



# FLORA NEWS



## Headitorial

The Education Policy Institute reported in early January about the state of school finances across England. It is not pleasant reading, but also contains no surprises to Heads and school leaders; we have been saying the system is in financial dire straits for some time.

### The key findings are:

- Almost one in three (30.3 percent) of local authority (LA) maintained secondary schools were in deficit in 2017-18 – almost four times that of 2014 (8.1 percent).
- The average secondary school deficit was nearly half a million pounds (£483,569).
- 8 percent of primaries were in deficit in 2017-18.
- Some schools have very large deficits: 1 in every 10 LA secondary school has a deficit of over 10 percent of their total income.

### School in-year balances

- 51 percent of LA primary schools were spending more than their income in 2016-17.

The report shows that despite cuts in educational provision, school finances are continuing to deteriorate. Analysis by the NEU shows that 4,819 schools – that's a quarter of primary schools (25%) and one in six secondary schools (17%) – either received no cash increase or suffered an actual cut to their funding, despite school costs shooting up dramatically.

Kevin Courtney, Joint General Secretary of the NEU said:

“This is a Government that appears to care nothing for the quality of education our children and young people receive. It is time they listened to the head teachers, teachers, school staff, and parents who are saying ‘enough is enough’ and ensure our schools are properly funded.”

You can read the full report here:

<https://epi.org.uk/publications-and-research/school-revenue-balances/>



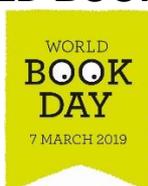
We were selected by Youth Sports Trust for 22 delegates from Saudi Arabia to come and observe PE just before half term, so that they could see how PE is taught in the UK. They were so impressed by the behaviour, engagement and learning of our pupils.

**Science and Art Week  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Miss Earley and Miss E Kelly wrote to you a couple of weeks ago regarding Science and Art week and the school's 'Saving the Planet' focus. This is a reminder to collect any plastic at home and bring it to schools so it can be reused to create a work of art! Each class has a collection bank so you can start bringing it in next week, ready for the project to begin the following Monday.

Whilst clearing up the dinning hall this week, the kitchen staff noticed the shells of nuts on the floor. Please can we remind you that packed lunched must never contain nuts or any products containing nuts, as we have staff and pupils with allergies and this could be very dangerous.

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
WORLD BOOK DAY**



This year the campaign continues to spread the word that reading together for **JUST 10 MINUTES A DAY** can make a crucial difference to a child's future.

We are inviting pupils to come to school dressed in either pyjamas (ready for a bedtime story!) or as their favourite book character.

Pupils will take part in fun reading activities throughout the day, including a very special assembly.

The website for online school payments has changed ever so slightly. We are still using Sims Agora but is now called Sims Pay. Your log in details will remain the same, only now the website that you need to go to is – [www.sims-pay.co.uk](http://www.sims-pay.co.uk). If you have any problems logging in then Mrs Hobman will be happy to help.

As a special treat for raising the most money for Cancer Research UK during the sponsored run, Year 3 will be going on a trip Wagamamas next week.

Please ensure the office has your most up-to-date phone number, as well as another adult's number in case we cannot get through to you.



Year 4 had a great time at the Science Museum.

**Attendance**

25<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Class	Attendance
Reception	89.2%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	97.9%
Total	95.9%

It's been a bad week for Nursery & Reception. How can we learn if we are not in school?

Nursery	76.8%
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**Value Award Winners**

- Nursery – Isra
- Reception – Abdullah
- Year 1 – Danya
- Year 2 – Younes
- Year 3 – Marley
- Year 4 – Yonis, Lina & Nadine
- Year 5 – Mohamed
- Year 6 – Ilhombek
- PE – Anna, Y4