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Dear Parents/Guardians,

World Book Day

First off, a big shout out to all the children across the school and their participation in World Book Day. It was such a blast seeing everyone dressed up as their favorite book characters. They all looked absolutely fantastic! I want to give a special thanks to Miss Allison for organizing the event and making it a huge success. We were pleased to welcome Tom Delahunt to the school and I've had excellent feedback from children and teachers alike. Unfortunately, Anne Booth couldn't make it this time, but we're keeping our fingers crossed for her visit later in the year.

Now, I know you're all eager to see the pictures from the day and relive the fun. Don't worry, we've got you covered! We'll be uploading all the photos and celebrating the day on our website, so keep an eye out for that. It's going to be a treat for sure!

Red Nose Day (Friday 15th March)

This year, for Red Nose Day we will be inviting children to come into school wearing red for a £1 donation and once again, we'll also be running a competition where children can share their favourite joke.

Jokes can be submitted from Monday 11th March and, on the Thursday, we'll be asking each class to choose their favourite joke which will be shared in the school newsletter. Mr Taylor, Mrs Long and I will also be choosing our favourite jokes!



Sky Arts Competition

A group of talented and hardworking pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 have been drawing and painting British birds. These drawings and paintings have been entered into a SkyArts competition running alongside the programme 'Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir'. Winners will have their artwork shown on the telly!

Whether we win or not, the work is amazing! Well done to everyone who came to our club and entered. Mrs Tomsett and Mrs Smith love a competition, so fingers crossed! A big thank you to Mary Smith who helped us run the after-school sessions.



Please take the time to view the artwork in the gallery: [SkyArts - Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir](#)

RSE Consultation

Three years ago, we introduced a new scheme of work for the teaching of Relationships & Sex Education at Bridge School and our policy and practices are now coming up for review.



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As part of this review, we speak to staff, children and we would also welcome the viewpoints of our parents.

Our policy can be found on the [PSHE page of our school website](#) and you will also find other documents including a [Guide for Parents](#) and a document showing how we deal with [LGBTQ issues that may arise in primary schools](#).

You may also find the [responses to the parental consultation from three years ago](#) useful.

We are inviting parents to [complete a short survey](#) to gather their feedback and this also invites parents to make any comments about the RSE programme in school – we would welcome positive comments and suggestions on potential changes. The survey will be open for three weeks. All responses will be shared with governors and parents.

Mothering Sunday

Rev. Estella has open an invitation to our choir to come and sing at the Mothering Sunday service at St Peters on Sunday 10th March: *Families are warmly invited to attend the Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's Bridge at 10am on Sunday. The School choir have been specially invited and have been working really hard on a selection of songs to sing throughout the service. They will be taking the place of the regular church choir and sitting in the choir stalls with Mrs Brookes there to support and direct them and Dan Luck (formerly a teacher at Bridge School) accompanying them. If your child is in the school choir please do enable them to attend if you possibly can. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to contribute to the music in our local church. In addition, all the hymns for the service are hymns that all children from the school will be familiar with. As is traditional on Mothering Sunday the children will have an opportunity to collect a small posy of flowers as a gift for those who care for them.*

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

News and Blogs

The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via the school [blog](#). Here you can read all about the learning that takes place at Bridge School. Please feel free to click on any of the images below to be taken directly to that blog post.



Year 5 Forest School Woodland trip 2024

Welcome back to Covert Woods Year



Ancient Roman food

Aiming for the complete
immersion into the domestic life of



Wheels and axles - Year R!

Over the last two weeks, the children

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Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Emersyn (Ash) for always setting an excellent example to her friends. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Alinda A (Chestnut) for putting 100% effort into all lessons and for focusing on her handwriting. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Ruben (Ash) for great effort when tidying up and writing this week. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Niall B (Hazel) for applying his lenses carefully and creating a lovely piece of writing about this 'Escape from Pompeii'. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Miles E-R (Elm) for writing his own version of the Naughty Bus story completely independently. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Finley K (Birch) for his excellent piece of writing based in the story on Pompeii. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Noah D-S (Elm) for excellent participation in lessons this week. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Maya P (Holly) for a phenomenal kennings poem about Grendel in Beowulf. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Aryatara T (Willow) for fantastic writing about the talents of blue whales. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Mabli W (Maple) for showing kindness and consideration to others. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Felix A (Rowan) for his fantastic non-fiction writing about his pet in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Lily T (Poplar) for displaying a great attitude to learning and smashing her spellings on Spelling Shed. <i>Mrs Allen & Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Elodie (Oak) for her fantastic independent character description. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Denise L (Sycamore) for achieving fantastic results in her maths. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Harry G (Pine) for considered thinking and a super question to Tom Delahunt. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Usher</i> | |
| ☆ Ziva U (Beech) for amazing written conversation in French this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |

House Points

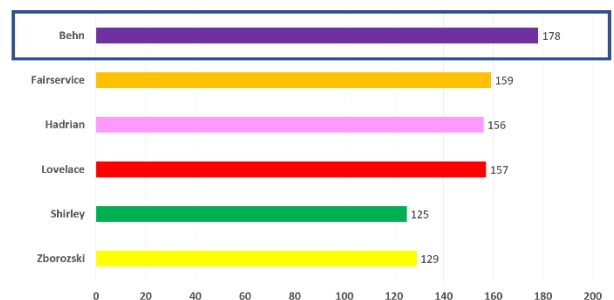
Well done to Lovelace house who were awarded the greatest number of house points this week – they are catching up with Behn!

Whenever children earn a house point, their name goes into a draw and, each week, six names are drawn and they will be invited to 'Hot Chocolate with Head'.

This week, the following children were chosen and we'll enjoy a hot chocolate on Monday:

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| • Bella - Rowan | • Andrew - Sycamore |
| • Oliver - Oak | • Leon - Chestnut |
| • Clara - Maple | • Arianna - Hazel |

All children are eligible when they earn house points and there'll be another draw next week.



Upcoming Dates

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 11th March	<i>Science Week</i>	Rapid Fire Cricket (Year 2 and 4)
Tuesday 12th March		
Wednesday 13th March	Rowan (Y1) Trip to Dover Museum	
Thursday 14th March		Year 3 Forest School Trip
Friday 15th March		Year 3 Forest School Trip PTFA Quiz Night

Monday 18th March	Hockey Competition at St Ed's	
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 Viking Workshop	
Wednesday 20th March	Rowan (Y1) Parent Sharing Assembly	
Thursday 21st March	Willow (Y1) Parent Sharing Assembly	
Friday 22nd March	Willow (Y1) Trip to Dover Museum	

Monday 25th March	School exchange to Montpellier	Roman Theatre Workshop (Year 4)
Tuesday 26th March	Easter Services	
Wednesday 27th March		
Thursday 28th March		
Friday 29th March	Good Friday <i>School Closed for Easter</i>	