



Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

Next Week

Monday	Y5 Bikeability FS2 - Y3 Dogs Trust
Tuesday	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday	Y4 - Y6 Dogs Trust
Thursday	World Book Day
Friday	Y6 Magic Maths Morning 9 - 9.30 Hall

Attendance

1st Place - Class - 96.67%

2nd Place - Class - 96.30%

3rd Place - Class - 95.15%

Please continue to promote good attendance.

We are trying to ensure all children are in and ready to learn before we close the gates at 9:00am.

Whole School Attendance:

94.58%

Forest School

Monday 3rd March:

Year 1

Tuesday 4th March:

FS2

Friday 7th March:

Year 2

Please make sure children wear suitable clothing.



Polite Notice

Just a reminder, please use and walk on the paths when dropping off children and at the end of the school day.

Thank you



Please ensure you pay any outstanding balances on your ParentPay accounts.

Thank you.





House Points Total



**Purple
Amethysts
Points**

463

**Red
Rubies
Points**

643

**Green
Emeralds
Points**

691

**Blue
Sapphires
Points**

748

**Yellow
Diamonds
Points**

689



Merit Points



100 merits: Sadaf A
400 merits: Ellis N, Charlie Mc
500 merits: Taylor B, Leon PP
600 merits: Ralph C-C
700 merits: Poppy-Lou P, Darcie-Mae O'N,
Eden C
800 merits: Eli C, Finn Mc, Lacey-Rose J,
Esmae J
900 merits: Jasmine T, Dominic T
1000 merits: Riley Mc, Hazel H
1100 merits: Lilly D, Perri-Ann F, Korey G,
Esira W
1200: Zoe S, Lee B
1300: Elsie H, Carter C
1400: Alfie B, Tallulah T
1900: Amelia A

**'I know what to do
in difficult
situations'**



Y6. Mickey G

Y5. Lewis G

Y4. Sophie Q

Y3. Eva W

Y2. Marnie-Lea T

Y1. Nellie H

FS2. Skyla-May T

Key dates for this half term

Monday 10th - 13th March	Y6 Mocks SATS
Tuesday 11th March	EYFS Aquatic Fanatic Morning Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3.30 - 4.30pm Hall
Tuesday 18th March	Y5 Bowlees Farm Trip
Tuesday 18th - 25th March	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 24th & 25th March	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 28th March	Y2 Whitby Trip
Tuesday 1st April	Y3 & Y4 Keyboard Performance for Parents 3pm Hall
Friday 4th April	Decorated Egg Competition BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22nd April	CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Safeguarding spotlight: Marvel Rivals

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **MARVEL RIVALS**

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
**PEGI
12**

ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.



MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

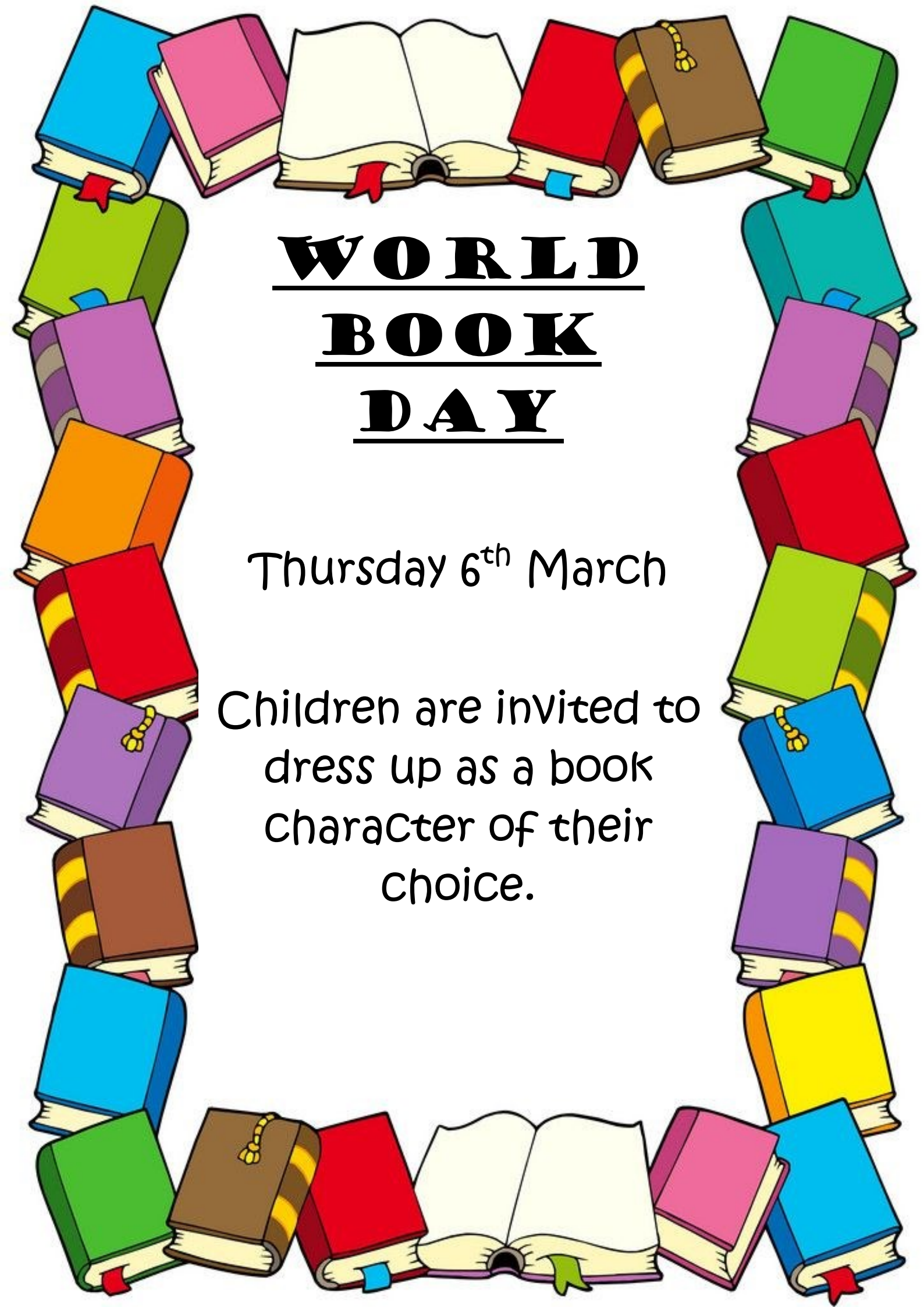
Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.





WORLD **BOOK** **DAY**

Thursday 6th March

Children are invited to
dress up as a book
character of their
choice.

mum2mum market

**SUNDAY
2ND MARCH
10AM-12PM
Richmond School**



**£2 on
the door**
Cash only

*Buy and sell preloved baby,
maternity and kids items*



Scan for
stall bookings



Mum2mum Market Yorkshire



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ONLINE SESSIONS

For Parents/ Carers

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS

For parents/carers of neurodiverse children
(with a diagnosis or awaiting assessment)

**Presented by
NYC Children and
Families Service:
Early Help**



Tuesday 25TH February , 18:00 –19:00
**Supporting you to support your child through
shutdown, meltdown and crisis**

Tuesday 25TH March , 18:00 –19:00
**Supporting you and your child with their
emotional and sensory regulation**

Tuesday 29TH April , 18:00 –19:00
Supporting you and your child with sleep

For more information contact
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For the past year, North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre has been dedicated to providing comprehensive support through our face-to-face drop-in advice sessions specifically designed for serving personnel, their families, and veterans. Located in and around Catterick, including the Hambleton and Richmondshire areas, this initiative aims to deliver essential guidance to clients with a military connection.

Our dedicated advisers offer a wide range of generalist advice on crucial topics such as benefits, energy, debt, and housing. Recognising the unique challenges faced by our clients, we also provide specialised support related to various forms and applications. This includes assistance with Personal Independence Payment (PIP) forms, Work Capability Assessments, Attendance Allowance, Disability Allowance forms, and Mandatory Reconsiderations, among others. Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and we are committed to addressing a variety of client needs.

In addition to our advisory services funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, we have secured funding from the Veteran's Foundation for specialist legal advice, ensuring that our clients receive comprehensive support tailored to their individual circumstances. For those who prefer a more private setting, we can arrange appointments for confidential discussions either in person or over the phone.

Our adviser on this project has established strong connections with numerous partner organisations that serve the military community. This collaboration allows us to make direct referrals within this network, enabling us to provide a more holistic and integrated service to our clients.

We are dedicated to empowering our clients with the knowledge and resources they need to navigate their circumstances effectively, ensuring that they receive the support they deserve.

We have a dedicated help line: 01748 902020

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Online referral form: <https://www.cany.org.uk/catterick-connection-referral/>



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