



Coningsby St

Michael's



Mid Term Newsletter



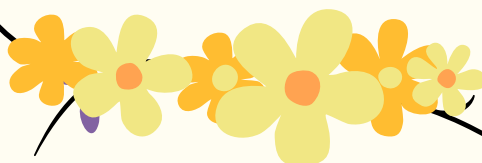
As we move into the Easter season, it's a joy to feel the world around us waking up again. The lighter mornings and longer evenings are giving everyone a renewed sense of energy, and our children are embracing every opportunity to get outdoors and connect with nature. Spring brings with it a wonderful sense of hope and new beginnings, and that spirit is shining throughout our school.

Across classrooms, children are working incredibly hard—full of curiosity, enthusiasm, and determination. From creative projects to hands-on challenges, there is a real buzz of learning as pupils delve into new topics and explore fresh ideas.

Over in Forest School, spring is unfolding all around us.

Buds are appearing on branches, birdsong is becoming louder each day, and our outdoor sessions are filled with opportunities to discover the changing landscape. Children are building, exploring, problem-solving, and working beautifully together—showcasing resilience, teamwork, and a deepening appreciation for the natural world.

Whether indoors or out, this term is already full of growth, joy, and meaningful learning experiences. As we move towards Easter, we look forward to even more adventures, discoveries, and time spent enjoying the wonderful season of spring.



World Book Day Celebrations!

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day this year, with the whole school embracing the joy of reading. Classrooms were filled with book-based activities that sparked creativity and curiosity, from exploring new stories to diving deeper into familiar favourites. One of the highlights was seeing children from different year groups come together to read with one another, sharing books, conversations, and a real love of storytelling.

Across the school, pupils also had the chance to create impressive dioramas of their favourite books, showcasing their imagination, attention to detail, and enthusiasm for literature. The effort and pride that went into each creation were wonderful to see. It truly was a great day—full of smiles, shared stories, and celebrations of the power of reading.



Forest School



Our Forest School sessions have been full of excitement recently, as we explored exactly where popcorn comes from. Starting with corn on the cob, they learned how kernels are harvested and prepared before discovering the science behind how heat transforms them into the popcorn we all enjoy. The highlight of the session was gathering around the fire, where pupils practised safe fire-lighting skills before cooking their own popcorn in the great outdoors.

Our Year 6 boys were especially enthusiastic—embracing the fresh air, the challenge, and of course, the delicious results! It was a brilliant hands-on learning experience that blended science, teamwork, and outdoor adventure.



Forest School



This term, Forest School has taken on a creative twist as art and nature have come together in our spring-themed sessions. Children have been exploring a range of artistic mediums outdoors—using natural materials, colour, texture, and pattern to express the season’s beauty.

At the heart of these sessions has been a focus on building self-esteem and recognising that every child is unique, wonderful, and valued. Through collaborative projects and moments of quiet reflection, pupils have explored the idea of belonging—both within nature and within our school community. Seeing children support one another, share ideas, and take pride in their creations has been truly uplifting.

These sessions have not only nurtured creativity but also strengthened confidence, connection, and wellbeing—reminding us all that we belong, we matter, and we can grow.



CSM'S Dodgeball Team!

Our Year 3/4 dodgeball team had a fantastic time representing the school at the recent tournament held at our local secondary school. The children showed incredible teamwork throughout the event—communicating clearly, supporting one another, and demonstrating real sportsmanship in every match they played.

Their hard work and positive attitude paid off as they secured second place overall, an achievement they should feel extremely proud of. From quick reactions to brilliant tactical play, they gave it their all and behaved as true role models for our school community.

We are so proud of each and every one of them for their determination, enthusiasm, and the way they encouraged one another from start to finish.

Well done, Team Coningsby!



CSM's ORCHARD!

We are delighted to share that Coningsby St Michael's now has its very own orchard! Thanks to the hard work and care of our wonderful caretaker, Mr Keep, and Mrs Gates, a selection of young fruit trees has been planted on our school grounds. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication in helping us create this special new space.

The orchard will become a treasured part of our outdoor environment, offering rich opportunities for learning, nurturing, and exploring the natural world. We can't wait to watch the trees grow over the coming years, and we look forward to the children taking an active role in caring for them—watering, observing seasonal changes, and eventually enjoying the fruits of their labour.

This new addition forms an important part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and the continued development of our outdoor provision. We are excited to see how the orchard will support our curriculum, wellbeing, and connection with nature as it flourishes.

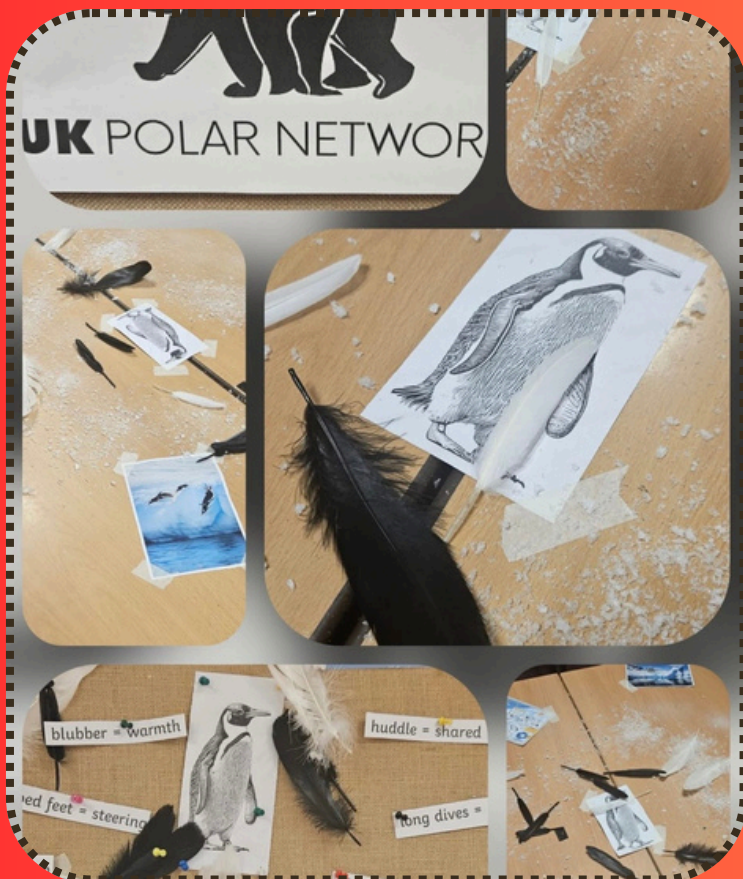


Immersion & Writing!

This term, our writing curriculum has been brought to life through a series of immersive experiences that have truly inspired our pupils. From stepping into role as characters, to exploring rich environments, to engaging with hands-on provocations that spark imagination, children across the school have been fully absorbed in their writing journeys. These experiences have helped pupils make meaningful connections, deepen their understanding, and generate high-quality writing that they can feel genuinely proud of.

Teachers have worked creatively to design memorable moments that hook learners right from the start—transforming classrooms, using drama and sensory stimuli, and building excitement around each new writing project. The impact has been clear to see: increased confidence, richer vocabulary, improved stamina, and a growing love for writing.

We could not be prouder of what our children have achieved. Their enthusiasm, independence, and willingness to take risks in their writing are shining through in every piece of work. Our immersive approach is strengthening skills, building self-belief, and showing pupils that writing isn't just something we do—it's something we experience, enjoy, and celebrate together.

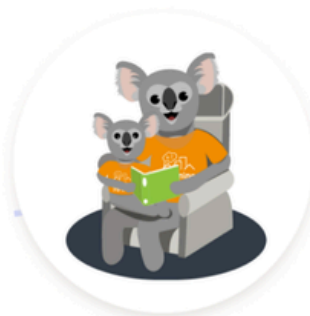


Learning At Home With Parents

How it replaces your paper reading logs



Teachers can record pupils reading in school



Parents are sent reminders to read together regularly at home



Teachers and parents share meaningful reading clips & comments

Reading is one of the most powerful tools we can give our children, and regular practice at home makes a huge difference to their fluency, confidence and overall progress. To support families with this, we'd like to remind everyone about our online reading log, which is quick and easy to use.

Parents and carers can use the log to:

- Record each time their child reads at home
- Set helpful reminders to build a consistent reading routine
- Celebrate progress and keep track of reading habits over time
- We ask that all children read at home as often as possible—little and often truly works wonders. Just a few minutes each day helps children develop strong vocabulary, comprehension skills and a lifelong love of books.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing confident and enthusiastic readers. Together, we can ensure every child develops the reading skills they need to thrive.

Reading is an adventure that never ends!

Chocolate Bingo!



Come and join us for a few exciting games of Chocolate Bingo and be in with a chance of winning some delicious prizes! This much-loved event is always a wonderful way for our school community to come together, enjoy some laughter, and support a great cause.

All funds raised will go directly towards providing enriching experiences for our wonderful children at school—helping us continue to create memorable learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

 Friday 27th March

 4:00pm

 School Hall

Everyone is welcome—families, friends, and members of our wider community. Tickets will be on sale after school on the playground, kindly organised by our fantastic Friends of School.

We can't wait to see you there for an afternoon of fun, prizes, and community spirit!

Attendance Matters!

At Coningsby St Michael's we want all our children to enjoy coming to school so they can learn and achieve their potential, both academically and socially. Education helps to give our children choices and opportunities, and to maximise these chances, they need to come into school regularly. At Coningsby St Michael's we aim to support all children and families in ensuring that your children has the best possible attendance and view each case individually.

Regular attendance is vital for every child's learning and progress. We want to ensure that all our pupils have the best possible chance to succeed, and that starts with being in school every day.

To help us achieve this:

If a child's attendance falls below 95%, parents/carers will receive a letter reminding them of the importance of attendance and offering support.

For persistent absentees, we will invite families to a meeting with our Attendance Lead. This meeting is designed to be supportive, helping identify any challenges and working together to find solutions.

Our goal is simple: to support every child and family so that school is a positive, consistent part of their lives. Thank you for working with us to make this happen!

