



**'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'**

### World Book Day

Bring a Book to Life



Remember that we are celebrating

### World Book Day

#### Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Come dressed as a word - be creative!

#### Don't forget your shoeboxes too...

This year at Balby Central, we are running a competition for all children in school. We would love to see how creative you can be at home and we want you to bring a book to life! Using cereal boxes, shoeboxes and any other unused boxes, choose a favourite story and recreate it inside. We will have a range of prizes for the winners in 4 categories- EYFS, (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Y1/Y2), LKS2 (Y3/Y4) and UKS2 (Y5/Y6). All entries need to be brought into school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** ready for judging.

### News

#### Welcome back

We hope that you all had a really good half term and made some special memories as a family.

We would like to say welcome back to **Miss Pemberton**, who has returned to school this week following her maternity leave. Miss Pemberton will be working in Year 3 and 4.

We look forward to what the half term holds and seeing the children progress with their learning.



### The Centenary of Flying Scotsman!

The world famous steam locomotive was built at Doncaster Works and went into service on 24th February 1923! To celebrate, events will be taking place, across the city and throughout the year, to mark this significant milestone.

**Did you know?** The Flying Scotsman is the logo we use for our school badge.

Click on the picture below to see what is happening to celebrate.



Being a parent is one of the hardest jobs you can do and it doesn't come with an instruction book!

Starting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2:30 – 3:30 for 5 weeks.

Would you like some practical ideas on how to become a more positive parent?

Come and meet together with other parents to learn, share and discuss ideas.

For more information or to confirm you would like to come please contact Mrs Wiltshire on [admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@balbycentralprimary.co.uk)

#### Flying Scotsman Centenary Events

##### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

11 FEBRUARY - 17 JUNE  
DANUM GALLERY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Michael Foreman exhibition of illustrations from Michael Morpurgo book: 'Flying Scotsman and the best birthday ever'

HALF TERM 13 FEBRUARY - 17 FEBRUARY  
DANUM GALLERY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
Explore the story of the Flying Scotsman through craft activities and a Flying Scotsman family trail

MEKBOROUGH, EDLINGTON & THORNE LIBRARY  
Drop in craft, art and writing activities and a steam engine hunt!

19 MARCH - 24 MARCH  
DANUM GALLERY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

XP Trust - Doncaster History of Rail book launch

8 MAY EXHIBITION OPENING  
CUSWORTH HALL

Exhibition about the 1920s, the decade the Flying Scotsman made its debut

16 APRIL - 22 APRIL  
DONCASTER LIBRARIES

Writing Competition  
On the theme of the Flying Scotsman Prizes to be won

23 APRIL - 29 MAY  
SAVVOY CINEMA

Scheduled viewings of the Flying Scotsman NRW film. Details to be advertised

HALF TERM 29 MAY - 2 JUNE  
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
DANUM GALLERY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Find out more about the Flying Scotsman and stories of travel and journeys with hands-on craft activities

3 JUNE - 10 JUNE  
DONCASTER ARCHIVES

Doncaster Rail History Archives' A celebration of our past and future.



SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
25 JUNE - 1 SEPTEMBER  
DANUM GALLERY LIBRARY & MUSEUM

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays get crafty to explore the stories of Doncaster's incredible journey and the Flying Scotsman

Moving Museum Summer tour - Find out more at [heritagedoncaster.org.uk/movingmuseum](http://heritagedoncaster.org.uk/movingmuseum)

Take part in our Amazing Journey Doncaster Reading Challenge - read books, collect stickers and win prizes.

Lunchtime - Spot Talks on Doncaster Grammar School Rail Collection. (to be advertised)

THROUGHOUT 2023

Styrene Time (Y6) and Museum Mini-Makers (Y6) Under 5s stories, songs and crafts at Danum Gallery Library and Museum exploring Doncaster's history including the Flying Scotsman

History Health and Happiness - Community wellbeing group activities. Find out more at [heritagedoncaster.org.uk/happyhistory](http://heritagedoncaster.org.uk/happyhistory)

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## Safeguarding

This week the safeguarding link is all about healthy eating. There are lots of ideas for new recipes that you can try – why not get the children to help with some of the cooking!

Click on the picture for more information

### A little lunchbox inspiration



#### Healthier lunchbox recipes

See our range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips to make those back-to-school mornings a little more simple.

## Are you musical?

Attend a free, [Creativity Counts](#) learning session in March and you'll get free lunch and your grocery shopping paid for!

With support from 'Well Doncaster' there is an offer of a free, creative learning session for Doncaster adults during March.

The sessions will accommodate 4 people each day, and are just 4 hours long.

Each attendee will receive **£10** on the day for lunch and also get a **£50** grocery shopping voucher, which can be spent just like cash, in supermarkets. Click the link below...

<https://www.higherrhythm.co.uk/creativity-counts/>

## Attendance

**WELL DONE!**

Whole School – 96%

Highest House – Rocket Yellow with 97%

This week, attendance across school has been fantastic and we are so pleased to see everyone back after the half-term and so eager to learn—keep up the good work!

We understand that the traffic isn't always predictable and we appreciate that this can cause delays however, sometimes we are able to see if our route is affected and plan ahead. Click on the link below to see planned road works and road closures in Doncaster.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/transport-streets-parking/current-roadworks>

## Things to do

### Doncaster Visitors Guide



**OUR BRAND NEW VISITOR GUIDE IS OUT NOW!**



THERE'S LOTS TO CELEBRATE IN THE CITY IN 2023

Available from the Tourist Information Centre or download a copy at [visitdoncaster.com](http://visitdoncaster.com)

Visit Doncaster

With city status the new Doncaster Visitors Guide has been launched. Take a look at what is going on in and around Doncaster. Please let us know if you visit any places so that we can pass recommendations to other families.

Click on the picture to visit the website.

## Sprint

This month we are focusing on 'Kind Words.'

We encourage children to be kind to each other with kind hands, kind feet and kind words.

We are encouraging everyone

to show kindness in any way you wish to choose. Can you think of ways to help others and

## Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.

## Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

## Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.

