



1st May 2026 Issue 3



## Dear Parents and Carers,

- As we come to the end of the week, we've finally seen the sun in all its glory. Here are the highlights of the week:
- Year 3 & 4 were treated to a wonderful Spanish workshop this week. I heard laughter and yelps of horror from the KS2 hall as I sat in my office and, on investigating, I found myself immersed in a familiar story being acted out in an unfamiliar language. Where I struggled to understand what was going on, the children laughed and shouted out at all the appropriate places. Clearly the children are much better-versed in Spanish than I am!
- Such a funny yet heartwarming moment happened in 1A this week! Kiaan was busy investigating the electronic equipment in the garden when he suddenly rushed over to Ms Goodwin, looking deeply concerned. "Ms Goodwin! — the Victorians have left their old iPhone in the garden!" The mysterious "Victorian phone" turned out to be none other than a Nikon Coolpix camera! A wonderful mix of curiosity, imagination, and a little historical confusion that gave everyone a good laugh.
- Y5 took a trip to London this week to visit the Maritime Museum and the Planetarium as part of their science topic, 'Earth & Space'. The trip was nothing short of inspiring. From the moment they arrived, the excitement was both palpable (and audible!) as the children immersed themselves in a fascinating world of science and discovery. They began with an engaging science presentation that sparked curiosity and wonder in equal measure, before being captivated by a spectacular dome show exploring the solar system where planets, stars and galaxies came to life above their heads. As they explored the interactive exhibits, pupils eagerly investigated Mars, unravelled the mystery of moon phases and discovered more about the power of the sun. It was a truly memorable experience, bringing learning vividly to life and igniting a real sense of awe about the universe around us. And, at only £5.50 per child, a bargain!!
- Year 6 took part in a highly engaging "Tackling Tests" workshop on Thursday, designed to build both confidence and practical strategies for success. Through a lively and interactive session, children explored what test nerves feel like and, importantly, how to manage them using simple techniques such as breathing exercises and positive self-talk. Alongside this, they were given clear, child-friendly guidance on how to



- approach tests effectively—reading questions carefully, managing their time and knowing what to do if they get stuck. The workshop struck a perfect balance between reassurance and challenge, empowering pupils to feel calm, prepared and ready to show what they truly know.
- 3B & 4A thoroughly enjoyed taking part in HEST’s “Best Buddies” workshop this week, where they explored the importance of friendship, kindness and inclusion. Children reflected on what makes a good friend, how to recognise and respond to different emotions, and the positive impact their words and actions can have on others. The session encouraged thoughtful discussion, teamwork and empathy, with pupils showing a real maturity in the way they supported one another. It was a valuable experience that reinforced our school values and strengthened the sense of community within the year group.
- EYFS turned into determined mini-marathon runners this week, taking on their own race complete with bib numbers and water stations. Inspired by the buzz of the London Marathon, they showed fantastic energy and big smiles all the way to the finish line. The money raised will be spent on books for their reading corner which need a really good spruce up! Well done to everyone that made it past the tape!!
- Finally, we underwent a ‘Safeguarding Review’ this week. Basically, an inspector rocks up and checks all our safeguarding measures and points out anything missing or anything that needs strengthening. Our reviewer was a stickler for detail and had us running around left, right and centre to ensure she had the evidence she needed to proclaim that the children in our school were, indeed, safe as houses. And I’m very proud to say that we ‘smashed it’! Of course, the children were, as always, the stars of the show with Max (5B) stating to the inspector when asked what he would change about the school if he could, “I don’t want to change anything about the school! I love this school. It’s rated ‘Outstanding’, you know, and that’s so well-deserved!” 🥰
- And that’s it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely, long bank-holiday weekend (despite the forecasted weather!) and I leave you with this thought:

***“Safeguarding isn’t a checklist we tick off—it’s the quiet, constant promise we make: that every child walks through our doors safe, supported and ready to shine.”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

*Mrs. Searle*



# Stars of the Week

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|------------|------------|
| R1 Dev     | 4A Layla   |
| R2 Stanley | 4B Ifeh    |
| 1A Kiaan   | 5A Aadam   |
| 1B Samraj  | 5B Oscar   |
| 2A Michael | 5C Shemuel |
| 2B Arisha  | 6A Mahbub  |
| 3A Albie   | 6B Levi    |
| 3B Isobel  |            |

# Kindness Award

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|-----------|-------------|
| R1 Mason  | 4A Woody    |
| R2 Amaya  | 4B Finn     |
| 1A Adrian | 5A Isla     |
| 1B Joshua | 5B Marco    |
| 2A Zoe    | 5C Polly    |
| 2B Dexter | 6A Michaela |
| 3A Nellie | 6B Jacob    |
| 3B Asad   |             |



## Congratulations to

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|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Noah R2     | Finn 4B   | Nadiia 5C  |
| Jacob R2    | Idris 4B  | Fikayo 5C  |
| Harrison 1A | Sidney 4B | Aleeha 5C  |
| Finley 1A   | Aiza 5B   | Jake 5A    |
| Affan 3A    | Zoey 5C   | David C 6A |
| Nate 3A     | Polly 5C  | Lola 6A    |
| Ella 3A     | Rhea 5C   | Alex 6A    |

on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

# Achiever Badges

## Congratulation to

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|-----------|-------------|
| Idris R1  | Aarshy 4A   |
| Denys R1  | Jamie 5A    |
| Amaya R2  | Kara 5A     |
| Alice 1B  | Promesse 5B |
| Lucas 1B  | Drey 5C     |
| Dawud 1B  | Ibrahim 5C  |
| Ariana 2A | Harper 5C   |
| Aiden 2B  | Halimat 5C  |
| Dion 3A   | Lola 6A     |
| Logan 3B  |             |

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!



# Reaching gold this week

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cooper R1   | Dion 3A     | Eadie 5A    |
| Myiah R1    | Eesa 3A     | Adam 5A     |
| Zaina R1    | Oliver G 3A | Vanessa 5A  |
| Kai R1      | Oliver M 3A | Promesse 5B |
| Lottie R1   | Ella 3A     | Jibreel 5B  |
| Idris R1    | Nellie 3A   | Maxwell 5B  |
| Denys R1    | Jessica 3A  | Aibinu 5C   |
| Amiyah R1   | Alicia 3A   | Fikayo 5C   |
| Oonagh R1   | Logan 3B    | Toby 5C     |
| Jacob R2    | Alice 3B    | Jenson 5C   |
| Liyana R2   | Raahim 3B   | Drey 5C     |
| Imaani R2   | Layla 3B    | Judah 5C    |
| Amaya R2    | Ruby 3B     | Jordan 5C   |
| Alice 1B    | Dollie 3B   | Ibrahim 5C  |
| Dawud 1B    | Aarshy 4A   | Shemuel 5C  |
| Lucas 1B    | Haakil 4B   | Jessica 5C  |
| Ishmael 1B  | Naylaa 5A   | Nadiia 5C   |
| Ariana 2A   | Mahilan 5A  | Rhea 5C     |
| Aidan 2B    | Dominic 5A  | Harper 5C   |
| Ada 2B      | Regi 5A     | Halimat 5C  |
| Arisha 2B   | Jamie 5A    | David C 6A  |
| Ashton 2B   | Seth 5A     | Fraser 6A   |
| Fletcher 2B | Harry 5A    | Lola 6A     |
| Lola 2B     | Kara 5A     | Oyinlade 6B |
| Denzal 2B   | Albie 5A    | Jacob 6B    |
|             |             | Diana 6B    |
|             |             | Cody 6B     |

# Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

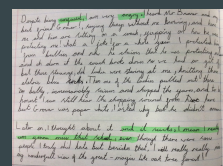


Ariana in 2A  
Sanuka in 6A



Well done!

# Presentation Award



Ayanah in 5B



# Summer Term Dates

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Parent Consultation for Relationship and Sex Education - 9:00 am OR 2:20 pm**
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Polling Day - school closed**
- **Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week**
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Cycle Awareness day for EYFS & KS1**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - 4B River Trip**
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 4A River Trip**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Library Visit**
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Wear purple for stroke awareness month**
- **18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Stay and Learn Week**
- **25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term**
- **1st June - return to school**
- **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication check week**
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 6:00 pm New EYFS meeting**
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - 6A trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome**
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - 6B trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome**
- **Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonic screening week**
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Pyjama day - raising OPAL funds**
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 sports day in the afternoon**
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 and 6 puberty talks with the school nurse**
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 sports day in the morning**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day stalls**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Music Showcase pm**

