



## World Book Day

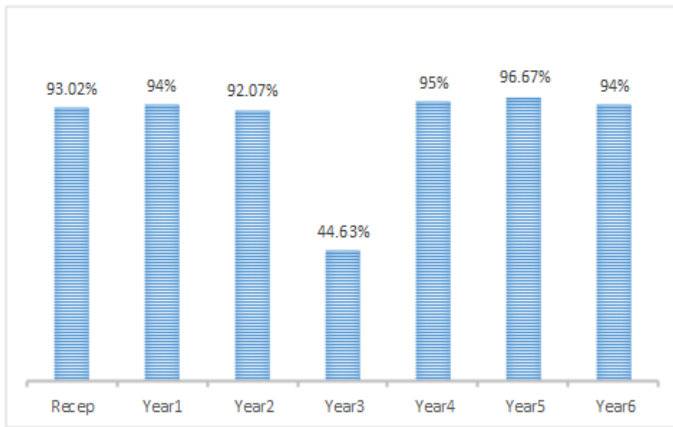
SMMA Primary had a great time celebrating World Book Day. In Thursday's assembly, the children were treated to a special reading of 'The Smartest Giant In Town' by Ms Luzmore, with the voices of the characters played by hidden teachers. Ms Nagra made a very convincing distressed goat! On Friday, children spent time in pairs, sharing a favourite book. We were also treated to some very imaginative costumes which the children wore to show off the books they enjoy reading. At SMMA we know that World Book Day is a small but fun part of what we do to ensure our pupils become fluent, confident readers who enjoy reading in a variety of ways. We are determined to put reading at the centre of our curriculum.



## Good Schools Guide

Back in January, we had a visit for the Good Schools Guide who write independent reviews of schools in the UK. To read the very pleasing full report, please visit the website at [www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk](http://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk) ... but we'd love to share the concluding paragraph.

*"Everyone knows everyone in this small friendly school with different year groups playing together and parents who are involved. A really solid, well planned education with plenty of extra curricular clubs and activities creating articulate, thinking pupils who have been listened to and have been encouraged to engage in, and have meaningful conversations, about all their learning."*



**Last week's attendance figures**

**Dates for your diary**

**March**

- Tues 13 - Parent taster session for AiP caterers at the end of the school day
- Fri 16 - Rec & Y6 Church
- Fri 16 - Y1 Class assembly— 3pm
- Thurs 15 - Year 6 Football finals
- Thurs 22 - Hamlet performance
- Wed 28 - Easter service whole school—St Mary Magdalene Church - 2.15pm
- Thur 29 - Last day of Spring term. 2pm finish

**April**

- Mon 16 - First day of Summer term
- Wed 18 - Reception class trip to Transport Museum
- Thur 26 - PTSA KS2 disco—TBC
- Fri 27 - PTSA coffee morning with Mandarin teachers

**May**

- Year 2 KS1 assessment month
- Mon 7 - May Bank Holiday
- Week commencing Mon 14 - Year 6 SATs testing week
- Wed 23 - Fri 25—Year 5 Sayers Croft trip
- Thur 24 - PTSA KS1 disco TBC
- Mon 28 - Fri 1 June Half Term

**June**

- Week commencing Mon 11 June—Year 1 Phonics screening week
- Fri 22 - Class photos
- Mon 25-Fri 29 June - Year 6 residential to Hothorpe Hall

**July**

- Tues 3 - Sports Day
- Thurs 12 - Pupil reports sent home
- Tues 17 - Year 6 Exhibition evening. Time TBC
- Fri 20 - Last day of Summer term. 2pm finish

**Year 4 assembly**

After snow delayed the originally scheduled performance, Year 4 delighted us on Thursday with their assembly on how 'The Discoveries of Others Benefits Society', which gave us an insight into the great inventions and discoveries throughout history, the people behind them and the ways in which they have benefitted us in different ways today. All of this information was expertly communicated by famous faces and celebrities, including the infamous Simon Cowell!

**Rev. April teaches The Last Supper**

Reverend April came to Year 4 to demonstrate how and why Christians remember the Last Supper. We talked about the different names for this; Holy Communion, which means gathering together or Eucharist which means thanksgiving. We learned that for Christians, the breaking of the bread represents the body of Christ. When the bread is put together again, Christians believe that the people who eat the bread represent the healed body of Christ. Those of us who wished even got to try some of our own bread and 'wine' ( Ribena) afterwards.



**Summer term dates**

We've added in a number of new dates for you to add to your diaries for the summer term. We will update you with other events such as assemblies as soon as possible.

