



8th May 2026 Issue 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

- It's been a very short week but we still have a few highlights. Here they are:
- It was all about sex & relationships on Tuesday as we invited you in to hear what your children will be learning about in PSHE/RSHE this year. There is new DfE guidance on what we must teach and what we must offer to and consult you on so we shared that at the two meetings we held. Miss B did her usual excellent presentations and we had some good feedback to the questions we consulted on. However, as many of you were unable to make the meetings, we will be sending the consultations out via parent mail so that you can all have your say. We're hoping to make some changes to the PSHE/RSHE curriculum to better meet safeguarding measures for our children but we'd like to know your thoughts on those proposed changes and the curriculum in general so I very much hope you will take part in the consultation.
- We enjoyed a bank holiday this week and a day off for polling day although the staff still had to work but, as we celebrated 3 staff birthdays this week, we kept ourselves going with an abundance of cake and subsequent high levels of sugar!
- Today also celebrated the 100th birthday of a very special naturalist, broadcaster and author—Sir David Attenborough! 1A have been busy all week learning all about his incredible work, exploring the wonders of nature through his eyes and stories.



But, as they looked around, 1A realised that they couldn't see any bees, butterflies, bugs or beetles. It was clear to them that their outdoor area wasn't attracting any wildlife and so they came up with a plethora of ideas to transform the garden into an exciting haven for nature, buzzing with life, colour and curious little creatures. A huge, heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents who supported this brilliant cause—raising an amazing £225 overnight!

- A very special mention to Lisa, Ronnie's mum, who at 7½ months pregnant must officially be our most dedicated (and slightly superhuman) supporter — spending the entire weekend collecting a car boot full of fantastic freebies from our local Hornchurch community. We're also incredibly grateful to Fenlands Garden Centre in Upminster for their generous discount on our supplies. The change in the garden was transformational - Seeds, pots, bird feeders, plants, soil, bird tables and even

- bird baths appeared overnight. The garden, once quiet, was lovingly turned into a haven for wildlife. And the best news? Year 1's bug hotel is officially open for business! In fact, they've already welcomed their very first guest – a rather impressive giant spider, bravely (and kindly!) rescued by Soumia (1A) and their Lavender plant has also attracted a hum of bees in such a short space of time. Sir David would be proud! And Year 1 have been awarded a certificate for services to wildlife - well done and thank you to everyone who contributed in any way! And a special thank you to Lisa (1A parent) who brought huge spiders and creepy crawlies into school for the children to observe and learn about. Of course, no activity is without its drama in this place so we had escaped crickets and Giant African snails giving birth live on stage. Harley (2A) was most astute with his comment on discovering that the snail had given birth, “Ah! That’s why the snail felt so wet - its waters must have broken!” 🤪
- And that’s it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“The smallest hands can make the biggest difference... especially when they’re armed with watering cans and wild ideas.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week

R1 Hurain	4A Ifraah
R2 Imaani	4B Rebecca
1A Yeva	5A Eshal
1B Inaaya	5B Vera
2A Dhyhan	5C Reggie
2B Lola	6A Lily
3A Oliver M	6B Mia
3B Ruby	

Kindness Award

R1 Dior	4A Laura
R2 Amaya	4B James
1A Tafeef	5A Harry
1B Nila	5B Oscar
2A Vadim	5C Fikayo
2B Amelia G	6A Omari
3A Aaron	6B Shayan
3B Binuli	

Congratulations to

Amiyah R1
Assad 3B
Roger 5A

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

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Alex 1B	James 4B
Jude 1B	Emily 5A
Yahya 1B	Fikayo 5C
Jude 2A	Jessica 5C
Zoe 2A	Alex 6A
Wilayate 2A	David C 6A
Kai 3A	

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

Reaching gold this week

Greyd R1	Michael 2A	Aisha 4A
Cooper R1	Levi 2A	Arlo 4A
Shahveer R1	Layla 2A	Laura 4A
Oscar R1	Callum 2A	Elizabeth 4A
Vasyl R1	Fola 2A	Thea 4B
Yunus R1	Wilayate 2A	James 4B
Aadan R1	Ayat 2B	Haakil 4B
Ollie R2	Sofia 2B	Emily 5A
Nova R2	Aariish A 2B	Teddy 5A
Danyill R2	Amelia G 2B	Ashlyn 5B
Amayah 1A	Emily 2B	Fikayo 5C
Ronnie 1A	Luna 2B	Jessica 5C
Chloe 1A	Paula 3A	Zoey 5C
Franco 1A	Vivaan 3A	Adam 5C
Madalin 1A	Kai 3A	Jacob 5C
Lennox 1A	James 2B	Aleeha 5C
Alex 1B	Layla 3B	Alex 6A
Jude 1B	Alice 3B	David C 6A
Yahya 1B	Miai 3B	Lola 6A
Jude 2A	Raahim 3B	Hareem 6B
Zoe 2A	Dollie 3B	Tyler 6B
Rocko 2A	Logan 3B	
	Freddy 3B	

Presentation Award



Hareem in 6B



Summer Term Dates

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

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Chloe in 1A
Dollie in 3B

Well done!

