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Spring Term Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers

I hope you have had a wonderful week. The spring term is flying by very quickly!

Parents Evenings
We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our upcoming parents and carers consultation evenings. Please check your Parent Mail for more information and ensure you have signed up for a meeting time.

Marsh and Micklefield Underpass

Some of you may have spotted the exciting art work going up under the local underpass. I am pleased to share that we have submitted some fantastic designs from our children to be included in the project. The children focused on our core vision of 'becoming, belonging and joy', and they included lots of local wildlife in their designs. I attach the images that were chosen to be incorporated into the final work. Thank you for supporting the children in competing their entries. We will ensure all entries are displayed at school as they were all fantastic!

Parking

Following my note about this last week, there have been some improvements in parking behaviours. Thank you so much to those of you who have taken this on board. However, we have noticed that parents who arrive late or very close to pick up times are continuing to make irresponsible parking decisions. As busy parents we all know the stresses and strains of the daily routine! However, this is not an excuse to park unsafely. It is the responsibility of the whole school community to keep our children safe, and parking issues are creating significant risk to all pupils at a vulnerable time of day. I again ask that you please adhere to the road markings when making parking decisions. Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Attendance W/C 2/03/2026

Class	Attendance %
Reception	85
Year 1	93.5
Year 2	93
Year 3	97.9
Year 4	95.3
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	96.9

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2025/2026		
DATE	EVENT	Year groups
23.03.2026	Learning Champions Assembly	
27.03.2026	Last day of Spring Term – Children finish at 2pm	
30.03.2026-10.04.2026		
13.04.2026	INSET Day	
14.04.2026	Back to School for start of Summer Term	All
24.04.2026	Year 5 trip to Amersham Field Studies	5
30.04.2026	Year 1 Class Assembly 2.30pm	1
01.05.2026	Year 3 trip to Ashmolean Museum	3
07.05.2026	Year 3 Class Assembly 2.30pm	3
25.05.2026-29.05.2026 May Half Term		
01.06.2026	Back to School	All
12.06.2026	Nursery visit to The Goats Centre	N
18.06.2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm	2
22.06.2026	Bikeability Day 1	
23.06.2026	Bikeability Day 2	
24.06.2026	Year 2 trip to Littlehampton Beach	2
11.06.2026	Reception Class Assembly 09.15am	Rec
20.07.2026	Learning Champions Assembly	
21.07.2026	Ready to Celebrate Afternoon	
22.07.2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm	6
22.07.2026		

Year 6 (current Year 5s) residential dates to Marchants Hill – Surrey (2 nights)
Wednesday 7th October – Friday 9th October 2026

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a busy week thinking about mini beasts! They enjoyed going on a hunt around the garden and talking about the many similarities and differences the bugs had. Worms seemed a favourite which then led us to reading 'Super Worm' and this made everyone laugh! The children also enjoyed setting up mini obstacle courses around the garden using crates and planks of wood. The children were great at balancing and helping one another. Have a wonderful weekend everybody.

Reception

Reception has also had a busy week thinking about Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed role playing the story and creating maps of their journey through the woods. They also had fun making wanted posters for the wolf, as well as packing a shopping basket for grandma and writing their own list. Have a wonderful weekend everybody.

Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic week. We all created our own stories using a story map. We thought of our own characters, setting, who the villain was, what the problem was and how we could solve the problem. We then told our stories to our partner. We have also written sentences describing caves and jewels. We wrote sentences using speech marks and we have also changed a sentence to make it more exciting. In Maths, we have been focusing on number 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50. We know how to count in tens and that ten is made of ten ones and 1 ten. We know that 20 is made of twenty ones and 2 tens etc. We have also been counting bigger numbers such as 45 by grouping objects into tens and then seeing how many we have left. In PSHE, we looked at why it is important to exercise and what exercise does to our bodies. In Design and Technology, we designed the fruit smoothie we are going to make. We thought about what ingredients we would need and what equipment we would use. In Science, we went on a spring walk to see signs of spring. We saw lots of daffodils, daisies and blossom on trees. In History, we looked at how different vehicles are powered, such as human power, horse power, electrical power and fuel power. It has been an extremely busy week!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued practising how to make our sentences more interesting by using adjectives, similes and adverbs. In maths, we concluded our unit on length and height and have now started our new topic on mass, capacity and temperature. In computing, the children used the laptops to create their own pictograms, learning how data can be presented clearly. In PSHE, we talked about different feelings and how our bodies can react to them. We have also begun our new DT unit on puppets, where the children are excited to start designing and creating their own puppets in the coming weeks.

Year 3

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 3!

In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of our times tables. This week we focused on related calculations, helping the children see the links between multiplication and division facts. The class has been working hard to recognise patterns and use what they already know to solve new problems. In English, the children have been learning our text map beautifully and have shown fantastic enthusiasm when performing it together. We have also written some outstanding poetry inspired by monsters and spooky settings. The children used imaginative vocabulary and vivid descriptions to bring their scary ideas to life! In PSHE, we discussed what helps us feel good and stay healthy. The children shared thoughtful ideas such as exercising regularly, eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep, and spending time with friends and family. In Computing, we have been learning about branching databases. The children explored how information can be sorted by asking yes/no questions and created their own flowcharts to organise and classify different items. In Science, we continued our topic on light. This week we explored light sources, learning the difference between natural light sources (such as the Sun) and artificial light sources (such as lamps and torches). The children enjoyed identifying examples of each and discussing why light is important. Well done to all of Year 3 for their fantastic effort this week!

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy investigating all things electrical in our new Science and D.T units. We have been learning about the life and inventions of Nikola Tesla (the car was named after him) and he inspired the creation of portable batteries. In Science, circuits have been tested and completed to help us understand how electricity flows. Measuring perimeter in Maths and recapping the water cycle in Geography has kept us in the flow.

Please note that our planned River Rangers trip for 23rd March has had to be rearranged for next term. Details to follow.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another successful week. In English, we have now learnt the model text and are focusing on the structure ready to start writing our own version next week. In Maths, we have started a new unit learning about decimals and percentages. We have started by recognising fractions and their equivalent decimals. We learnt about Hindu weddings in RE and in Music we continue to explore synesthesia. We have started our new Geography unit that looks at how we live and the effect that it has on climate change. As we progress through this enquiry we will think about how we can live more sustainably to help the planet. Friday was a great day as we made Spaghetti Primavera for our Design and Technology unit.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Year 6

The highlight of our week has undoubtedly been our trip to the British Museum. All our travel plans went very smoothly and the class represented the school responsibly and maturely. The main focus of our visit was Ancient Greece and we completed a fun and engaging interactive tour of The Parthenon. We also found time to look at some Egyptian artefacts, in particular the Rosetta Stone. In Maths we have completed our decimals unit and have moved on to fractions, decimals and percentages. Whilst in English we have been using personification to bring our writing to life. Our History learning, apart from the museum, focused on Islamic art. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

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