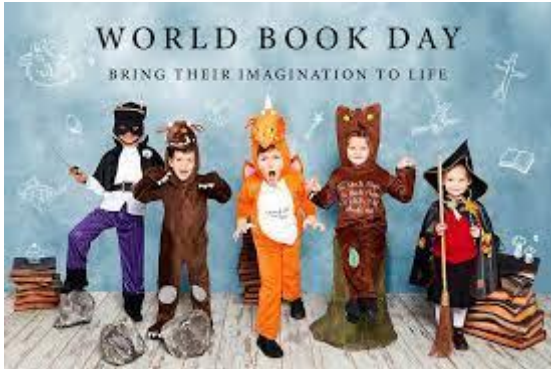
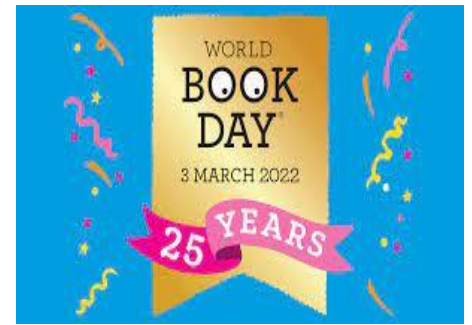


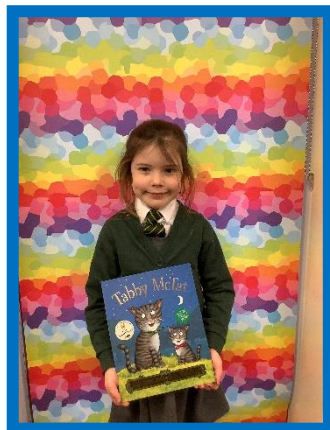
BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

If children are happy, they will achieve!

February NEWSLETTER



READING: Please note the date for World Book Day 2022 is **Thursday 3rd March** (as seen above) as this is different to the date sent out in the Book week letter. We are encouraging children to come to school dressed in traditional and classic book character costumes. Much loved characters from children's favourite books, and perhaps some books from your childhood you've shared with your children. Have fun deciding and creating your costumes together!



Congratulations to our first winners in our reading incentives! Maisey & Olive completed their reading challenge of reading 150 times at home! They have each chosen a new book for the school, which displays their name in the front for children to see for years to come! A reading legacy! Well done girls. We look forward to updating our library with more winners this term!

READING: Berkeley Primary School and Berkeley Books invite you to the library to complete a Valentine's craft and hear stories about love and belonging read by myself and Mr Kavanagh. This will take place in the library on Tuesday 15th February at 3.30pm. Please could you let us know if you are interested so we can prepare resources.



RSE CURRICULUM: From September 2020, it is a statutory requirement that all schools in England and Wales are teaching Relationship and Sex Education as a fundamental part of the curriculum. As part of implementing the RSE curriculum, schools must consult with the children, parents, staff and governors to ensure there is a general consensus on our approaches to policy and the curriculum content. We sent a letter out regarding this, but we had very little uptake due to the pandemic and timing of lockdowns, so felt it was important we repeat this consultation, giving you another opportunity to review our RSE policy. This can be found on our website here: [RSE \(berkeleyprimary.org.uk\)](https://www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk). As part of our consultation process, we invite you to read the policy and email us with any questions or comments you may have. We will then hold a consultation afternoon (Date TBC) where we will present our curriculum, show the animations we show to the children and answer any questions.

BFG NEWS: Thank you all so much for supporting the BFG by purchasing tickets to the school disco. Both discos were great, and the children had a lot of fun. KS2 even danced this year, instead of being huddled in groups! I think they've clearly missed school discos and being together again. It was an absolute joy to see, and a great event. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible, and to staff for giving up their beloved Friday evening to join in the fun! Friday 11th March will be a non uniform day and children are invited to bring in a bar of chocolate to contribute to our Easter plans. We will then have our Quiz night on Friday 18th March which is adults only. If you would like to enter a team, please email admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk with your team name and the names of the people in your team. The entry fee is £10 per team to be received in advance. We currently have only 2 team places left, so it will be on a first come, first served basis. We have also started plans on a summer event where there will be a Colour run (Rainbow Run!) There is a change to the previously advertised date for this, so this will now be held on Saturday 18th June so save the date please for a fun family day! Thank you again to everyone that contributes towards these events and towards the BFG, all support and engagement is really appreciated. The next BFG committee meeting is on Friday 4th March please come along if you would like to be part of this fantastic team!



Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas community Deer Hunt! Jack, Rowan, Isla and Oscar's map entries were picked for the prize of an interactive, electric rubix cube game! Well done to all the children who took part; we hope you had fun on the trail. Plans are already underway for the next one for Easter!

UNIFORM: Nationally, schools have been asked to review their school uniforms to evaluate costs for families. We are currently in the consultation process of upcoming changes to our school's uniform policy, which will allow us to achieve better value for money for parents and carers. This ties in nicely, as we have been in talks for some time now about a change to the uniform at Berkeley, and as such, have asked the most important voice of all in this change...the children, for their ideas. I held an assembly on Monday to ask the children their thoughts and asked them to give us their thoughts on three aspects of a new uniform.

1. LOGO: (We asked the children what they think of when they think of their school; the first answer was happiness which was so heartfelt; all the staff were so touched) Mr Kavanagh will share a full list of their ideas once the JLT have met to discuss further.

2. COMFORT: We asked the children to give ideas as to what clothing would help them to learn the best (but unfortunately pyjamas is not an option much to their disgust!)

3: COLOUR: We asked the children if they would change the colour, and if so, what would they choose?

Don't panic! These changes will not be imminent, and will not affect children in Y5 and Y6 as there will be a 2 year roll-out before any potential new uniform is in place meaning this could take effect from September 2023. We just wanted to keep you in the loop, and encourage discussions at home. A survey will be sent out to families with children in YR-Y4 to help us gather parents' ideas too.

PARENT WORKSHOP: On **Tuesday the 8th March, from 9.00am-11.00** we will be running a 'Worry Workshop' for parents. Mrs Carrick and Mrs Tarkowski will lead the session, which will include understanding what happens in our bodies and brains when we feel worried, discussing things that can help and ways to support your children to manage their worries. Please register your interest for this by emailing Mrs Goodall to let her know if you can come so we can get an idea of numbers.

POKEMON/FOOTBALL or ANY OTHER CARDS: We have informed the children that these are not allowed in school. Please support the school with this rule, as we have seen an increasing number of incidents involving these cards which is impacting on learning time in class. Thank you.

PUNCTUALITY: We are seeing an increasing number of late arrivals this term and would like to remind you that the school gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. Children who arrive after this time must enter school via the main office and provide the reason for lateness. When a child arrives late it is not only disruptive for them but for the office staff, the class teacher and the rest of the children in the class. Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost as shown in the table below:

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

NEW FOR 2022

Learning Look ins: As previously communicated, we will be inviting you to school to spend time looking at your children's work with them to coincide with parents' evenings to give you a full picture of your children's progress. Please see the following table for the dates and times for these days. We look forward to seeing you all.

Date	Year Group
Monday 28 th March 9-9:30am	RECEPTION
Monday 28 th March 2:30-3pm	YEAR 2
Tuesday 29 th March 9-9:30am	YEAR 6
Tuesday 29 th March 2:30-3pm	YEAR 1
Wednesday 30 th March 9-9:30am	YEAR 5
Thursday 31 st March 2:30-3pm	YEAR 4
Friday 1 st April 9-9:30am	YEAR 3

Yours sincerely



Miss Robbins and all the team here
at Berkeley Primary

The background of the poster features stylized, colorful silhouettes of runners in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The runners are depicted in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose, suggesting movement and energy. The overall aesthetic is vibrant and celebratory.

COMING SOON

**BERKELEY
RAINBOW
RUN**

SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY 18TH
JUNE 2022**

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW