

# OAKLANDS EXPRESS



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## Signs of Spring at School

Photograph taken by Lewis Y12

# Half Term Recap...

## World Religion Day: 16th January



Our assemblies during this week were focussed on World Religion Day—a day to celebrate the many religions of the world and how they all give purpose and peace to the followers of the religions.

Try out our Religions Quiz on Page 5 to test your knowledge!

## NSPCC Number Day: 4th February



The school went green one Friday to join in with the national NSPCC Number Day! We all took part in extra Maths activities in class as well as the Buddy Key Challenge treasure hunt around the playground. We raised a super £99! Well done everyone!

## Work Experience: 14th February

You may notice it's quieter around school during the last week of this half term! All the Year 11 students are out on Work Experience placements for the week, getting involved with different roles and responsibilities in different workplaces such as pet shops, gyms and hair dressers. Find out how they got on in our next issue!



# Club Focus...

## Drama Club!



Tuesdays in Miss Howbrigg's room.

Want to spend 20 minutes developing your acting skills whilst having fun? Then come along to Drama Club!

*Years 7, 8 and 9*

## STREET ART CLUB!

Tuesdays in Mr Gillman's room.

Mrs Jones leads this super club each week for all art lovers! Come along to learn and practise new skills.

*Years 10 and 11*



# Home-baking...

*Pancake Day is fast approaching! Here's a recipe taken from [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com). How many times can you flip a pancake?!*

## You Will Need:

- 100g plain flour
- 2 large eggs
- 300ml milk
- 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil, plus a little extra for frying



## Method

1. Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter.
2. Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.
3. Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.
4. When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, keeping them warm in a low oven as you go.
5. Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar, or your favourite filling.

Year 12 suggest trying fresh fruit, golden syrup or the classic sugar and lemon on your pancakes.

Did you know 5th February was World Nutella Day so why not spread that on your pancakes too!

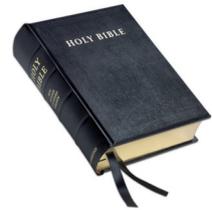


# World Religion Quiz!

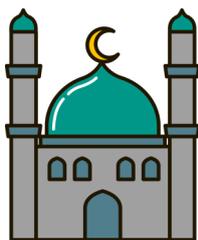
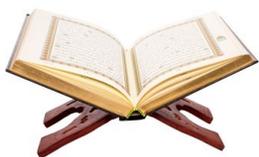
To celebrate World Religion Day last month, Year 12 students have created this Religions Quiz. How many can you get correct? Answers are on the back page ;)



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1. Which religion goes to a church?
2. Which symbol represents Christianity and why?
3. What holy book do Muslims read?
4. Who would read the Torah?
5. Who would celebrate Diwali?
6. How many Pillars of Islam are there?
7. Which city do Muslims face when praying?
8. Which day do Jews celebrate Shabbat?



# Ten Minutes with...

In each newspaper we interview a teacher, spending 10 minutes firing questions at them to get to know them.

This issue, we spend 10 minutes with Miss Coyle!

1. What is your favourite thing about Oaklands?

*All the wonderful students.*

2. What is your favourite thing about being a teacher?

*Teaching English and sharing my love of it with the students.*

3. What was your first ever job?

*I worked in a card shop!*



4. What was your favourite subject at school?

*ICT.*

5. What do you like doing outside of school?

*Going to music festivals and going to see live bands.*



6. Do you have any pets?

No.

7. If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

A sloth

8. Where do you like going on holiday?

Anywhere but I am going to Mexico soon

**Speed round: What's Your Favourite...**

Colour: Pink

Animal: Panda

Sport: Gymnastics

Food: Pasta

Take away: Dominoes

Drink: Dr Pepper

TV show: Grey's Anatomy

Film: Dirty Dancing



**Domino's**

# Charity of the Half Term...

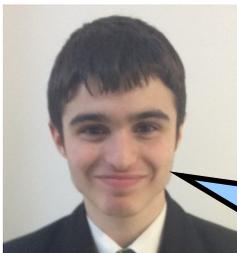
This Half Term our charity is Cheshire Buddies. Some of our students have been taking part in Cheshire Buddies doing loads of fun activities such as canoeing, making a bonfire, going trampolining and arts and crafts. We have asked our Cheshire Buddies all about their experiences...



My favourite thing is spending time with my friends at Cheshire Buddies!

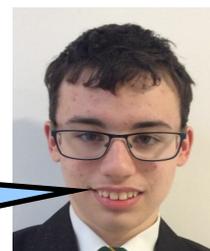


My favourite thing about Cheshire Buddies is spending quality time with my friends and going away on residential. Also, I have been doing it since Year 7 and I am in Year 10!



I started Cheshire Buddies in September. My favourite activities are canoeing, kayaking, making bonfires and roasting marshmallows. My favourite thing about it is you just have a chance to go out with your friends and have some fun.

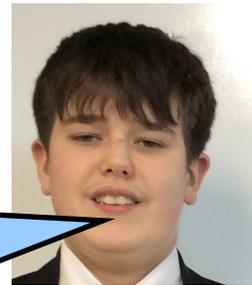
My favourite thing about Cheshire Buddies is going to Blackpool Sandcastle Waterpark!



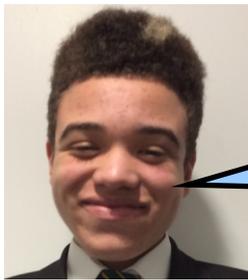


I have been doing it since Year 8. I do arts and crafts because I love making things because it is fun. I also play in the park. I am even doing my work experience with Cheshire Buddies!

I go every Wednesday evening until 6pm. I love doing pond dipping!  
I love making nature things for wildlife and going on residential holidays. I love playing lots of games.



I do tennis, football and basketball and also arts and crafts. My favourite thing about Cheshire Buddies is going on trips.



I go on Wednesday evening. I get to go out with my friends. I enjoy canoeing and singing round the bonfire. My favourite activity is climbing rock walls.

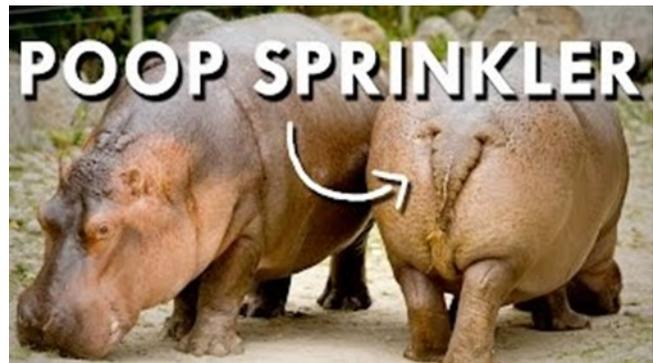


# Hippos!

*Did you know February 15th is World Hippo Day? These huge mud-loving animals from Africa are sadly under threat. Learn more about these deadly mammals in this report...*

## Habitat

Hippos live in East Africa. Hippos live in a group from 10 to 30 hippos with just one male hippo. Hippos are very aggressive and can fight enemies by using their large teeth and tusks. They mark their territory by flinging poo everywhere. Hippos love water, and always found around rivers or lakes. Hippos can't breathe under water but they hold their breath and close their ears and noses tightly to keep the water out.



While common hippos prefer grasslands, pygmy hippos live mainly in forests.

## Species

There are two types of hippos. There is a pygmy hippo which is smaller and the common hippos. In London zoo they have two pygmy hippos. Keeping hippos in zoos is one way to help them survive as a species. It keeps their numbers up, especially if they can breed and have babies.



Baby hippos are called calves. A baby hippo weighs about 100 pounds which weighs the same as a big dog.

## Diet

Hippos are vegetarians and only eat plant food. Hippos have to eat a lot because they are big. Because they eat so much, they also poo, burp and trump a lot too!



Common hippos eat grass and other plants. Pygmy hippos set off in the evening, munch their way along the forest trails and return at round midnight. In forests and swamps where they live, there isn't much grass. They eat ferns, leaves, roots and young plant shoots.



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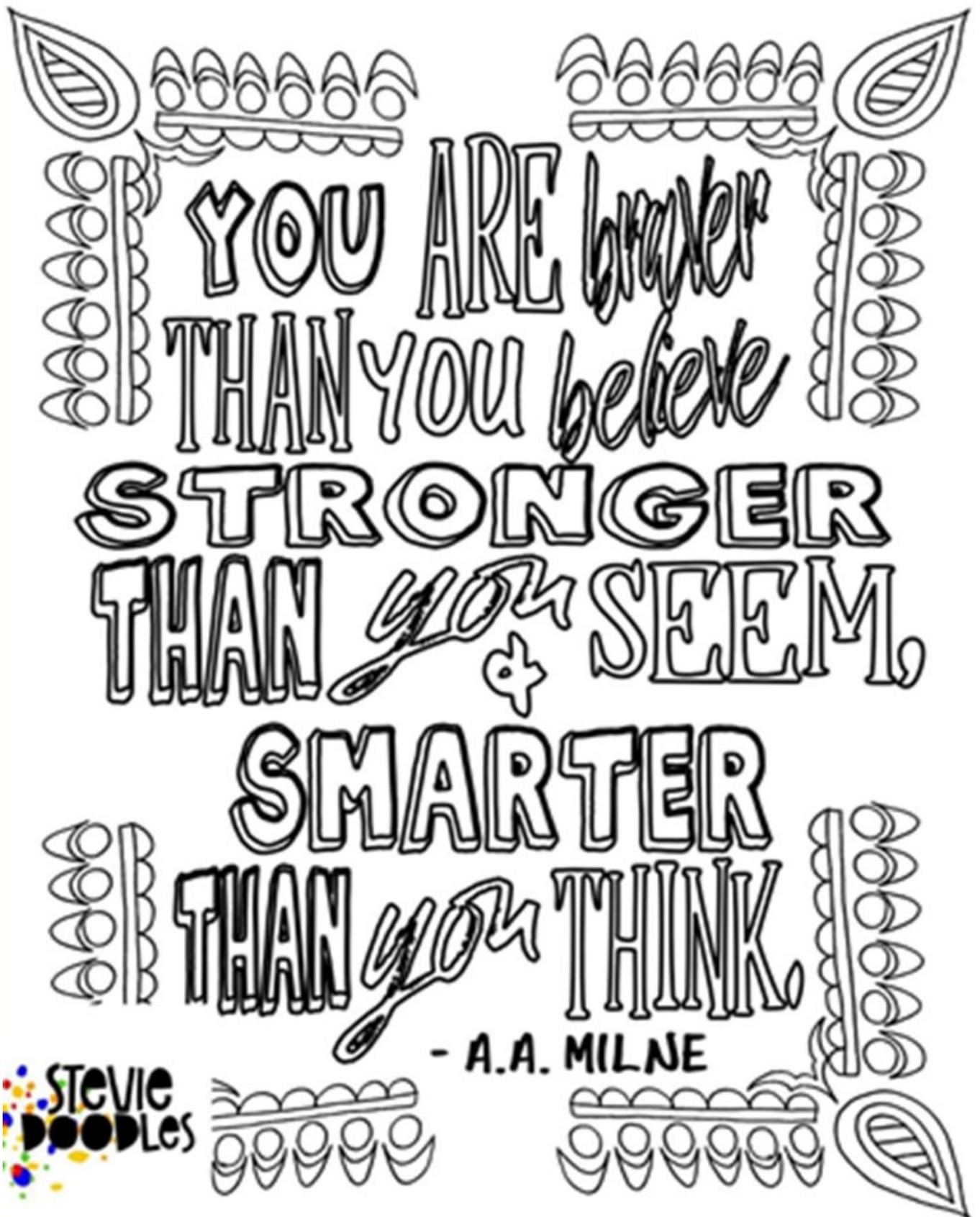
# Take A Break to Chill.



Homemade



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- A.A. MILNE

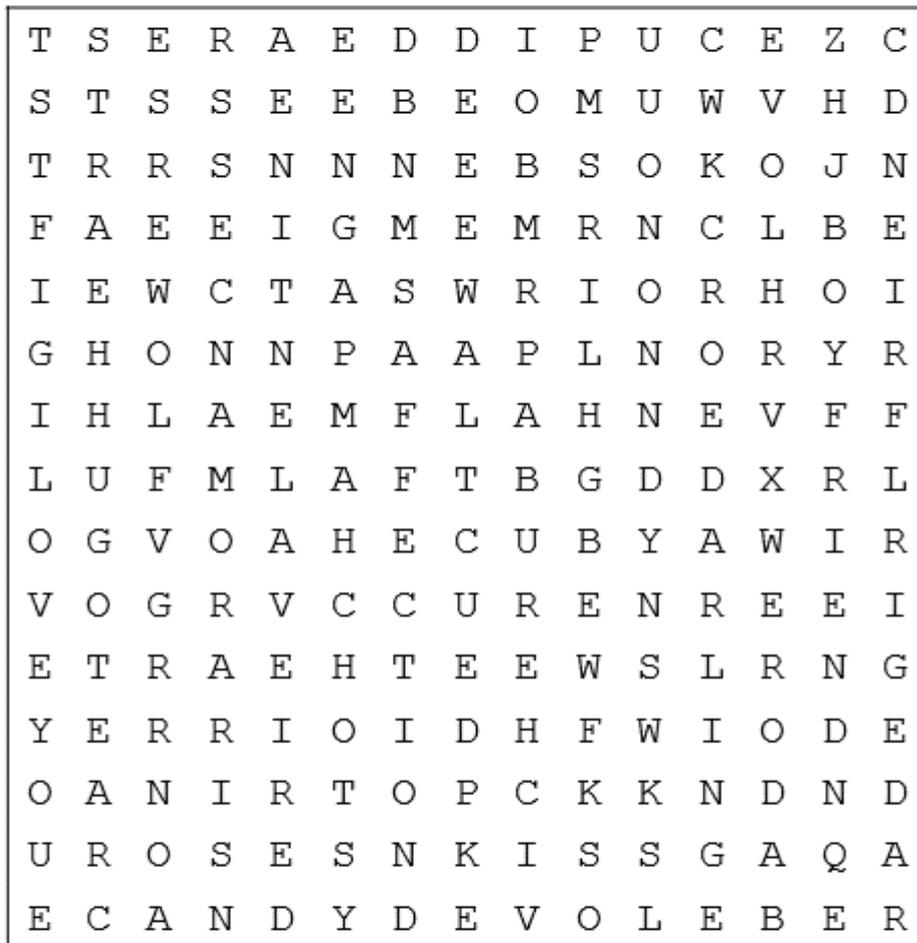
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# Puzzle Page!



## Valentine's Day

February 14th

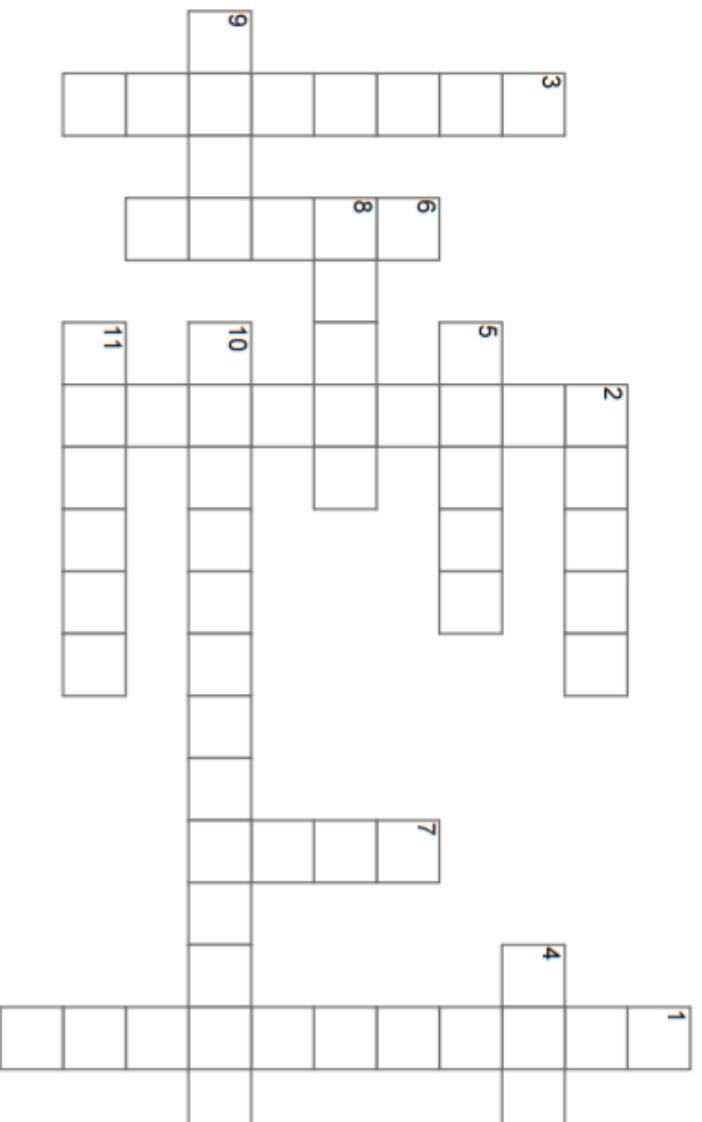


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HEARTS  
HUG  
I LOVE YOU  
KISS

LOVE  
PINK  
POEM  
RED  
ROMANCE  
ROSES  
SWEETHEART  
VALENTINE





**ACROSS**

2. Shoots arrows at people.
4. Favorite Valentine's Day color.
5. Favorite flower for Valentine's Day.
8. Cupid shoot this and people fall in love.
9. Many people send one to a friend on Valentine's Day.
10. The name of this holiday is \_\_\_\_\_
11. Expression often said on Valentine's Day "Be \_\_\_\_\_"

**DOWN**

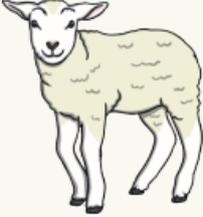
1. Heart shaped candy with words
2. "Kisses" is one kind of this type of candy.
3. The month of Valentine's Day.
6. Kids love Valentine's Day because they want to eat a lot of \_\_\_\_\_
7. Valentine's Day is the day of \_\_\_\_\_

# Signs of Spring!

It seems to have been a loooooong winter this year even though we haven't had much snow. However, the evenings are getting longer as the sun sets later and the weather is slowly warming up.

Signs that Spring is on its way always cheer us up and bring us hope of warmer days.

Which signs of Spring have you spotted on your journey to school?

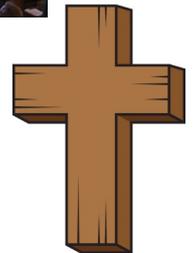
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# Quiz Answers...

1. Christians go to a church.



2. The symbol for Christianity is a cross because Jesus dies on a cross.



3. Muslims read a Quran.



4. Jews would read a Torah.

5. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus.



6. There are 5 Pillars of Islam.

7. Muslims face Mecca when praying.



8. Jews celebrate Shabbat on Saturday.

