



Weekly

NEWSLETTER



15 May 2026

Deputy Headteacher's Message: Mrs Parrott

This week we took part in the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe virtual assemblies. During this we learnt about our right to be kept safe and to know who we can talk to if we need help. Through this assembly, we now know how to access support and the number for Childline if we need to use it. Additionally, we identified our safe adults. We feel empowered to know how to protect ourselves against all forms of abuse. As part of our fundraising efforts, we have raised money for Challenge Ministries UK (CM UK), which is a charity dedicated to creating sustainable and transformational change for the rural communities most affected by extreme poverty throughout Eswatini, Africa. Due to our fundraising, Challenge Ministries UK came in to deliver an assembly about how our fundraising has helped their work. On Thursday, we welcomed family and friends to join us for our Year Five class assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you were able to join us, the children were very excited to showcase their story recital. Thank you to everyone involved! Year One parents/carers joined us for a Maths workshop, led by our Maths lead Ms Hillson. It was great to see so many of you were able to attend and learn about how Maths is taught in Year One, then join the children in their class's.

Class Attendance



The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Bears Class
94.14%



Emus Class
96.67%



Raccoons Class
91.98%



Penguins Class
93.31%



Elephants Class
97.02%



Yaks Class
97.22%



Geckos Class
97.13%



Roadrunners Class
92.31%



Macaws Class
99.26%



Hummingbirds Class
97.06%



Star of the Week



Reception

Sapphire Barnieh
Seth Kitcherside

Key Stage One

Ivan Korotov
Nashel Mbiza
Rebecca Benacio
Alex Dziadosz

Lower Key Stage Two

Julia Gastol Makowska
Piper Radford
Anashe Monera

Upper Key Stage Two

Liepa Serbintaite



Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Brave



Dates for your Diary



School Events

Year Four
(Macaws)
Maths Workshop
Tuesday 19th May
2.00pm
(parents invited)

Year Two
(Elephants & Yaks)
Maths Workshop
Tuesday 2nd June
2.00pm
(parents invited)

New Reception Cohort
Parents Welcome Evening
Wednesday 3rd June
5.00pm
(no children to attend)

Year 5 Duxford
Educational Visit
(Hummingbirds)
Thursday 4th June

Reception Stay and Play
(Emus and Bears)
Friday 19th June
2.00 - 3.00pm
(parents invited)

Term Dates

Summer One Term
Half Term Break
25th May - 29th May

Summer Two Term
Monday 1st June
(Children return)

Last day of term
Friday 17th July

Autumn Term 2026

Staff Training Day
(Staff Only)
Tuesday 1st September

Start of Term
(Children return)
Wednesday 2nd September



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

This week Nursery have been exploring floating and sinking, whilst continuing to look at sea, river and pond animals. The children made ducks out of playdough, under the sea collages and a range of messy play trays.

We have also been creative with mark making in different ways where the children drew on 'doodle blocks', tin foil and used cotton buds to paint with. All of these are great for developing pre-writing skills and fine motor muscles.

Reception Team

Reception have been learning all about Space this week. Firstly, we learnt about the planet we live on as well as others in the Solar System. We then read the book *Whatever Next* and were looking at how Baby Bear got to space. We have been thinking about different ways we could get to space. In the construction area, the children have been making their own rockets and space transport. On the writing table, the children have been creating lists to help Astronauts remember what they need to pack for space as well as writing about Baby Bears adventure into space. In Phonics, we have been learning the 'wh' sound and using this to build and read words. We also had the pleasure of going to watch Year Five practise their class assembly this week, which we all really enjoyed!

Key Stage One Team

This week in Key Stage One, the children have explored new focus stories in Writing. In Year One, the children have read the story of 'Yeti and the bird' by Nadia Shireen and in Year Two the children have started to read 'Lizzy and the cloud' by Eric Fan. In Maths, both year groups have begun exploring money, with Year One focusing on 1p, 2p and 10p and Year Two exploring 50p, £1 and beyond. In Science, we have carried out little investigations to see wat materials are waterproof and which materials are transparent and in PSHRE, we have been thinking about our school rules and understanding how rules are in place to help us feel safe and happy.

Lower Key Stage Two Team

In History, the children have been using their prior knowledge to create a double-page non-chronological report about the Stone Age and Bronze Age, including burials, monuments, and artefacts. In Maths, we have continued recalling our 8 times table facts and using them to solve number problems. In Writing, Year Four have started our new book, 'The Everchanging Earth' by Grahame Baker-Smith. The children worked in small groups to answer questions using their knowledge of the world. In Science, we observed how cress grew in light compared to cress that was deprived of light, and the children explained their findings.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

In Writing, the children have been using their retrieval skills to recall everything they know about the Kingdom of Benin so they can independently write their own non-chronological report. We have been amazed by their prior knowledge. In PE, we have been developing our skills and teamwork while playing games of rounders. The children also enjoyed performing to their parents during their class assembly, which was based on their favourite childhood books.