

Wroughton Community Library Parish Report March 2026

Paula and I had so much holiday to use that we have had to book alternate weeks from Feb to April. We won't have seen each other from 11th February to April 8th, but all credit to our cover librarians and large post it notes, the library has operated seamlessly.

Steve Antony Visit

Steve joined us for Craft Club on the 19th Feb, and made the session a very relaxed event. The children made cardboard Chitty Chitty cars, and Steve sat with children and parents chatting as they worked. Steve also mentioned that he is thinking of doing a large project about a stegosaurus that was excavated in Swindon and is now in the Natural History Museum, so of course I told him that Wroughton was on board with anything he had in mind!

Visits from Wroughton Infant School

This has been something of a roller coaster. We have been trying to organise visits from the Infant School since early 2025, as the school is so close to the Ellendune and it seems a natural partnership.

The Deputy Head did get in touch, but I heard nothing back, then the school admin officer sent a list of dates they would be attending. The day came and went with no visit, so we assumed they had lost interest; but the following week they emailed a new list of dates and classes, which I only managed to read twenty minutes before their first visit!

Unfortunately their year 2 visits may not go ahead as they had booked the one Friday morning when we had a Housing officer and a session for Child Minders with the National Literacy Trust. This did not suit their timetable, so I suspect we may have lost the Year 2 cohort. However the Year 1 and Reception classes are coming very Wednesday and Thursday afternoons until Easter. This gives me a great opportunity to chat to their teachers and send the children home with library information leaflets.

Easter Holiday Plans

We are looking forward to activities related to the STEAM's education department boxes, which should arrive in time for the Easter Holidays. I would like to prepare some large maps of the UK with GWR train stations marked on, but the children (and adults!) must label them: Swindon, Bristol, London (Paddington) Cheltenham, St Ives, Weymouth, Weston Super Mare etc. Tricky...

Easter Prizes

We are offering an Easter Raffle to gauge how many children visit over the Easter break, how old they are, and where they are coming from. Last year we gave away T shirts, but this year I am opting for Easter eggs as they are so much easier to source. I don't think there will be too many complaints.

That's all for this month, there will be more to report after the Easter break.