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Learning for life in all its fullness. John 10:10

Head Teacher's Welcome - issue 33

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. Colossians 3:23-24

Dear Parents, Carers and extended school community,

There are so many wonderful moments happening in school in January despite the wind, rain and snow.

We have had to make room in a our trophy cabinet following Year 2's achievement at The Cube yesterday. Year 4 represented Braunston School and showed great resilience and sportsmanship.

A choir from Braunston (of approx. 50) led by Mrs Oliver and supported by many of our staff team, attended Young Voices in Birmingham. Following weeks of in school rehearsals, they joined with other school choirs to rehearse during the afternoon and perform a concert to family and friends in the evening. The results were phenomenal and, despite the very late night, many children have already shared that they want to sign up for the next set of rehearsals as soon as they start!

We now have two members of staff and a parent volunteer qualified to carry out Forest School which means we have been able to extend this amazing offer. Reception will continue to take part in Forest School sessions weekly too. A number of staff have started training to deliver the TACPAC intervention which draws together touch and music to create sensory communication between two people. This helps children who have a sensory impairment or communication difficulties and is designed to create sensory alignment.

Yesterday, our School Council took part in in an ExpertEd Webinar with Lord Knight of Weymouth. The children talked about democracy and freedom of speech. Lord Knight spoke about his recent discussion in the House of Lords focusing on children under the age of 16 being banned from social media. The School Council were delighted to have one of their questions read and answered.

Parent/ Teacher consultations dates are between 16th and 26th March. Appointments will go live on March 2nd at 7.00pm. Please make every effort to meet with your child's class teacher so that we can continue to work in partnership to enable your child to flourish and reach their full potential. If you are unable to make the date offered, teachers will offer telephone calls only.

Best wishes,

Lianna Willis

Headteacher

Reception - Inkpen

We have been busy exploring numbers to 5. The children are learning that numbers are made up of different smaller numbers and have been enjoying investigating one more and

one less through practical activities. We have also begun to explore capacity and mass, using hands-on experiences to compare and measure.

In literacy, we have been reading 'Whatever Next'. The children have loved the story, especially making rockets for Baby Bear and talking about what they would take on a picnic to the moon.

In PE, we have been practising our jumping and landing skills, as well as developing our spatial awareness through fun movement activities.

We also enjoyed our very first Forest School session this week. The children loved spending time outdoors, where they made cosy homes for woodland animals and talked about hibernation, learning which animals sleep through the winter.

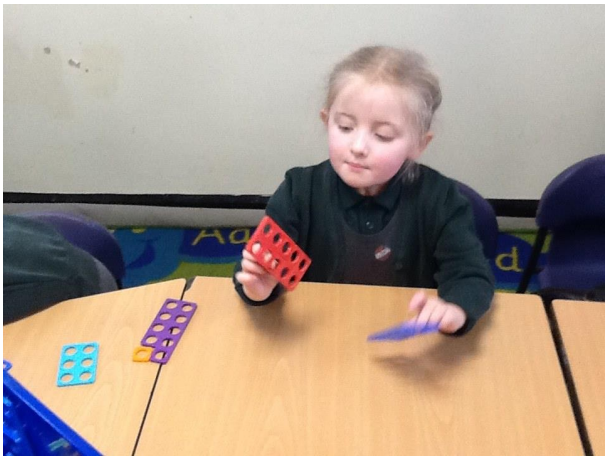
1. strawberry
2. grapes
3. berries
4. banana
5. apple
Liquid Lila
Gassy Gustavo

"2 and 3 make's 5, 4 and 1 make's 5" - Reuben H

Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have been enjoying Gymnastics and learning some football skills such as kicking and stopping the ball, as well as dribbling a ball in-between cones during our PE lessons. We have also started learning all about 'The Great Fire of London' asking lots of questions about how, when and where it started.

In Maths, we have been applying our learnt skills to critical thinking problems and developing our explanations through drawings and oracy. We are continuing to practise our reading and handwriting, forming letters accurately and keeping letters consistent in size. We are very proud of how hard Year 1 are working in all aspect of their learning. Well done everyone.



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I love PE! - Xander

My writing is on the lines and my letters are the same size. - Darcie

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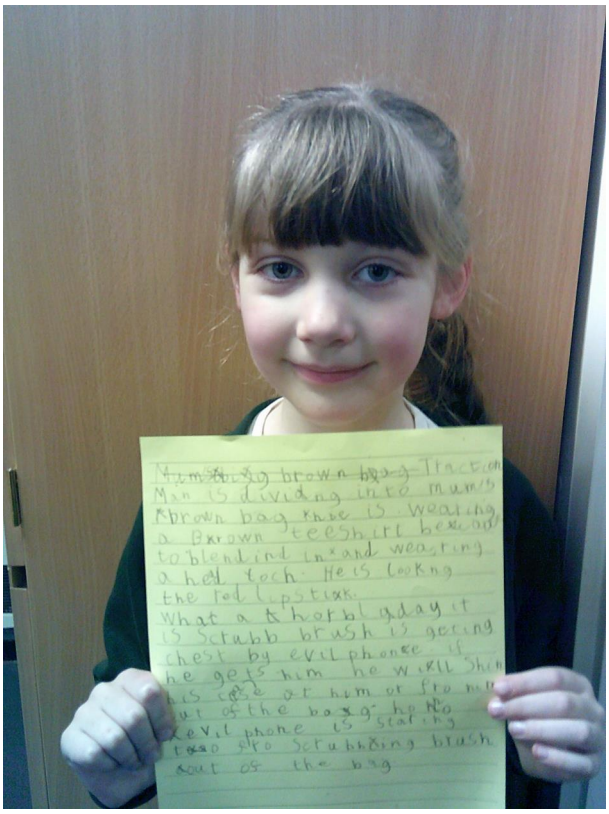
Class 2 - Ahlberg

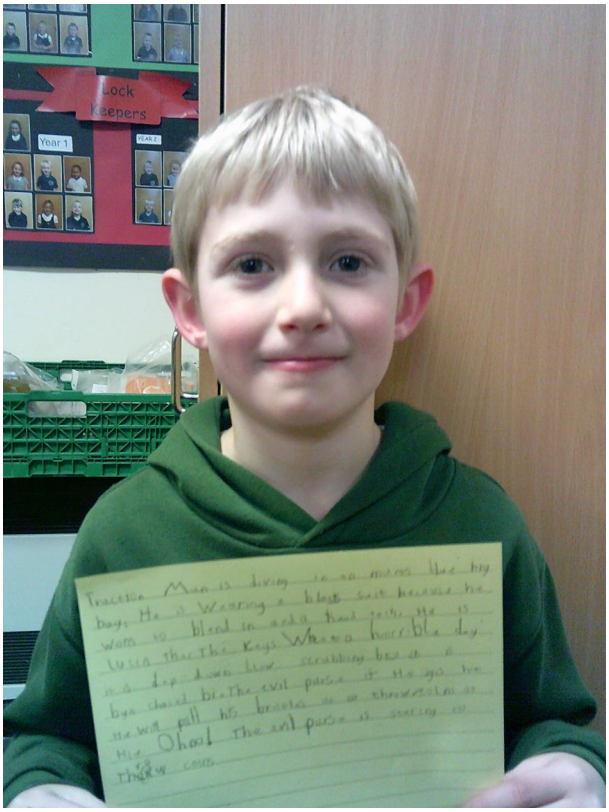
Year 2 have excelled themselves these past few weeks! We have loved reading 'Traction Man' and have invented a new story to add to his adventures called 'Traction Man and mum's handbag'. It is the best writing we have done so far in Year 2, with so many amazing adjectives, descriptions and imaginative ideas.

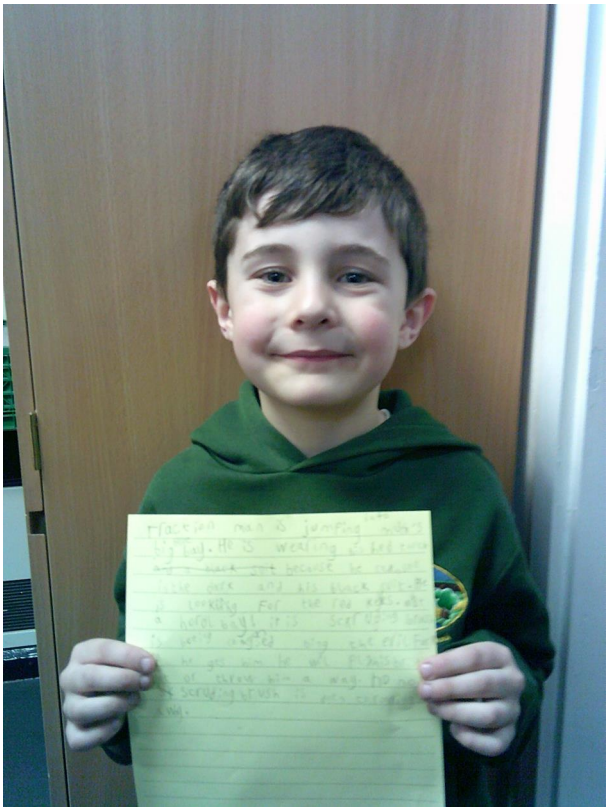
In history we have focused on Victorian scientists - namely Florence Nightingale and Mary Anning. This has really captured the children's sense of wonder. There are fossils found by Mary Anning in both the Oxford and London Natural History Museums - just in case you wanted an exciting day out!

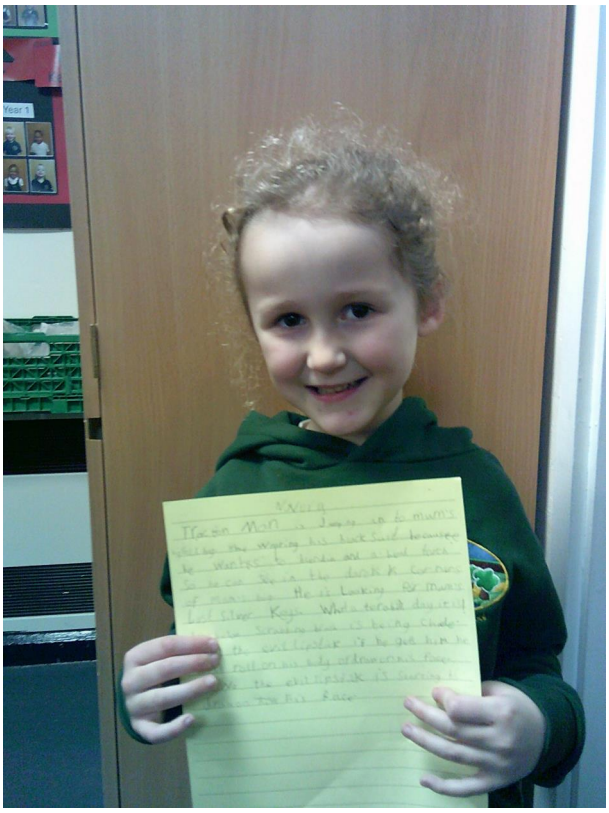
In maths we have mastered money and will be moving on to multiplication (we call this 'groups of' to start with) next week.

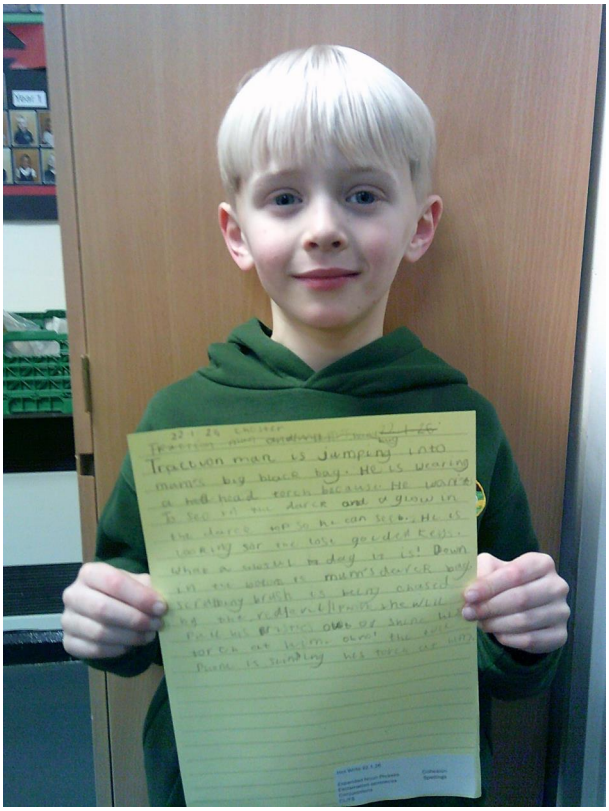
Congratulations to everyone in year 2 for your hard work.

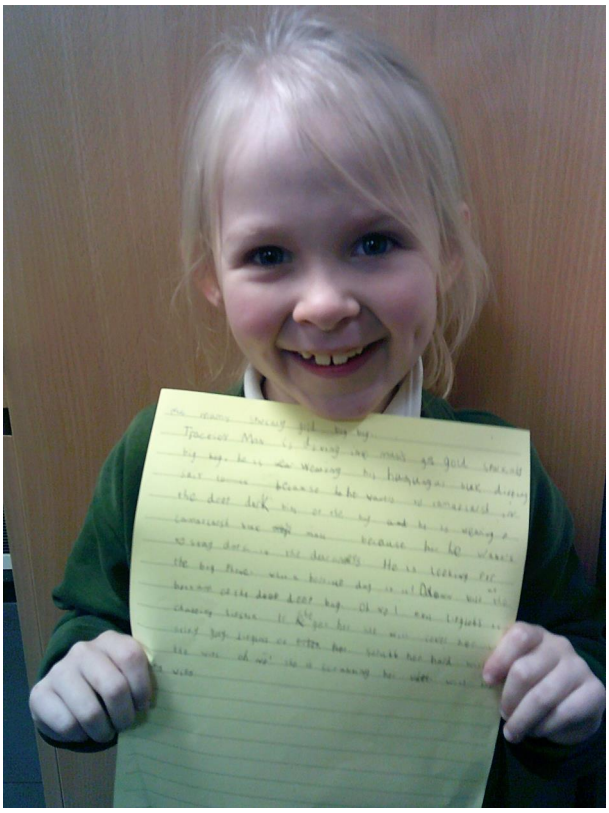












We have found fossils like Mary Anning on the beach in Weymouth. (Eliza and Hallie)

Class 3 - Dahl

Year 3 have been loving our new book this half term - The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They have been working towards writing their own character and setting descriptions based on the arrival of the Iron Man. However, they cannot wait to find out what happens in the rest of our story!

In Art, we have been looking at drawing and shading which the children have really enjoyed. They are looking forward to creating detailed drawings of the Iron Man to go alongside our class text.

In Geography, our topic is looking at earthquakes and volcanoes. So far, we have looked at the layers of the earth and have explained how volcanoes are made. We are coupling this with our science topic which is rocks and soils. We are going to be learning about the 3 different types of rocks and how fossils are made.

"Magma can sit in a magma chamber in the crust or it can erupt creating a volcano." - Amelia

Class 4 - Morpurgo

Year 4 have had a great start to the Spring term. In Maths, we have been working hard on securing our times table knowledge up to 12 x 12 and learning to use what we know to answer questions such as 18 x 6. In English, we have been reading the story 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. The children have been focusing on the characters of Fern and Mr Arable, ready to write their character and setting descriptions next week. Our music lessons this term are provided by NMPAT. The children have loved their drumming sessions so far and are sounding great! Mrs Barnwell and the forest school team are having a wonderful time with half of Class 4 . The remaining children have worked very hard to make some superb purses. Children designed their own purses based on a specific design brief they decided on. They practised running stitch and back stitch, chose and cut out their own fabric before using their chosen stitch to join their pieces. As you can see, they have done a brilliant job!

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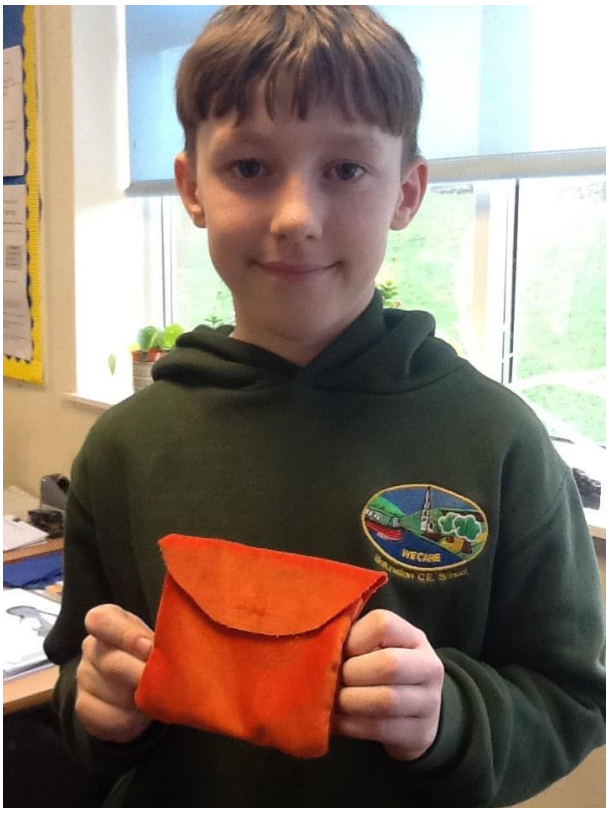
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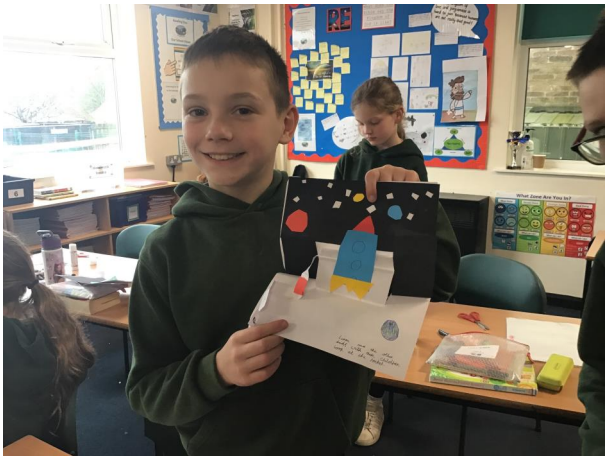
Back stitch is hard but it looks much neater so I think I'm going to use that one - Abigail

Class 5 - Rowling

Year 5 are loving reading 'The Explorer'. The opening chapters have been gripping and we can't wait to find out how Fred is going to survive in the Amazon Rainforest. In our reading sessions, we are learning to recall key information by scanning the text and finding the evidence to support our answers. The children are working really hard to improve their reading fluency and expression during their paired work. What super teamwork we have in Year 5! In Maths, we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions from a whole number. During our problem solving time, we have been using language such as mixed number, improper fractions, denominator and numerator to answer a written question. In DT, we have been making pop-up books linked to the book 'Cosmic'. The children have worked extremely hard to overcome some of the design challenges and have shown great resilience. A great start to the term, Year 5!



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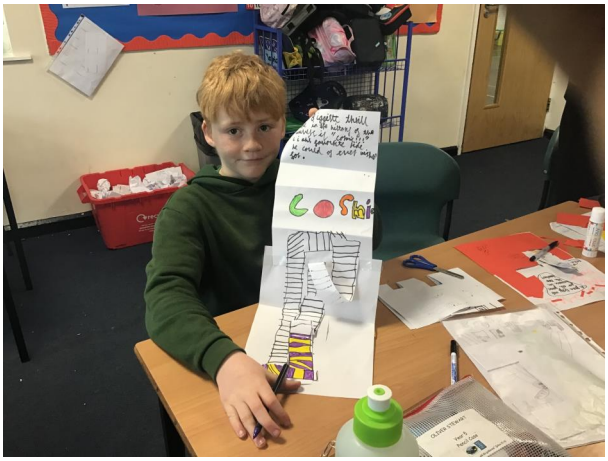

We made pop up books to tell Year 4 about our book 'Cosmic' - the book told them about different parts of the story, including our favourite parts of the book. I liked drawing the rocket and creating a fold mechanism. Jamie

Class 6 - Horowitz

What a great start to 2026 has been shown; the children have started SATs revision in a mature and resilient manner. The children of class Horowitz have loved reading short stories from the 'Survivors' book and we are looking forward to embarking upon writing our own story based on an avalanche in the mountains. Through our geography work on mountains we have started to locate mountains around the world through the use of the lines of longitude and latitude, as well as time zones. Our music this term has been very exciting as we have the treat of Ollie from NMPAT teaching us the djembe drums; we are very much looking forward to what we will learn and preparing for a performance.

I think we are going to have a great time learning the drums; it was such fun last week.

Focus on sport

A huge congratulations has to go to Darcie and Freya from year 5 who ran in the regional cross country race at the weekend. The weather was pretty grim, with grey skies, wind and rain but the girls dug deep and ran a good race. Well done for competing at such a high level. Year 4 also went out this week representing the school at indoor athletics. The team took part in a number of events showing off their running, jumping and throwing skills. All the children partook well, showed keen sportmanship and did well with the team coming 7th out of a very strong field of 16 teams. A group of year 2 children attended 'The Cube' tournament run by Pacesetters this week. The two teams involved were outstanding representatives of Braunston School and achieved 8th and 2nd place overall out of 12 teams altogether.

Forest School

Hello from Forest School. We have refilled our bird feeders, made a new mixture for our coconut feeders using fat, seed and dried mealworms, hung everything out on our feeding stations in readiness for the Big School Birdwatch next week! We will inform you of our findings once we have completed it. We put a request out for real Christmas trees and have put them to good use. We cut them into sections and removed the needles, whittled the bark away and we will be weaving a covering between the branches to form a small canopy. When we add hangers we will be able to hang feeders from them - photos to follow. Thank you to everyone who donated their tree. Bug hunting and den building completed our second session and everyone enjoyed our lovely warm hot chocolate and biscuit.

Church and Community

Our values are regularly being shown and praised in school; well done to all those who show them both in and out of school. This week we are thankful to have had Leah from The Lighthouse Trust join us for assembly. We discussed the theme of hope and we have been reflecting upon the importance of being hopeful.

All Saints Church Braunston News

Click HERE for all the latest news from All Saints Church

Friends Of Braunston School (FOBS)

WOW 🥕What a start to the new school year we have had since September 2025!

The FOBS team are delighted to share our fantastic fundraising totals and would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents, children, grandparents and the wider community for your incredible generosity and support. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Braunston School staff for allowing us to organise and run these events throughout the year, and for their continued support in making them such a success.

We are starting this term with preparing for our very popular Mother's Day Present Room 🎁 This will take place at school on Monday March 9th 2026. Look out for those all important letters that will be coming home with children.

Certificates of The Week

Pupil of the Week			
	W/C 5.1.26	W/C 12.1.26	W/C 19.1.26
Inkpen	Arthur	Reuben H Teddie	Grace
Donaldson	Lily	Xander	Nell
Ahlberg	Marshall	Chester	Jayden
Dahl	Eloise	Freyja	Julieanna
Morpurgo	Noah	Marcus	Theo
Rowling	Conall	Lola-Mae	Aafiya
Horowitz	Elva	Phoebe	Tiffany

Our School Value Resilience – Relationships – Reconciliation – Responsibility – Respect & Reverence - Reflection			
	W/C 5.1.26	W/C 12.6.26	W/C 19.1.26
Inkpen	Phoebe E	Loretta	Ash
Donaldson	Isabella	Olivia B	Summer
Ahlberg	Rosie	Tabitha	Charlie W
Dahl	Roman	Chester	Oleksa
Morpurgo	Abigail	Grayson	Rory
Rowling	Blake F	Avery	Isaac B
Horowitz	Mikey	Sophie	James

Attendance

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	5.1.26	12.1.26	19.1.26
Inkpen	89.3%	89.7%	95.3%
Donaldson	99.6%	95.5%	96.2%
Ahlberg	92.3%	92%	98.3%
Dahl	95.3%	92%	99.3%
Morpurgo	95.8%	97.5%	99.2%
Rowling	89.7%	88.9%	94.1%
Horowitz	97.9%	98.3%	98.3%
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.3%	93.4%	97.2%

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Request term time absence Click Here For The Form