



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are officially half way through the academic year, and hasn't the time flown by quickly! It has been a rather wet return to the second half of the Spring Term, but there are signs of new life springing up all over the school site, with the promise of brighter days on their way. The children have returned from their break with a positive attitude towards their learning and are displaying our values of 'we care, we aspire, we belong' through their quest learning, as you will see below. We look forward to being able to share this work with you at Parents' Evening in March.

**Mrs Smith**

'Ello, 'ello, 'ello, what's going on here then? Class R have started our People Who Help Us quest topic with exploring the police. We've set up a police station in the classroom, arrested our teachers and were lucky enough to have a real-life police officer visit us to answer lots of our questions and show us her police car. Thank you so much PCSO Whelan for taking the time to come and see us. **Mrs Atterton**



Class 1 have been learning about Mexico. We had a D.T. project to make our own maraca. We used a balloon to start our shape and 3 layers of paper mâché. It took lots of patience and time to complete. We hope you agree that they were a great success and look amazing!

**Ms Boullin**



This week in Pre-School, we have been learning all about space. We have even had our own amazing space station to play in and go on different adventures. We've looked at the moon and made moon sand to take home. We created our own alien pictures working together and naming them. We also watched our own rocket fly all the way up in the trees with our science experiment! We learnt about the planets. On Wednesday, we made the most of the wet weather and the giant puddle in the staff carpark and went puddle jumping! We got very wet, but had a lot of fun!

**Charlotte**



## Diary Dates

### Forest School Wednesdays

Class 2 28th February  
 Class 1 6th March  
 Class R 13th March  
 Pre-school 20th March  
 Class 6 27th March

### World Book Day

Thursday 7th March  
 Pupils are invited to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 7th March  
 17:00—19:30

### Parents' Evening 2

Tuesday 12th March  
 15:40—18:00

Parents' Evening bookings will go live on Parentmail Monday 26th Feb at 6pm.

### Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March  
 Pupils are invited to wear something red and donate to [www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/](http://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/)

### Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse Outdoor Activity Centre

Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd March

### Class 5 Sports Festival

Monday 25th March

### Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

### Art Exhibition

Thursday 18th April

### Year 5 Residential to Kilve Court Residential Centre

Weds 1st—3rd May

### Class 1 Sports Festival at Kingsmead

Monday 22nd April

### Classes 3&4 Trip to Roman Baths

Thursday 25th April

### May Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May



# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

- Preschool **Grace** for doing so well and dressing yourself in the morning all by yourself!
- Class R **Caleb** for your wonderful concentration on the carpet and super subitising in Maths.
- Class 1 **William** for your excellent effort in writing our shared poem.
- Class 2 **Elena** for always showing such a positive attitude to learning.
- Class 3 **Seth and Hayden** for outstanding attitude throughout all of your learning this week.
- Class 4 **Samuel** for participating well in English; showing focus and engagement.
- Class 5 **Boo** for your outstanding written work this week.
- Class 6 **Harley** for your fantastic listening skills this week.

**Great job!**



On Monday 19th February, Class 5 went into the hall for a planetarium dome workshop. Firstly, we went into the hall and sat on benches. We were greeted by the person running the workshop named Mario. We were advised to take our shoes off and line up in single file to go into the giant dome. Once inside, there was an observatory projected onto the dome. When we were all seated the observatory's roof opened and the sky was filled with stars. We talked about the different constellations and about the Milky Way. We looked at the different parts of the International Space Station (I.S.S) and how far it had to be away from the Earth to not get caught in the gravitational pull (it has to be 250 miles away). We looked at how many different galaxies there were and watched a film about them and there were absolutely loads, it was amazing! Finally, we ended with a short clip about how people might live on

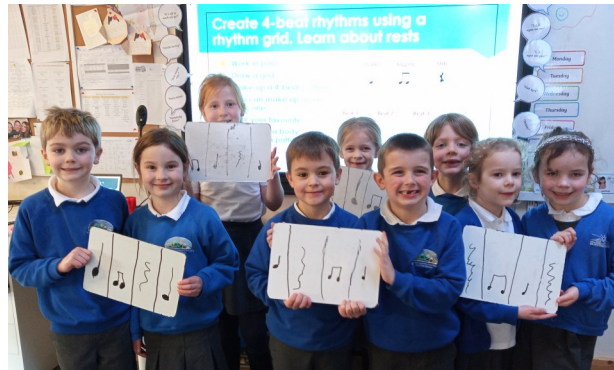
different planets in the future and passed around a rock from a meteor that had crashed in America. We got out of the dome and thanked Mario. This cosmic, out of this world experience was spectacular and we were all happy we could do it.

by Boo, Class 5



In Class 1, we have been looking at the seasons. In the autumn term, we planted daffodil bulbs and we have been eagerly waiting for them to flower. At last, they have! A lovely early sign of Spring.

Ms Boullin



Class 2 have been learning about musical notation and are now able to read the beat of crochets and quavers. They had an opportunity to follow these beats with percussion instruments and then write some 4 beat patterns for everyone else to follow. There are some budding musicians here!

Ms Brooke



Representation and the education surrounding it are so important and therefore we are extremely grateful to the MSA for buying a large supply of books for the school that offer wonderfully diverse main characters and brilliant stories. Thank you to everyone who has attended MSA events and helped to raise the money to buy these.

Mrs Atterton

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	277	277
Cork Oak	261	261
Blue Cedar	236	236
Horse Chestnut	310	310

Well done to **Orla** for playing the piano in singing assembly this week!







The Year 4 Class took part in a soft-archery lesson for their enrichment session. The group was first split into 6 teams and we explained the safety rules and why we follow these procedures. We then demonstrated the correct bow and arrow shooting techniques, how to hold a bow correctly, the stance and release of the arrow. We started off with a practice session where the children tried shooting at the target. We then moved on to games such as 'completing the jigsaw': each target was split into 5 sections and each team had to collect all 5 pieces to win the game! We then moved on to 'baking a cake' by hitting different colours which resemble a cake but if they hit the black area their cake was burnt and they had to start again! We then played a team/individual competition which meant each pupil had 3 arrows and they had to achieve the highest score and a team score. The highest scoring individuals

from each team went into a 'bow off' to determine our 'Master Archer' of the day. Aubrey took this crown with 14 points! Anna top scored in the games with 16 points. Atticus and Bluebell also performed very well in all the games. House points were awarded this week not wristbands. All the children were really engaged and were very enthusiastic to shoot arrows. They all concentrated and were well-behaved. Mrs Bray was also a star archer, she couldn't resist having a go herself!

*Mr H*



Before half term, Reception pupils took part in a soft archery enrichment. Most of the children had never taken part in archery before and they really surprised both of the sports coaches with their abilities. Archery is quite a tricky sport to master at a very young age as it involves posture, balance and technique all having to come together at the right time to release the arrow towards the target. However, as always, the children were keen to be involved, to embrace a new challenge and they demonstrated great attitudes throughout the lesson. Our wristband winners were Cora, Sonny and Jasmine for all

showing competence in mastering a new sport and having a great attitude. Two other children stood out, Otto and Nelly: even though they were both unsure and apprehensive of this new sport, let alone succeeding, they both shone with their ability to shoot an arrow at a target and they both progressed notably.

*Miss B*

In Class 3, children didn't let the downpours dampen their spirits at Forest School this week. The class took part in their own water cycle by playing the part of a droplet on its journey from condensation all the way through the cycle back to the beginning. This gave children the perfect opportunity to warm up on their journey around the playground and field. After this, children played a game of '1, 2, 3' before taking part in a variety of activities such as den making, using the mud kitchen, building bug homes and toasting marshmallows. To close our time at Forest School this week, the class made wassail using orange juice, apple juice, nutmeg and cinnamon and then sung a song around the apple trees while enjoying their warm drinks.

*Miss Downer*







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