



Praise and Thank You!

Sycamore	The teachers in year 6 would like to praise Emma, Dannielle, Lucy S and Keane for their amazing diary entries from the point of view of Macbeth. They would also like to praise Skye and Mae for their efforts in the practice SATs papers this week. Writer of the week: Olivia H for a hilarious and rather gruesome diary entry using superb emotive language throughout Maths Master: Elizabeth for her work with dividing this week
Birch	The teachers in Birch class would like to praise Pink table for working enthusiastically and sensibly in maths all week. Writer of the week: Jamal for writing a fantastic diary entry based on Macbeth. Maths Master: Roberts for trying extremely hard at ordering some tricky numbers
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Alexis and Elly for their achievements during football this week. Also Aleks, Alfie and Elizabeth for their contributions during our discussion about how to use symbols to represent sounds in music. Writer of the week: Elena for an excellent poem based on 'The Twits' Maths Master: Preeya for using column addition to add decimals
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Terry would like to praise the whole class for their incredible newspaper reports based on our key text, 'Superhero Hotel'. Writer of the week: Adeshina for his brilliantly detailed newspaper report Maths Master: Mechola for applying her knowledge of the column method to add and subtract
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mrs Watson would like to praise Baylee, Emily and Lottie for being good role models this week. They would also like to praise John for the enthusiasm he has displayed towards all of his learning in Maple Class. A big well done to Ruby for her amazing Oompa Loompa costume for Roald Dahl day! Writer of the week: Aronas for independently using a thesaurus to uplevel adjectives in his character description of Supertato. Maths Master: Dexter for scoring full marks in his arithmetic test.
Willow	Mrs Smith and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise and thank all the children in Willow Class for another great week of learning. Writer of the week: Dolly for writing a sentence independently and using an adjective in her work Maths Master: Benjamin for working independently in maths calculating one more and one less.
Oak	The teachers in Reception would like to praise and thank Amber and Lois for being good friends this week. Writer of the week: Naomi for writing her name beautifully on all her pictures Maths Master: Freddie for enthusiastically joining in with counting games this week
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise all the children in Cherry Class for coming back to school so well—you are all superstars! Writer of the week: Rory for a super early painting of his family Maths Master: Oliver for sharing his knowledge of shapes

Coming up:

Wednesday 19th September

Family Trust assemblies

Friday 21st September

Mini Mudder Day!

Year R class photograph for newspaper

Tuesday 25th September

Girls' Football match vs Greenfields (home, after school kick off)

Friday 28th September

Year 3&4 trip to Madame Tussauds

Monday 1st October

Bach to the Future assembly (whole school)

Thursday 4th October

Ash class assembly (9am)

Wednesday 10th October

Film night

Thursday 11th October

KS1 Multi-skills team to Greenfields

Friday 12th October

Year 5&6 trip to Chessington

Monday 15th October

Tribal event

Staff vs Kids sports match (tbc)

A huge well done to everyone for a fantastic first full week in school last week! It was lovely to welcome our new year R class to the school—and to see their amazing attendance!

Mini Mudder

This Friday (21st) is Mini Mudder day! Please do return permission slips to school if you want your child to take part. Unfortunately children who do not return their slip will not be able to go on the course. We are setting an extra challenge this year and asking children to get sponsorship, if they want, to undertake the course. All monies raised will go towards subsidising more school trips and extra-curricular activities. Please look out for more information on the separate letter that will come home. Please look out for the blog (and Tapestry for Early Years) on the day of the Mini Mudder as we will share lots of pictures when we can!

Accelerated Reader

A few parents have asked about the 'Home Connect' option of Accelerated Reader which allows parents to see which quizzes their children have taken and how they have been doing in them. We are currently setting this up and will send out individualised letters shortly with log in details. Accelerated Reader is used by the whole of KS2, year 2 and some children in year 1 towards the end of the academic year.

Sittingbourne in Bloom

We are delighted to let you know that we were awarded a Silver Award in the Schools Class in the Sittingbourne in Bloom competition this year. The judges were impressed with the way that the outside spaces of the school were being developed and utilised by the children. A big well done to our Eco-councillors who were able to explain some of the gardening work that they have been involved in which also contributed to the award.

TT Rockstars!

Well done to **Sycamore Class** for being the most accurate class with 85% accuracy average.

Congratulations to **Ben W (Y4)** who had the greatest increase in 'rock speed' last week!



Attendance

It has been a great start to attendance this term—well done everyone. Whole school attendance is currently 97.5%.

A huge well done to our new Reception class! They achieved 100% attendance for their first week in school and will be looking after Reggie Bear all week! Well done Oak class superstars!

MESSAGES

News from around the school

Nursery: A big welcome back to our Nursery children. We had great week last week welcoming you back to Cherry class and this week we will be welcoming some more new friends!

This week we will be carrying on our topic of 'Will you read me a story?'. We will be asking the children to tell us about their favourite stories and sharing some traditional tales.

Star: George for making awesome progress with his self care independence!

Reception: A very warm welcome to all our families who are joining Oak Class this year. The children had a fantastic first week at school and we are very pleased with how quickly they have started to settle into the routines. It has been lovely to meet you all and, as always if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of us on the door.

This term our learning project is, 'Will you read me a story?' This topic will allow us to explore a range of different stories and will also help us to develop our creative and speaking and listening skills through oral storytelling and acting.

Please make sure that you have the Marvellous Me app set up as we will start to send messages via this app this week. We have also started uploading pictures and comments to Tapestry. If your child attended our Nursery your account will remain the same, if not, please look out for an email notification that will tell you how to activate your child's account. We look forward to sharing our learning and your child's achievements with you throughout the year.

Please can we ask that as the weather gets a little cooler, all children come into school with a jumper and a coat. Many thanks.

Star: Louie for being brave and very grown up during his first week of school

Year 1: In Willow Class this week we have been learning to use adjectives to describe the main character in a story and how to sequence a story in preparation to write our own narratives.

In maths we have been learning how to calculate one more and one less. We are also learning to use addition, subtraction and equals symbols to make calculations.

In phonics we are learning Phase Three and our focus sounds this week have been y, z, zz and qu.

Thank you for your continued support and please do ask if you have any questions.

Star: Alex for a positive attitude to learning in all areas especially in phonics and literacy

Year 2: Welcome back to school and to Maple Class. The children have all settled into the structure and routines of Year 2 exceptionally well.

This week in literacy we will be focusing on explanation texts. At the beginning of the week we will be watching a video clip of how Peter Parker became Spider-Man. We will look at an example of an explanation text then highlight and annotate the key features. During our essential skills lesson we will be looking at how to add the suffix 'ed' to root words to write in the past tense. At the end of the week we will be planning, writing and editing our own explanation text.

Our focus in arithmetic this week is finding the missing number in addition and subtraction calculations. In maths this week we will be ordering numbers then learning how to use the greater than and less than symbols when comparing numbers.

Our PE days this term are Monday and Wednesday. Please can you ensure your child has a full PE kit in school on these days to enable them to take part in the lesson.

Star: Violet for settling into Maple Class with a very grown up attitude.

Year 3: This week in Beech Class the children will be learning how to use the grid method to multiply and the bus stop method to divide.

In literacy the children will be writing a persuasive letter to Joe Maloe, a character from our key text, persuading him to let them visit his hotel.

This week during our topic lessons, year 3 will be learning and creating actions to the Cruella De Vil song which we will share during our assembly.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to ask!

Star: Ronnie H for his superb attitude and effort towards ALL of his learning and an extra well done for his newspaper report.

Year 4: Welcome back to year 4! The children have worked incredibly hard so far this term, Mrs Pullen and I are very proud of them.

In Maths this week we will be developing out knowledge of multiplication and division and applying these skills to answer a range of problems. In Literacy we will be researching a historical hero or villain and writing our own non-chronological reports. Then, in our topic lesson we will be looking at a range of fictional heroes and villains and using them as inspiration for our own creations.

PE is on a Monday and Thursday; can children please have a PE kit in school, including suitable footwear.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Star: Ben W for his enthusiasm and contributions in all lessons.

Year 5: This week we will be practising the methods for adding and subtracting and applying these skill in our class 'shop'.

In Literacy we are writing stories based on the short animation called 'Road's End'.

For our topic this week the children will be designing a logo for their own theme park and looking at a variety of different theme parks to understand the layout (ready to design their own later in the term).

Last week it was a great start to our class learning the clarinet; please make sure that your child is practising when clarinets are at home and that clarinets are in school every Wednesday. Thank you.

Star: Graciemae for completing amazing pieces of work all week.

Year 6: A warm welcome from everyone in Sycamore class; we hope you all had a nice summer! You'll be pleased to know that the hard work has already begun. This week, our writing will be based around a video clip where the children will be challenged to write the clip from a character's point of view. We will be looking for complex sentences, high-level punctuation and succinct word choices.

In maths, the focus is number—specifically ordering. We will be ordering whole numbers, negative numbers and decimals.

PE will be on Monday and Tuesday—please make sure that your child has their kit in school. Mini-Mudder is on Friday and we will be organising the whole day! Don't forget your spare clothes and a towel!!

Star: Mae for her grown-up mature attitude and her amazing costume on Thursday!