

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**January 26th**—Y1 and 2  
Milestones Museum trip.

**January 31st**—Curling Event.  
More information coming  
shortly.

**February 2nd**—Number Day.  
Parents welcome into school  
from 2:30pm.

**February 6th**—Y3 and 4  
Egyptian Workshop.

**February 9th**—Last day of Term  
3. Open book afternoon from  
2:45pm. PTA selling tuck after  
school.

**February 19th**—First day of  
Term 4.

**February 26th & 27th**—Parents  
Evening. More information to  
follow soon.

**March 7th**—World Book Day.  
More information to follow  
soon.

**March 14th & 15th**—Mothers  
Day Event “I Love You S’More”.  
More information to follow

### HEAD’S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has disappeared in flash. Yet again, there has been lots of exciting learning happening all around the school this week as the children continue to practise this month’s value of resilience. This week in assembly we learned about Amanda Gorman - a young, Black-American poet who achieved her goal of becoming a famous poet and performer despite having significant speech and language needs. Not only is this an example of resilience but also a great example of aspiration. Amanda had only ever read poetry written by British white men and she wanted to make sure that people like her had a voice too!

In the summer term, we are planning to host a careers week to promote aspiration and to give our pupils an insight into different jobs that people in our wider community do and what they involve. If you know of anyone in our local area who does an interesting job and you think they would be prepared to come and speak to our Year 6 pupils about what it involves then we would love to find out more. We are particularly keen on challenging gender stereotypes but happy to hear from anyone who is interested in helping.

If you have anyone you would like to recommend, please let the office know. The event will take place in Terms 6 and dates are yet unconfirmed. At this point, we simply need contact details of people who may be interested.

This is just one of the ways in which we try and make our values really come alive for our children so that are ready to go onto their next stage, as well-rounded young people.

Charlotte Harmer

Head Teacher



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Longleat - 94.92%

Archer – 96.73%

Salisbury - 95.2%

Stonehenge - 96.18%

Danebury - 95.42%

Woodhenge - 96.15%

Silbury - 95.59%

Wessex - 96.14%

The Department for Education stipulates school attendance should be no lower than 96%.

Congratulations to this week’s class attendance winners!

### ARCHER CLASS

Well done!

### ATTENDANCE TOP TIP

Unauthorised absences should be avoided where possible. If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (2 sessions in each school day), you could be issued with a fine from Wiltshire Council.

# Meet your Pupil Parliament

Our role is to represent our class in order to let the teachers know what we would like to see happening within our school.

My name is AJ. My hobbies are rugby, reading and staying up all night.

Hello, my name is Mia-Rose. I am 11 and I like art and English. My role is Prime Minister

My name is Theo. I like English. My hobby is football. I do science club. I want to be an actor when I grow up.

Hello, my name is Bailey and I like to ride my bike and play out. I am 10 and my role is Deputy Prime Minister.

Hi, my name is Caoimhe. My favourite sport is dodgeball and I also like art.

My name is Jay-Dee and I like football. I can always help you if you want to learn how to play.

My name is Julie and I enjoy football and spending time with my friends and family.

Hello, my name is Annabelle. I am 9 years old and I love rabbits. I also am writing 2 books.

My name is Junior and my hobbies are football and art.

My name is Luke and I like cuddling my Paddington Teddy and watching Willy Wonka.

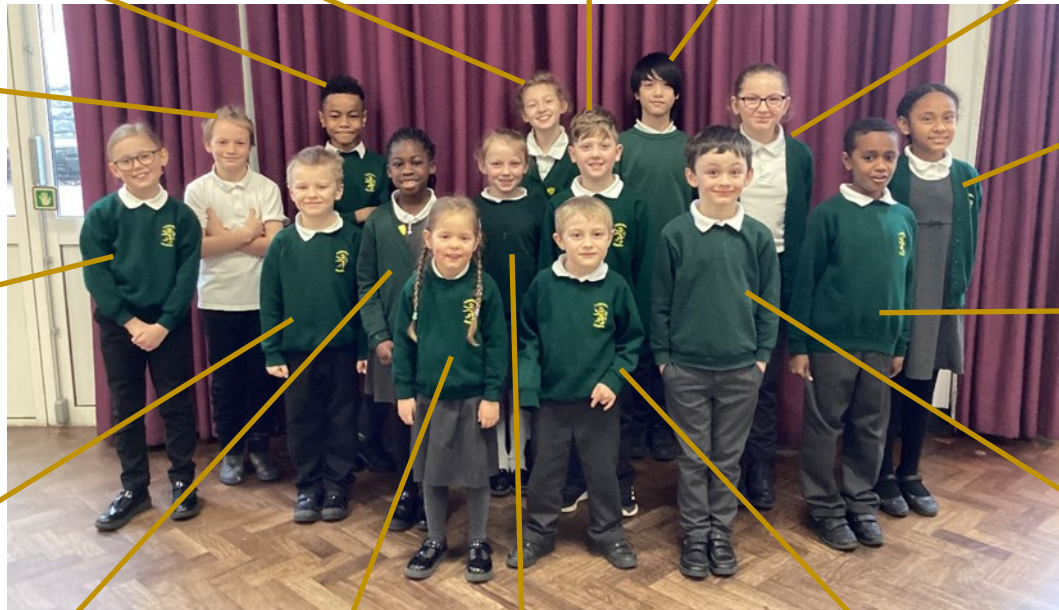
Hello, my name is Jake and I like games.

My name is Akorfa and I like swimming.

My name is Rosie and I like playing with my toy teddies. I want to be a swimming teacher when I grow up.

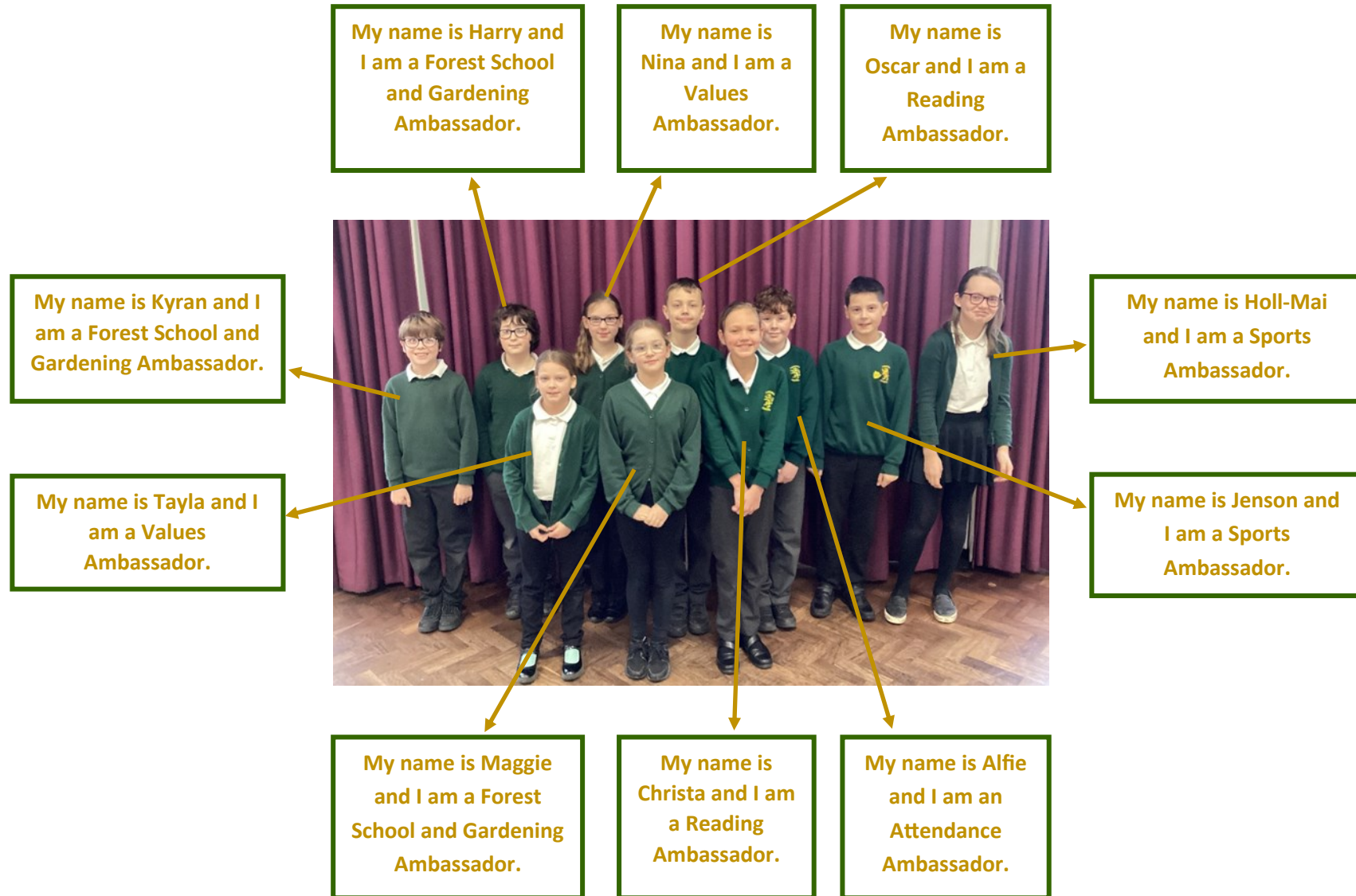
My name is Scarlett and I like Stitch. My hobby is swimming and I do gymnastics. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher.

My name is Albert and I like playing tag. I want to be a DJ!



## Meet your School Ambassadors

We are also part of our Pupil Parliament but our role is to work with teachers to improve attendance, behaviour and curriculum.





# We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App



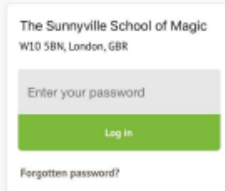
## We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

## How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



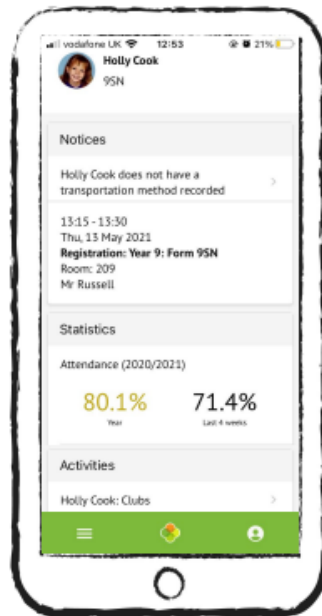
## Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



## ARBOR

By now, you will hopefully be familiar with our new information platform, Arbor. Although we experienced some minor teething problems, on the whole the transition has been fairly smooth.

We will be holding all of the children's consents and permissions within the Arbor Parent Portal so it is vital that you complete these if you have not already done so.

When you download the app (instructions in the email dated 16th Jan), the app will prompt you to complete your consents and permissions. We will then be creating classroom lists on Monday so please complete these ASAP.

Once you have the Parent Portal App set up, please enable Push Notifications for the app on your device, so that you can be notified if we send you an in-app message.

It is vital that all parents are receiving our communications via email as this is our main method of communication. If you do not appear to be receiving our emails, please take a few minutes to check all of your junk/spam/other folders - any emails you find in there will need to be moved to your inbox. By moving emails into your inbox, all further emails should land there automatically. If you think you aren't receiving our emails, please check your junk folders. Some parents have also found the emails in spam folders or their 'other' inbox (instead of their 'focused' inbox).

You should also have the option to make these emails trusted in your email settings. This can sometimes be done by right clicking on the email and selecting 'always send to inbox'. These settings will be slightly different for each email provider, so please have a look at your emails and try to find the correct settings.

Whilst emails are now being sent to you using Arbor, they should still read as coming from Larkhill Primary School.

Please contact the office if you have any issues.