

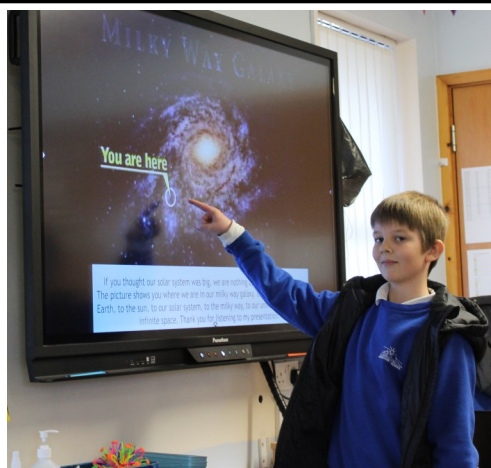
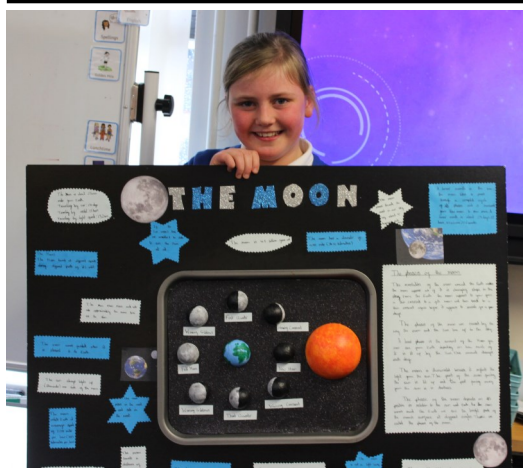


Dear Parents and Carers

We are all looking forward to Christmas and we are hoping to share our Christmas video with you soon to get you in the Christmas spirit.

The latest gadgets and games often popular Christmas gifts but parents sometimes ask for support in helping their child stay safe online. There is lots of helpful information on our website [here](#). Thinkuknow is an informative website developed by the National Crime Agency. It is full of information and help for parents and teachers. There is an excellent article on gaming [here](#) and lots of age-specific advice if you scroll down the page.

Mr R Stead



Class 5 and 6 Space Projects

Wow! Mr Penny and I have been absolutely blown away with the fantastic space projects Classes 5 and 6 have created at home. It has been amazing to see such a variety of projects which have included; 3D models, creative display boards, videos and animations, computer-based presentations, food sampling, game shows and quizzes to name just a few. We would like to thank all the children and parents for the hard work and effort that have been put into these superb projects. We have thoroughly enjoyed the children showcasing their home-learning. What a fantastic way to round off our Space topic this term!

Miss Brown and Mr Penny



Diary Dates

Forest School Wednesdays

Class 1—15th December

Monday 13th December

Talent shows

Tuesday 14th December

Christmas Party lunch day. Please can children bring in party food (no sharing this year). Party clothes advised!

Friday 17th December

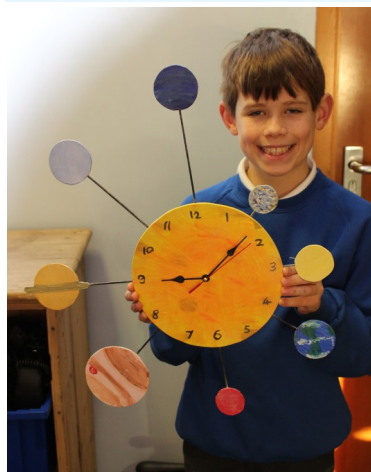
Last day of term
Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 4th January

Inset day

Wednesday 5th January

School Opens to Pupils





OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Pre-School	Lettie for always being so helpful to not only the other pre-schoolers, but the adults as well.
Class R	Willow for always saying please and thank you. Willow also takes time to look after others when they are sad.
Class 1	Nola for working hard to improve her handwriting.
Class 2	It has been impossible to select one child for outstanding learner this week as all the children have worked hard and tried their best with the Christmas song video, Forest School and all the tasks set this week. They can now take a deep breath and look forward to the fun things planned for our final week in school.
Class 3	Luke for his amazing, fluent and fast running in our 'Golden Mile' sessions. A future Olympic athlete in the making!
Class 4	Rose for working really hard on the presentation of her work and ensuring that her handwriting is neat and joined.
Class 5	Isla VH for writing a brilliant information text about Saturn. Isla has worked incredibly hard to include all aspects of her toolkit, then challenge herself in up-levering her writing and also apply her further science learning to provide extra information. Well done, Isla!
Class 6	Anya for being such a kind, caring and helpful member of the class.

Class 2 had a lovely morning at Forest School this week. Despite the threat of wet and windy weather, they actually managed to have a mostly dry morning. The children completed their art unit on printing by creating wings for their bugs using plants from the ground. As part of the science unit of work, they collected weather data for Mr Wedderkopp to add to his chart. They explored the school grounds and played amongst the trees on various little projects. To finish the session, the children enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the fire and drinking hot chocolate. Thank you to Miss Davey for leading the session.

Mrs McDonagh



Class 5 have had great fun making parachutes. We watched a video of the Apollo 15 Splashdown and saw the parachute in action. It held the Endeavour module with the Apollo 15 crew inside on the 7th August, 1971. We considered the forces acting on their parachute and how this would be the same for the forces acting on our parachutes. We have been learning about the different types of variables; the independent variable is the one thing that we change in our experiment. The dependent variable means the thing we are measuring (in this case it was the time the parachute took to fall), and lastly, the control variables which are the things that we keep the same; in this case the amount of the blu tack (which was 5g) and the drop of 2 metres. There were also other control variables and we had to make sure they stayed the same to make it a fair test. We planned 4 different parachute investigations: two groups were investigating materials, two groups were testing the lengths of the strings, two groups were changing the size of the parachute and the two groups were changing the shape of the parachute. In conclusion, we found out that the bin bag was the best material compared to the fabric and the sugar paper. The best length of string was 47cm and the best size for the parachute was 6 x 20cm. All of these factors would make the 'perfect' parachute because it was the most successful that would fall at a slower velocity and be controlled. We had fun testing our parachutes and got to take them home.

by Ava and Lettie, Class 5



Year 3 took part in soft archery this week. The children had lots of practice and showed great perseverance to master the technique and try to hit the gold target. They were then split into 4 teams to compete in various games. They loved 'ring of

fire' and 'bake the cake' to try and win. Amelie and Bonnie won the wristbands for trying their hardest, encouraging their team mates, displaying great technique and hitting some golds.

Miss Storey



In Class 1 we have been learning about the first Christmas as part of our RE work. The children have found out about angels and made their own scratch painting.



England Athletics SW Region Cross Country Championships 2022 - RNAS Merryfield

Sunday January 2nd 2022

All events are open to athletes with a SW qualification -
U11 races are open to all including non- club athletes

Entry fee £9 - Juniors (U11-U17) and £11 - Seniors (includes U20 and Masters)
Minimum age 9 on the day and it is your age on 31 Aug 2021 that determines the age group

All entrants must have a SW qualification by birth or residence.

South-West Cross-Country Championships 2022			
Proposed Timetable			
Age Group		Start Time	Distance
Under-11s	(Combined)	11.00	1850m
U13 Girls		11.30	2750m
U13 Boys		11.45	2750m
U15 Girls		12.03	3400m
U15 Boys		12.22	3400m
U17 Women		12.46	4750m
U17 Men		13.15	4750m
Senior Women	(plus U20/Masters)	13.36	6950m
Senior Men	(plus U20/Masters)	14.25	6950m

For more details and link to entry form go to <http://www.athleticssouthwest.org.uk/>

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	316	1800
Cork Oak	286	1623
Blue Cedar	264	1685
Horse Chestnut	293	1670



If you are purchasing a fresh Christmas tree, Forest School would love to recycle it after Christmas! They will use the trunks for helping hearts and firewood and the branches as floor cover over the next few muddy months. If you would like to leave yours, please leave it on the grass area at the side of the turning circle. Thank you!