



**WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND  
HEALTHY 2023!**

### WELCOME BACK

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after their holiday and hear about all their wonderful Christmas experiences!

### TERM DATES FOR 2024

SPRING FIRST HALF-TERM from **Monday 8th January 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024**  
SPRING SECOND HALF-TERM from **Monday 26th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024**  
SUMMER FIRST HALF-TERM from **Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024**  
SUMMER SECOND HALF-TERM from **Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024.**

### MAYA DAY YEAR 6



On Wednesday, Y6 had a 'Maya Day' as a way to introduce our new History topic. They were asked to come into school in bright colours as this was how the Maya nobles would have dressed - jaguar print if you were of noble birth! They had a workshop with archaeologist and leading Maya expert Dr. Dianne Davies and learned all about significant Maya achievements. We then tasted some traditional hot chocolate which is made with chillies, honey, vanilla and cinnamon. After that we sampled some Mexican tortillas, guacamole, salsa and jalapenos. In the afternoon, we learned about traditional Maya temples called 'ziggurats' and had a go at creating our own! The children (and staff) had a fantastic day - we hope they will continue with this zest for learning! Mrs Swinburn, Mr Millett and Mrs Calcutt.

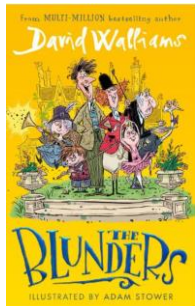
### WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

This week **Samuel** from Base 2 came to show me his science work. He has been working so hard, learning about animals and describing them. He showed me his work and could tell me which objects were living and which were not living. Well done for some super work Samuel!

**Ruby** 6JM also visited me to show her history work. She had been investigating Maya civilisation and had completed extra challenges to find out as much as she could about this era in History! Super investigative work Ruby Well done!

On Wednesday **Oliver** from 4VM impressed me with his knowledge of states of matter. He used high level vocabulary including evaporation and condensation to explain how water changes state in our world. Super effort Oliver Well done!

### RECOMMENDED READING NEW RELEASES THE BLUNDERS BY DAVID WALLIAMS



Million-copy bestseller David Walliams' funniest book yet – a laugh-out-loud tale of the most blundering and lovable family in history

Meet the Blunders: Bertie, Betsy, their children, Brutus and Bunny, along with their beloved grandma Old Lady Blunder, and their pet ostrich, Cedric. An ostrich is not a sensible pet, but then the Blunders are not sensible people. This family of upper-class twits lives in a crumbling country house named Blunder Hall. When their home comes under threat, they must embark on a series of comic misadventures to save it.

Absurd and hilarious, The Blunders is David Walliams' funniest book yet. A laugh-out-loud tale of the most blundering and lovable family in history.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

You will have received a letter from school this week offering places in a range of after school clubs. As soon as we have all the forms back we will allocate places. You will receive an email offering your child a place and clubs will start the week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

## SPRING TERM DATES

Monday 8th January - Children and staff return to school  
Tuesday 9th January – EYFS/Y1 (5 year old) Dental Check  
Thursday 11th January - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visits  
Thursday 11th January - 'Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
**Friday 19th January - Reception Stay and Play (Gruffalos)**  
**Friday 19th January - Year 3 Class Assembly (2:15pm) 3RL**  
Monday 22nd January - Reception trip to Discovery Museum.  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
Friday 26th January - Reception Reading and Phonics workshop  
Friday 26th January - Year 3 Class Assembly (2:15pm) 3LC  
Monday 29th January - Reception Maths workshop  
Friday 2nd February - Reception Stay and Play (Peter Rabbits)  
Saturday 3rd February - Year 5 Science is my Superpower  
W.C 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week  
Monday 5th February - Year 5 Bikeability  
Wednesday 7th February - Spring Term Parents' Meetings (Please note, appointments are available from 1:00-6:00pm)  
Thursday 8th February - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit  
Thursday 8th February - Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
Monday 12th February - Year 5 Bikeability  
Monday 12th February - Reception trip to Chinatown  
Friday 16th February - Reception Stay and Play (Elmers)  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February -**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Mastering Challenging Behaviour' Parents Course (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
Wednesday 6th March - Year 5 Science is my Superpower  
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
Thursday 7th March - Reception Mini Movers Intergenerational Visit  
Friday 8th March- Reception Stay and Play (Cat in the Hats)  
Thursday 14th March - Wednesday 20th March - Scholastic Book Fair  
Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day  
Friday 15th March- Reception Stay and Play (Paddington Bears)  
Monday 18th March - Reception (RAW) trip to Hall Hill Farm  
Wednesday 20th March - Reception & KS1 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)  
Thursday 21st March - KS2 Art Coffee Morning (9:15am)  
Thursday 21st March - Reception (RBD) trip to Hall Hill Farm  
Friday 22nd March - Spring Term Reports  
Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays  
**EASTER HOLIDAY Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April**

## TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: **@TStarKS1\_UCPS** or **@TStarKS2\_UCPS**. They also appear on **@UCPrimary** and on **our website Twitter feed**

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!  
Whole school attendance – 94.91%  
EYFS/KS1 – 1EP with 99.58%KS2 – 3LC with 99.41%

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