

## This week

- Fri 16 Feb: Federation consultation closes
- Mon 19 Feb: Pupils return after half term break

## Dates further ahead

- Thu 1 Mar: World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character
- Fri 2 Mar: Friends of Thomas Coram Years 5 & 6 Film Night
- Fri 16 Mar: Friends of Thomas Coram Comedy Night

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

## Notices and reminders

With our [Ofsted inspection on Wednesday](#), it's been an unusual week! We would like to thank all the parents who completed the online Parent View survey (around 90 after the inspection was announced) and those who took the trouble to speak to the inspector on the playground. Our pupils were shining stars, as always, and you should be immensely proud of them - we are! Staff did as brilliantly as they always do - with many coming in on their day off to support their colleagues - along with a group of key governors who met the inspector to discuss how important the school is, and their leadership role. Under the current inspection framework, schools on an Ofsted 'Good' grade usually receive a 1-day, 1-inspector 'health check'-type inspection to confirm whether the school is still 'Good' or whether it needs an earlier, full inspection. The inspector's letter, which will probably take around 3 weeks, will be put on our (and Ofsted's) website. We look forward to sharing this with you when it is received.

Thursday 1 March is [World Book Day](#). As part of our preparations we are setting a challenge for our pupils over half term. Please see the attachment for details.

As half term approaches, we would like to ask parents to take this opportunity to [restock their child\(ren\)'s pencil cases](#). Pupils only need 1 pencil case containing some named, basic equipment: pencils (at least one to be 2H), a 30cm ruler, a pencil sharpener, a pair of scissors (small pair with rounded ends), a set of coloured pencils, a glue stick and a highlighter pen.

A final reminder that our governing body is holding [a consultation on creating a Federation](#) between Victoria CE Infant & Nursery School and The Thomas Coram CE School. The consultation document, and a link to the online response form, can be found on the collaboration page of our website [www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/collaboration/](http://www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/collaboration/). The consultation runs until Friday 16 February 2018 at midday.

## Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters, which are also available on our website:

- Internet Safety and Roblox
- Inspection of the Thomas Coram Church of England School by Ofsted
- School Inspections – a Guide for Parents

## This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- World Book Day Reading Challenge
- NSPCC Coin Challenge

[Year 4 pupils continue to use recorders](#) in their music lessons this term. If parents could provide this for their child, it would be greatly appreciated.

On Thursday 22 February there will be a [Chinese theme day in the dining room](#). The menu will feature beef and broccoli stir fry, sweet and sour chicken, noodles and fried rice. A vegetarian option will be available. Lunches cost £2.45 per day, payable in advance via your child's Wisepay account.

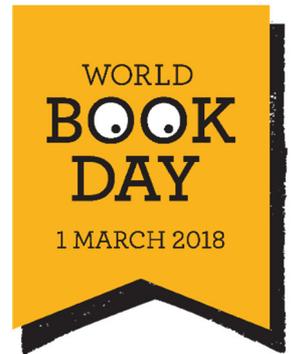
[This week at St Peter's](#) - on Saturday 10 February we welcome St Alban's Cathedral Choir for a FREE concert of music 'From Advent to Candlemas'. Please come and support our local cathedral choir. TSS is back on Sunday at 4pm with a look at Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday and Lent. Short family service followed by tea.

## World Book Day Challenge 2018

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. As part of our preparations, we are setting a challenge for pupils over the February half term: Where is the most unusual place you have ever read a book?

Over the half term holiday, we would like pupils to have their photograph taken reading in an unusual place; it could be in this country or overseas; inside or outside. They might be reading a book, an eBook or comic.

We would like to use the photographs to create a display for World Book Day so after half term, please bring in your photograph in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class.



Our children recently enjoyed and benefited from visits by the NSPCC to enable them to know how to stay safe. To support the vital role provided by the NSPCC, we are running a whole school event to raise funds to help enable them to continue their charitable work to support children.

From Monday 19 February, the school is launching a bid to collect as much loose change as possible. We are hoping that you will encourage your friends and family to empty coin jars, collect loose change and save pocket money to donate this money to support the NSPCC. The coins collected by each year group will be used to spell out the NSPCC message 'Speak out. Stay Safe' and we expect local media to attend this final event on Friday 9 March.

Further details will follow but we hope that this advance notice will enable you to start supporting this worthwhile cause over the coming weeks.