of hoovering or sorting out the washing can be fun (for a while), especially if there's a treat afterwards!



Nurturing Programme

The Centre for Emotional Health Family Nurturing Programme that we offer follows the same strategies and support that we all use in school every day to help our children to flourish and be the best they can be. We believe that the simple, yet effective, strategies and ideas shared during the weekly small group sessions can help to make the job of being a parent or carer a little easier and bring back the fun to family life! The sessions also give parents and carers the chance to build a supportive friendship group where daily struggles and successes can be shared with empathy.

We are there to offer support, and to provide tea/coffee and cake! There is no charge for the programme and everyone receives an extremely useful book to keep which supports what is covered during each session and can be used to refer back to later.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining the Summer Term Nurturing Programme which will be held on Tuesday evenings, 5:30pm-7:30pm, starting on 29th April 2025. We will hold a drop-in introductory and information session on Tuesday 1st April from 5:00pm-6:30pm if you would like to find out more about the programme. Please pop in for a chat and a cuppa.

FatFace and Trespass Coats still available

We have been so pleased to be able to provide coats to a number of our children through the FatFace 'No Cold Child' scheme which we publicised before Christmas. We still have several coats available, particularly for older children (6-10 years), so please don't hesitate to contact us if your child would benefit from having a new, warm winter coat. You can pop into the School Office or email us:

familysupport@northbaddesley-inf.hants.sch.uk

Free Courses and Resources - Emotional Wellbeing

We are very happy to share information from Hampshire County Council regarding free courses, resources and online support from The Solihull Approach/In Our Place relating to family emotional health and wellbeing. Follow this link to access all the resources: [The Solihull Approach | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council](#)

British Heart Foundation - February is Heart Month

February is Heart Month at the British Heart Foundation. Follow the link below to learn how to do CPR. In 15 minutes you can learn how to save a life or refresh existing skills with their online training tool, via the link: [RevivR](#). One day, it could save the life of someone you love!

Southampton Rocks - Half Term Activities

Please see the attached poster for information regarding half term activities and holiday clubs or visit www.southamptonrocks.co.uk

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February - Personal Best Education Half Term Day Camps

Please see the attached poster for information about the Day Camps being held at the Mountbatten School during half term.

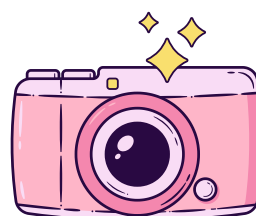
Romsey Library - Green and Thrifty Events

As usual, Romsey Library has a lot of activities to keep children entertained during half term week as part of their Green & Thrifty Fortnight. Please see the attached poster for further information.

Some of the activities offered can also be used to earn a Blue Peter Green Badge and reading can be used to earn the Blue Peter Book Badge!

Hampshire CAMHS - Free Photography Competition

Hampshire CAMHS is running an exciting photography competition for young people as part of their campaign this year, 'Connect 2 Thrive in 25". They are looking for photos around the theme of 'Connections' to encourage young people to understand the importance of connections and connecting in various ways. Please see the attached poster and application form for further information. There are fantastic prizes to be won in the different age groups. Get snapping!



15th March - Science and Engineering Day - University of Southampton

Run in parallel with British Science Week, The University of Southampton's free family-friendly event, Science and Engineering Day, returns this March offering a fantastic opportunity to dive into the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

Families will be able to explore hands-on activities, workshops, talks, exhibits and laboratory tours presented by students, researchers, and local community groups.

This year's event will be at Highfield and Boldrewood Campuses on Saturday 15th March 2025. There's even a competition to win a prize for those who travel sustainably to the event. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: www.sotsef.co.uk from Friday 14th February.

27th April - Nursling Primary School - Circus

The Circus is coming to Nursling Primary School on Sunday 27th April! Friends of Nursling Primary School are hosting the event to raise funds for their school. Please see the attached poster for further information and a link to book tickets.

Southern Karate Organisation - Classes at North Baddesley Junior School

Please see the attached poster for further information regarding Karate classes held at the Junior School on Thursdays from 7:45am-8:45am.

Baddesley Park FC

Baddesley Park community football club is looking to appoint some committee members by the end of March. Also, if anyone is available to volunteer, please contact Jess on 07842 852382.

In addition, the club is always looking for coaches/managers for their next U7's team in September.



Train to Teach Locally

Please find attached information regarding training to teach with the Halterworth Training School Partnership. They are holding an informal information session where you can find out more about the programme; contact details are included on the poster.