

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy TPA week. This week we had had our summer term class photographs taken. Please make sure that you view these using the QR code that your child brought home so that you can order this wonderful souvenir of your child's year. If your child has misplaced their QR code, do just pop into the office and ask Miss Lorraine or Miss Catherine for another one.

This week, we have also been enjoying our PE on The Green for most year groups (even though the weather has been very temperamental). Please remember on PE days to still send your child with their PE jumper (no plain hoodies) to ensure they can still enjoy their learning on the chillier days.


On Thursday, Mr Nick cleaned under our adventure play frame and discovered a large amount of rubbish, including crisp and cake packets. We are committed to ensuring that children enjoy healthy snacks at TPA. We expect children to bring a small snack for break to ensure that they can learn well until lunchtime. Children can bring fruit, crackers, popcorn, vegetables, flapjacks or other healthy snacks. We aim for a common-sense approach with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, sweets or crisps.

Finally, this week we were visited by Leah (the principal from Wantage Primary Academy) who was observing teaching and learning across the school. She was particularly pleased with the progress shown in children's maths books – demonstrating our continued work on our maths curriculum this year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Erin.

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Summer Term: 26th April 2024
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
Monday 29th April	Reception & Year 1 Dental Survey (Randomly selected pupils)
Tuesday 30th April	KS2 Cricket Workshop – ALL KS2 to wear PE kits
Wednesday 1st May	Year 1 – Zoolab Workshop
Thursday 2nd May	Reception Hearing Screening (Morning) Hepworth
Friday 3rd May	Reception Hearing Screening (Morning) Turner



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Office News

ADMISSIONS

For those who have a with a sibling place starting with us September 2024 please make sure you accept the place with E-Admissions.

Lunch bookings

Please remember to order school lunches on Parentmail, please note your lunches can be booked up until the end of term.

Thank You

The School Office

CRICKET WORKSHOP – Tuesday 30th April

ALL KS2 to wear P.E kit

KS2 have a Cricket Workshop on Tuesday 30th April, please ensure ALL KS2 to wear P.E kit.

Catering - EDWARDS & WARD – Thursday 2nd May

Parent Food Sampling and Presentation at 9am.

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	99.3
Reception Hepworth	94.9
Year 1 Potter	96.2
Year 1 Dahl	93.8
Year 2 Darwin	95.9
Year 2 Hawking	98.6
Year 3 Elgar	98
Year 3 Glennie	97.3
Year 4 Austen	96
Year 4 Dickens	98.6
Year 5 Moore	98.6
Year 5 Nightingale	97.9
Year 6 Farah	94.3
Year 6 Brown	97

Well done to:
Turner
for the best attendance
this week!

Please remember that we do not authorise any holiday taken during term time. The school attendance target is **97%** of pupils attending every day. Attendance and punctuality are key factors in children's success in learning. If a child's attendance falls below 95% that is the equivalent of two weeks learning lost per year.



Lost Property

Please kindly note the lost property located by the main entrance will be inspected weekly due to perishable items that must be disposed due to hygiene. Please ensure you check regularly for lost items.

Please name all items



Celebrating Success!

Well done to
our stars this
week!

Values!



Our
Values!

Class News

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In Literacy, we have started the traditional tale story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' where we have asked a lot of questions to work out what traditional tale story we would be exploring and have been writing a sorry letter to Baby Bear. We have also had a go at writing a speech bubble about what we know about Goldilocks to earn one of our rainbow challenges.

In Maths, this week, we have been exploring halving and how we can share items/objects out equally. We have been using the language of whole, half, parts and equal to help us in our learning. Ask your child if they can tell you what a half is.

In our afternoon learning, we have been learning all about Earth Day - how we can do our part by recycling and switching off lights to help our amazing planet. In circle time, we have been learning about what qualities make an amazing friend and what we can do if someone is lonely.

On Thursday, both classes had their values reward from last half term and it was so nice to see all of the amazing PJs.

Our tricky words for next week are push, sure and pure.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

The Reception Team



Y1

This week in Year 1, we have had lots of fun learning all about poetry and writing our very own senses poem. We are so proud of how hard everyone has worked to ensure their poems are as exciting and detailed as possible. In Design and Technology, we have begun to develop our ideas for building our own boats. This week we experimented with different materials to learn which material is the most waterproof. Next week we will be exploring which material floats best. In science we are learning what plants need to grow and thrive. We will be using this knowledge to plant our very own plant in the coming weeks. Next week we have our amazing workshop where we will be getting up close and hands-on with a variety of animals. How exciting!

<p>Y2</p>	<p>This week in Year 2 we had lots of fun studying our cross curricular topic - The Great Fire of London. We stepped back in time to 1666 London, thinking about what life would have been like then in comparison to life in London now. The children wrote a setting description based on illustrations of London in 1666 incorporating a range of features into their writing including similes, alliteration and expanded noun phrases.</p> <p>In science this week we continued our 'Plants' topic, looking at a range of seeds and how they grow into plants. The children had to gather information and write some key information/instructions for seed packets. In maths we learnt a few methods to help us find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$. The children did a fantastic job applying these strategies to help them find fractions of a number or object.</p> <p>In D&T the children designed their Great Fire of London bunting which they will be making over the next few weeks. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine as they brainstormed and sketched a range of designs for their flags.</p> <p>We hope you have a lovely, restful weekend. See you next week!</p>
<p>Y3</p>	<p>Another busy week in year 3, some of the highlights included, finding out our roles for the production of Charlie and the chocolate factory. The children also started learning the first two songs and coming up with rules to be followed for rehearsal. In English we continued to expand out descriptive writing skills looking at expanded noun phrases similes and show not tell, next week we will complete out description of Charlie. In maths we finished our topic on mass and capacity and started our new one on Fractions looking at adding and subtracting fractions when the denominators are the same. In Geography we looked at where Cocoa trees grow and recapped where the equator, tropic of cancer and the tropic of Capricorn are. In science we examined leaves looking at their structure and functions. In DT we designed our packaging for our chocolate truffles. Please remember to learn the lines of the songs and any dialogue from the play!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend Form the year 3 Team</p>
<p>Y4</p>	<p>We have had a very exciting week in Year 4! The boys started their swimming lesson's while the girls practiced their underarm throw in a variety of activities in our PE session ready to tackle tennis this half term. We were lucky enough to start our violin lesson's too this week, the children were introduced to the instrument and learnt the string names and practiced plucking.</p> <p>We have continued our Viking journey, planning and writing a set of instructions on how to slay a creature – the children have been inspired by our book Beowulf. The children have worked hard on including a range of grammar devices such as; imperative verbs, adverbs and time connectives all while making sure their instruction writing is thrilling to read. Linked to our work on the Anglo-Saxon's and Vikings we were lucky enough to take part in a workshop. The children took part in a reenactment of Beowulf, as well as immersing themselves in the everyday life of the settlers.</p> <p>In maths this week, the children have been working hard understanding hundredths as fractions and decimals and dividing by a one and two digit number. The children have also continued working on their times-tables! We are pushing them to learn the 'Super 16', which are known for being a little trickier than the rest.</p>

In art this week the children explored brush strokes while continuing to look at the techniques Claude Monet used in his River Thames series. We have started our topic on Sound in Science, the children explored how sounds are made and explained how sound travels from an object to their ears.

Have a lovely restful weekend!

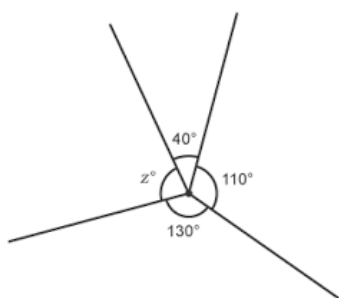
The Year 4 team 😊

Y5

It's been a great week of learning in Year 5!

English - The children started the week by interviewing some characters from our book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' to collect quotes for the a newspaper report about the family's decision to sail around the world. They have spent the rest of the week writing and publishing some fantastic newspaper articles about this event!

Maths - The children have continued learning about shape and angles, this week focusing on how to calculate missing angles in full turns and on a straight line, using their knowledge that there are 360 degrees in a full turn and 180 degrees in a straight line.



Science - In science, the children continued to learn about reproduction in plants, comparing sexual reproduction (when 2 parent plants are needed to create a seed) with asexual reproduction (when 1 parent plant creates a clone.)

Geography - The children identified different features of mountains, including the summit, ridges, plateaus, the snow line and the tree line.

Computing - We learnt about the importance of binary code and learnt how to create numbers in 8 bit binary.

——— **8 bit binary digit** ———

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$$64 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 1 = 93$$

RE - We read the story of the life of Buddha and found out about the 5 Precepts in Buddhism and how the might be helpful for Buddhists to follow and how they might be challenging.

DT - The children continued to planning the meal we will be cooking later this term, this week designing our main course - cauliflower cheese.

PSHE - We discussed online safety. We discussed what information is safe or unsafe to share online as well as discussion age restrictions and why they are important.



Y6

We have been busy this week in Year 6! In Maths, we have been revising maths topics getting ready for exams in a few weeks. In English, we have finished our setting descriptions (on the Maya) and they are great!. In History, we learned about the chronology of the Maya empire and made comic strips featuring key events and facts. We did cross-curricular work in Art this week; we learned about Mayan masks and sketched examples of 'event' and 'death' masks into our Art books. In RE, we are covering Christianity and discussed the idea of what is eternal. In Computing, we learned how we use infrared waves transmit data, and came up with our own ideas for devices using infrared waves that could benefit society. In Music, we discussed different types of world music created by artists from London with varied ethnicities. And we are ending with PE and Golden Time - what a week!

Reminders for the week:

New homework sheets went out with the students last week. SATS homework for Maths will be a CGP book, which goes home every week with the students. English homework will be CGP comprehension book that will need to be done and returned weekly as well. We will mark homework every Friday, so please bring the book back in on Thursday to ensure we have all of the work ready to mark and discuss for Friday. If you need copies of and of the homework sheets, please advise and we can send it home.

Please keep encouraging your child to take ownership of their diary and school supplies (we have provided some pens / pencils) and to bring them in daily. Next year, it will be important for the children to be responsible for their work and their supplies. Also, please remember to make a note in the diary when they have read (independently or with you). Also, Ms Tina holds an English SATS prep session every Thursday morning from 8-8:45am. This is a drop-in session and free of charge, however you must be here for a prompt start at 8am. And please share any concerns or notes with us in the diary.

Have a great weekend!

Natalie, Nadira, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta