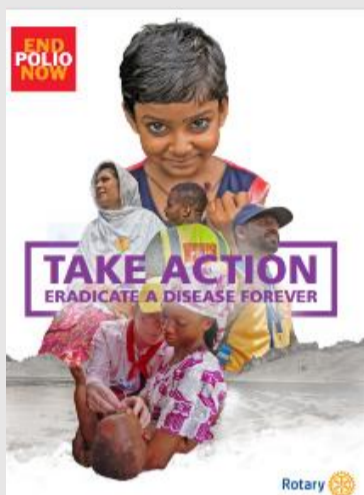


Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankyou for supporting 'Wear Purple for Polio Day'. It is so important that our children are aware of what is happening in the wider context of the world. It wasn't all that long ago that polio was eradicated in Britain (1980s). This is a topic that is very close to Mrs Hounsell's heart as her mum contracted polio when she was a small girl. Your donations from today will mean that every £1 raised will be matched by an additional £2 from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and will ensure that 10 children will receive their much-needed vaccination.

## Wear purple for polio day



Mrs Zillah Cope  
Headteacher

## IMPORTANT

School will re-open for children on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Don't forget our Stay and Play sessions start on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9:30 – 11:30 in our nursery at a cost of £1 which includes a drink and snack. For further information, please contact the school office on 01630 652312.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Half term 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February

School will be closed to all pupils during this week and on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> which is a PD Day



## Exciting News

We are looking to purchase 75-inch interactive smart panels for each of the classrooms that will further excite and engage children interactively in their learning. These should be with us for the summer term.



We are also in the process of redesigning the Early Years playground (train playground) area where we are hoping to put a large all-weather canopy to allow our children to access outdoor learning all through the year, a sensory trail, mud kitchen and raised beds for planting. We also have big plans to add to the outdoor provision in our nursery by adding more decking and creating a more permanent cover for some of the outdoor area to give better shelter for all weathers and to protect the equipment that is outside.

On Tuesday, we welcomed families from Market Drayton to our first open event since joining The Marches Academy Trust. Overall, it was a huge success with lots of really positive comments about our school environment and the friendly nature of our pupils and staff. Several families enrolled their children in our newly acquired nursery.

Watch out for our weekend open day later in the year!

## NEWS



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

Congratulations to this week's **Star of the Week winners** who are:

**Fir Class:** Koralia  
**Willow Class:** Connie  
**Maple Class:** Lola  
**Elm Class:** Lena  
**Rowan Class:** George  
**Beech Class:** Calum  
**Oak Class:** Daniel



## UPCOMING EVENTS

World Book Day 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Dress as you favourite book character

