

RED LANE ROUND UP

February 2026

As we move through February, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. Working together makes a real difference to the children's confidence, wellbeing and success in school.

Attendance remains a key priority for us. Being in school every day is crucial for making strong progress in learning and ensuring children do not miss important teaching and experiences. Thank you for your commitment to getting your child to school on time and ready to learn.

I was incredibly impressed by the creativity and enthusiasm shown on Number Day - the costumes were fantastic and it was wonderful to see the children embracing maths in such a fun way.

Please take a moment to check the dates for the diary for upcoming events, including our class assemblies. We look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Mrs Driver



Early Birds and Night Owls

To book in for Early Birds and Night Owls please call Mrs Cornick on 01204 333580 Extension 302.

Early Birds 7.30am - 8.40am £6

Night Owls 3.30pm - 6pm £9



Attendance

Current class attendance

Rec C	93.3%	Rec W	91.7%
1H	91.2%	1S	93%
2C	94%	2F	90.7%
3T	94.4%	3W	91.1%
4K	93.7%	4N	94.1%
5B	90.9%	5R	93.5%
6M	91.3%	6H	96.6%
6S 93.8%			



Our current school attendance level is:
92.8%

This is below the expected level of attendance.

The Attendance Shop

Our very successful attendance shop will be restocked ready for the next opening at the end of this half term. This initiative has been hugely successful and the children really understand that points mean prizes!

Every child gets 10 points a day for coming to school, and a further 10 points for arriving on time!

What is your child's points goal this week? Can they get the maximum of 100 points per week to spend at the shop?



Attendance

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

The Department for Education (DfE) states that children should attend school every day, with exceptions only for illness or other unavoidable circumstances.

At Red Lane, we monitor attendance closely and work with families to address any concerns. Consistent attendance helps children build routines, engage fully in learning, and achieve their potential.

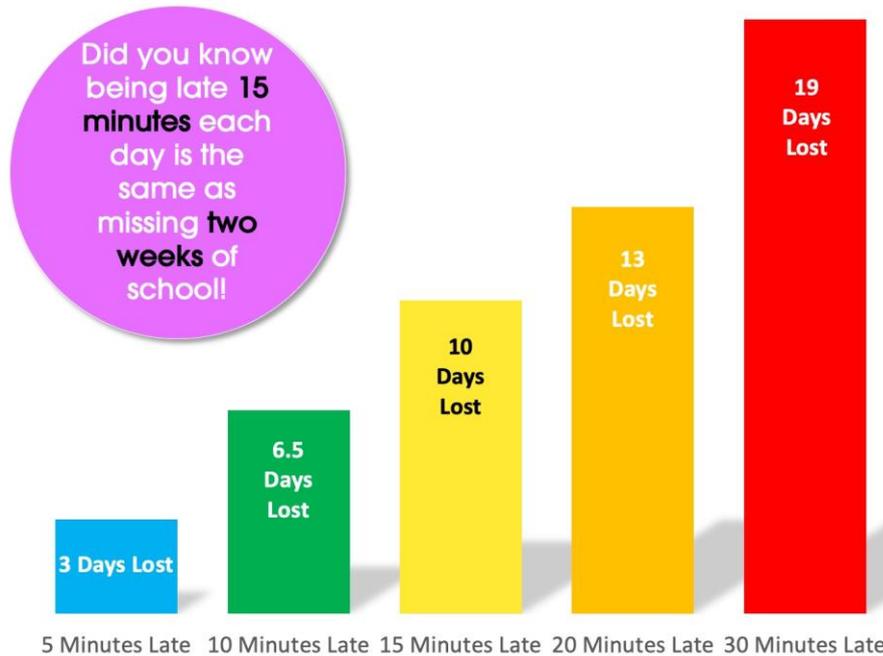
Parents are urged to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during term time.



Punctuality

Punctuality Matters!

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning



Punctuality

Thank you for your work on improving attendance. It is important that your children arrive on time to maximise their learning. From the moment they arrive, teachers are on hand to support pupils with reading, writing and maths work.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!



Future Leaders in the Making: Scholars Project Success!

As one of our Core Values at Red Lane, **aspiration** is a key driver in the opportunities we plan for our children. The Scholars Project is a wonderful programme which we engage with annually. Working with a graduate tutor from the University of Manchester, seven children took part in the programme. The group attended tutorials over a period of six weeks, before completing their own 'dissertation-style' essay over the Christmas break and during the first week of the new term. Their work was submitted at the beginning of January and we eagerly awaited the feedback.

We were delighted when we received their final results: from the group of seven, all children scored either a first or 2:1, which reflects a level of writing far beyond the expected level for Year 6 pupils. In recognition of their hard work, the children attended a graduation event at the university, receiving certificates and a Nandos reward. Well done to all involved!



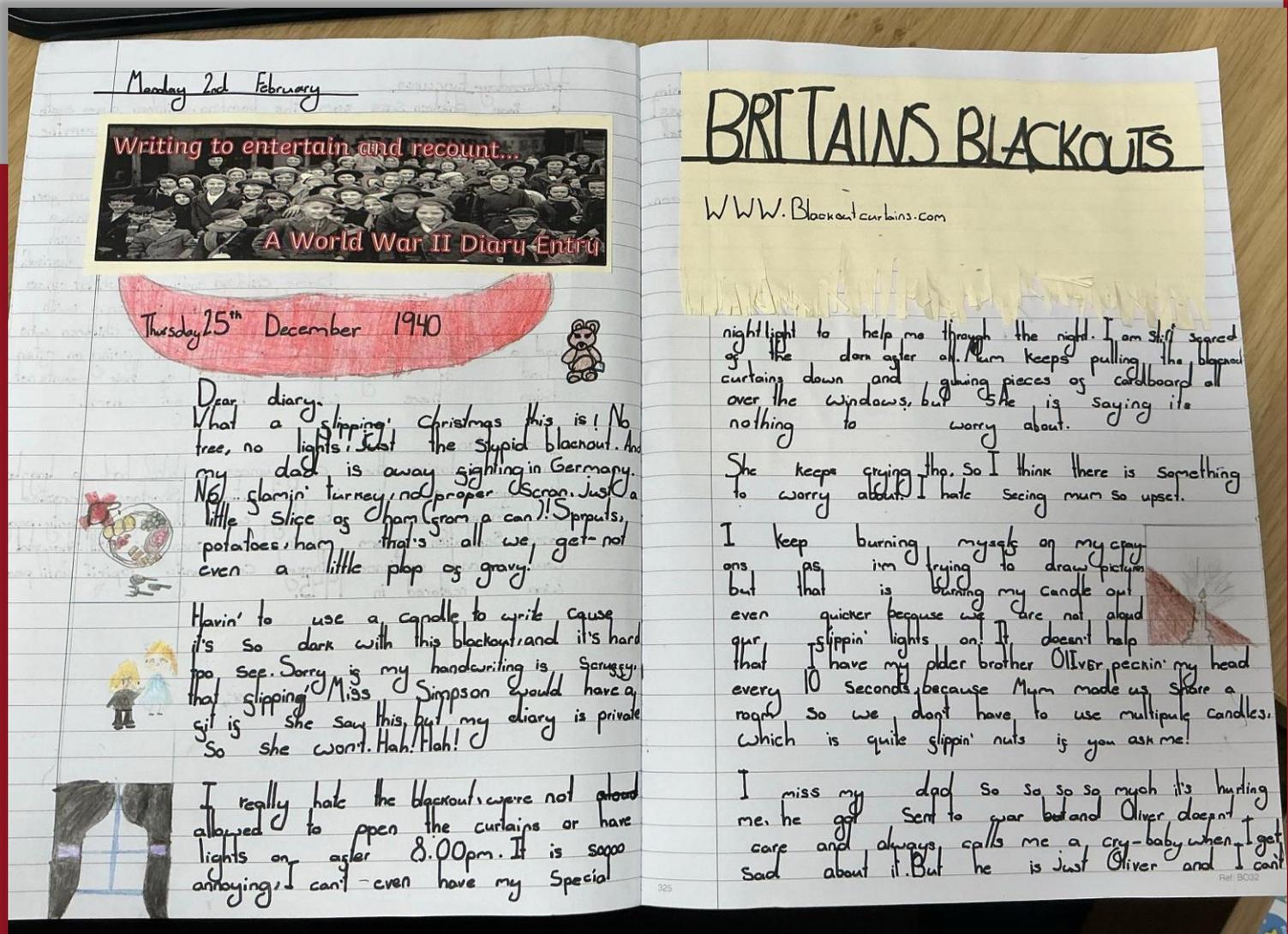
Exploring the past: Pupils' dive into History

At Red Lane, our History curriculum helps pupils connect the present with the past, sparking curiosity and thoughtful questions about how the world has changed over time.

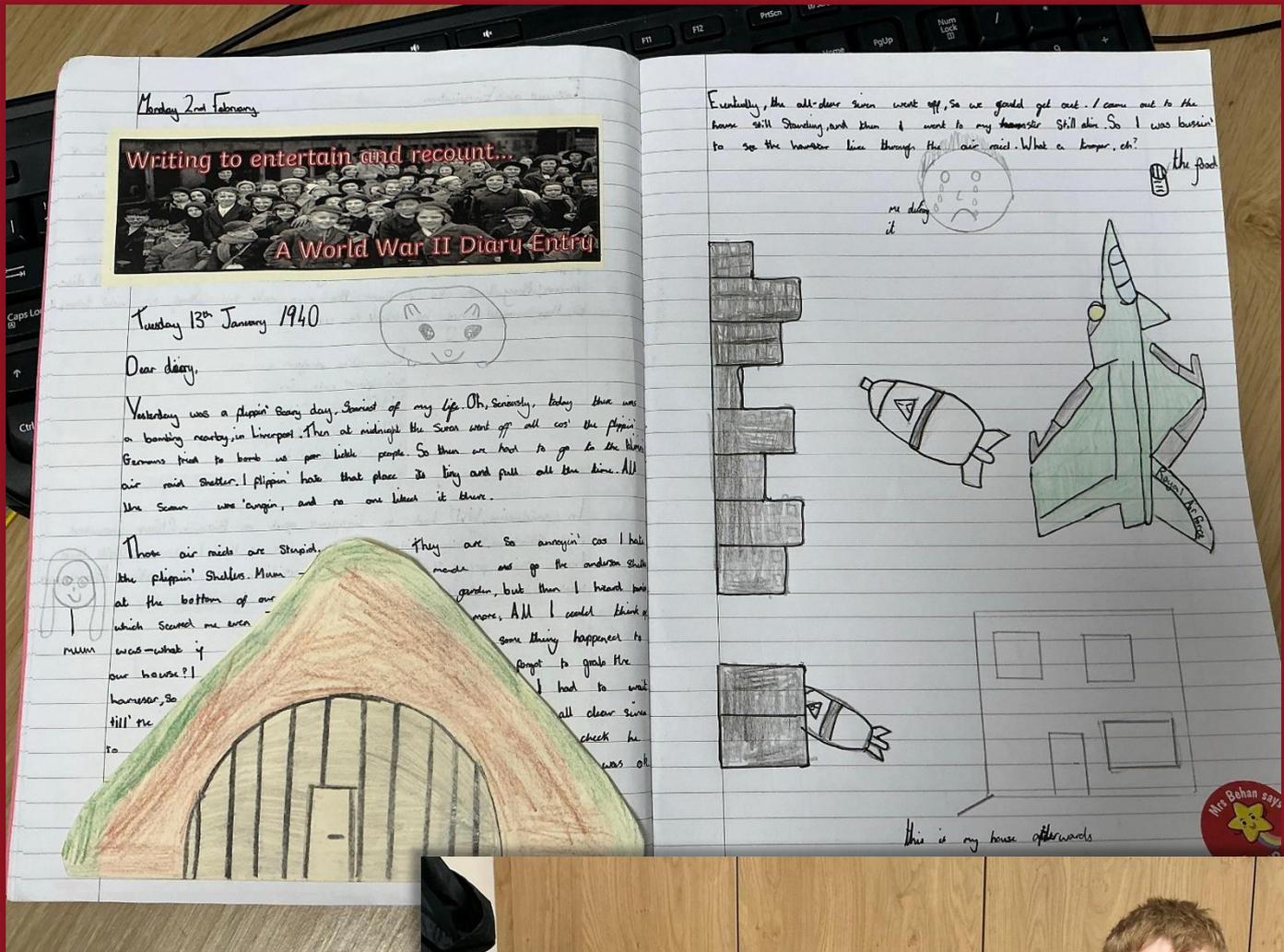
Learning is carefully sequenced. In EYFS and KS1, children explore more recent events before gradually moving further back in time. In KS2, British History is studied chronologically, alongside key historical themes and concepts.

Each unit begins with key vocabulary and placing events on a timeline to build strong historical understanding. Recently, Year 6 have been studying World War Two, ordering key events and exploring its impact on life in the UK.

Our History Lead is Miss Simpson.



Exploring the past: Year 6 work





Teamwork in Action: *Sports Round-Up*



5th February

Super effort from our Dodgeball team. 4th place overall out of 8 local schools. Excellent attitude from all.

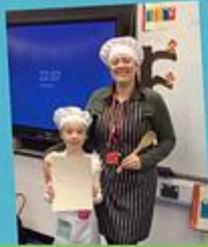
Fun, Facts and Fundraising: *Our NSPCC Number Day Celebration*

Funds raised from Number Day help support vital NSPCC services like Speak Out Stay Safe, which visits primary schools across the UK to educate children about the dangers of abuse and how to seek help. Thank you for your generous contributions.

On 6th February, pupils and teachers dressed up as people with occupations related to numbers, showcasing how maths is an essential part of our daily lives!



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Number Day
2026



PIC • COLLAGE

Celebrating National Storytelling Week



Week beginning 2nd February, pupils across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part in a series of exciting live National Storytelling Week Zoom sessions, joining schools from across the country to celebrate the power of stories, imagination and creativity.

During the sessions, our KS2 children explored the idea of R.A.P. – Rhythm and Poetry. They were inspired to think about what their own superpower might be and how they could use it to help others and make the world a better place. Pupils created thoughtful, imaginative and powerful pieces of writing, showing fantastic creativity as well as real empathy for the world around them.

It was wonderful to see children confidently sharing their ideas, performing their raps and celebrating each other's work. The sessions truly captured the spirit of storytelling—using words, rhythm and voice to inspire change.

Key Stage 1 pupils also enjoyed taking part in engaging storytelling activities, sparking their imagination and deepening their love of stories.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, creativity and thoughtful contributions throughout National Storytelling Week. Take a look at some of the fantastic moments captured below!



2026

book missions



January

Read a book that makes you laugh!

February

Tell someone about a book you love

March

Join the World Book Day celebrations

April

Read a book because you love its pictures

May

Read a poetry book or a verse novel

June

It's a summer of sport! Read a sporty book

July

7 July: A new Children's Laureate is here! Read one of their books

August

Read a book outside! What's the most unusual place you can find?

September

Send a letter or a drawing to your favourite author or illustrator

October

Read a scary book for Halloween!

November

Read a non-fiction book and tell a friend a cool fact

December

Swap your favourite book with your friends

My favourite books of the year are...



Dates for your diary

05.03.26	3T Class assembly and parent stay and play at 9am
05.03.26	World Book Day
09.03.26 & 10.03.26	Parent conferences held
12.03.26	5B Class assembly and parent stay and play at 9am
19.03.26	5T Class assembly and parent stay and play at 9am
26.03.26	4K Class assembly and parent stay and play at 9am
27.03.26	Non-uniform for Easter Bingo donations
02.04.26	3W Class assembly and parent stay and play at 9am
02.04.26	Easter Bingo at 3.45pm & 5pm
03.04.26	Bank holiday
06.04.26 - 10.04.26	Easter school holidays
13.04.26	Return to school at 8.40am

Reminders...



For the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff on-site, please be aware that **e-scooters, cigarettes, vapes and dogs are not permitted on school grounds.** Staff will challenge parents about conduct in relation to this if necessary.