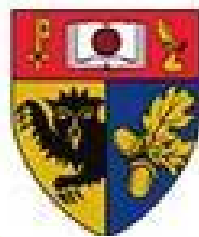


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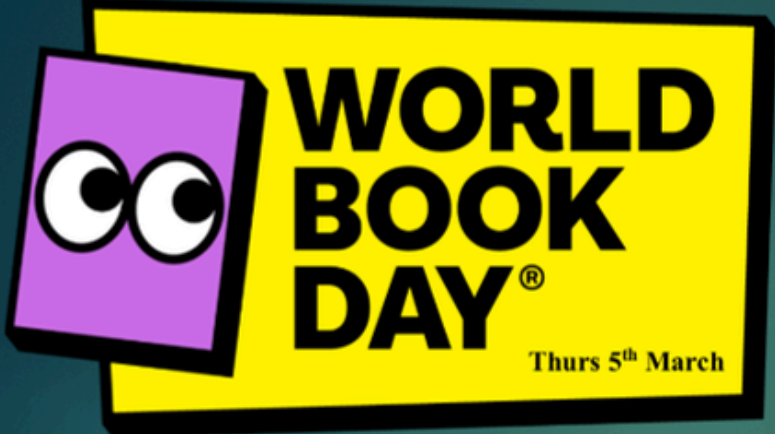


 **GREENSHAW**
LEARNING TRUST

A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

It has been truly heartening to witness the sheer enthusiasm and creativity on display throughout our World Book Day festivities this week. Seeing our school community come together to celebrate the power of storytelling reminds us all why fostering a love for reading is at the very heart of what we do. Below, you will find a breakdown of the wonderful events that took place across the week.

Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that Episode 5 of The Yate Insight Series has just been released. This latest instalment provides a behind-the-scenes look at our "Tutor Time Reading" initiative and explains the significant impact of starting every school day immersed in a book. You can watch the new episode [[here](#)].



Monday 2nd March
World Book Day activities in the library at lunch time

Tuesday 3rd March
Whose Bookcase Is This? quiz. Match the bookcase to the correct staff member to get a prize. Hand your answers in at the library; most correct answers will be rewarded on Friday!
Creative writing competition for Y7 – prizes to be awarded for the top 3 pieces of writing in every class!

Wednesday 4th March
Creative writing competition for Y9 – prizes to be awarded for the top 3 pieces of writing in every class!

Thursday 5th March
Students caught reading around the school will be given raffle tickets by teachers. The more you're seen reading the more tickets you'll have for the prize draw on Friday!
Creative writing competition for Y8 – prizes to be awarded for the top 3 pieces of writing in every class!

Friday 6th March
Lunch time prize draw in the library for students who were caught reading!

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Celebrating Success

To celebrate the success of our students and recognise their continued hard work, we are thrilled to announce a weekly prize raffle. We know that student achievement is a family effort. To say thank you for your continued support and encouragement, families now have the chance to win a £25 Deliveroo voucher every week.

To be automatically entered into the draw, students must meet two criteria each week:
100% Attendance: Being in school every day ready to learn.

Top 50 for Golden Tickets: Being among the top 50 students for positive behavior and achievements that week

Winners will be contacted every Friday afternoon.

Entries reset at the start of each week, giving everyone a new chance to win!

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Miss Ricketts cricketts@yateacademy.co.uk

Thank you for being part of our students' success stories.

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Year 7 Robotics: The Sphero Bolt Challenge

Our Year 7 students have spent the past week diving into the world of robotics, mastering the art of programming Sphero Bolt robots. Tasked with navigating an autonomous course in the Sports Hall, students displayed fantastic engagement and impressive resilience—troubleshooting and refining their code whenever their "robotic hamsters" veered off-track.

The week culminated in a high-stakes House Competition. It was a brilliant turnout with over 30 students putting their skills to the test. A huge well done to everyone who participated!

The Leaderboard:

1st Place: Beckford – A flawless "clean run" in 34 seconds

2nd Place: Stephenson & Brunel – 19 seconds (1 crash)

3rd Place: Park – 24 seconds (1 crash)

4th Place: Carpenter – 19 seconds (DNC)

This is just the beginning for our budding engineers. The Spheros will return in the Summer Term, where students will apply their ICT curriculum knowledge to tackle even more complex challenges using Scratch coding.

Well done, Year 7!



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Sporting news

U15 Girls Cricket: Indoor Cup Success

Our U15 Girls Cricket team displayed fantastic spirit last week in Round 2 of the Gloucestershire Indoor Cricket Cup. Facing off against two formidable opponents—Redland Green and Winterbourne Academy—the squad showed great tenacity and resilience throughout some high-pressure overs.

Performer Shout-outs:

Pola P: For clinical and consistent bowling.

Millie A: For a powerful and commanding performance with the bat.

A huge well done to the whole team for their sportsmanship and skill on the pitch!



U12s Girls Football Success

Our U12 Girls Football team has been participating in the Luke Wheaton Cup this term. We are pleased to report that they have been announced as the winners in the South Glos (North) League and will be playing the winners of the South Glos (South) League this term.

We are wishing them all the best.

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Eagle Project Girls Rugby Festival

Over the past 12 weeks, some of our Y7 and 8 girls PE classes have had coaches from Bristol Bears women leading PE lessons introducing them to Rugby and informing them of local clubs they can join.

Last week, we entered two teams into the Eagle Project Festival where the students took part in a Mental health workshop, meet and greet with a Bristol Bears Women's player and took part in a tournament. This was all supported by Maddy's Mark.

It was a fantastic day and it was great to see our first ever girls Rugby team in action.



Player shout outs go to the Y7 captain Ivy H and the Y8 captain Oliva R for their leadership and match performance.

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Spring Showcase Concert

The music department is excited to invite you to our **Spring Showcase concert at 6:30pm on Thursday 19th March, in the school auditorium.** An evening that promises to be filled with music, celebration and the incredible talent of our students. Our performers have been working hard over the past few weeks, showing real dedication, teamwork and enthusiasm in rehearsals. The concert will showcase a wide range of musical styles and ensembles, giving students the opportunity to shine both individually and as part of a group. It is always one of the highlights of our school calendar and a wonderful way to celebrate the season together as a community. **Tickets will be available for cash on the door or through MCAS (£2 for adults, £1 for children).** We hope you will join us and enjoy the work of some of our brilliant musicians!

New Year, New Me! Reading Challenge

Read More, Learn More, Be More
16th January – 6th March 2026



House	Total	Students	Staff
Brunel	78013	18125	59888
Carpenter	88852	29982	58870
Park	127666	37446	90220
Beckford	158853	17076	141777
Stephenson	156590	34454	122136

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How does it work?

There will be **guaranteed prizes** up for grabs each week including the chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot!** Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week.



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Coming up at Yate Academy

- Thursday 19th March | YA Spring Showcase Concert
- Wednesday 25th March | Year 12 History Trip to UoB
- Thursday 26th March | Year 13 Parents Evening
- Monday 30th March | Y11 Parents Evening

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