

Sycamore	The teachers in year 6 would like to praise and thank Chris for all his efforts on the Daily Mile, Madi C, Charlie and Sophie for their literacy work and all of the girls that represented the school on Thursday for the football match against Greenfields. Writer of the Week: Jada for her narrative on Oliver Twist Maths Master: Chelsey for her work on converting fractions
Birch	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise Connie for always being a happy and focused member of the class. They would also like to praise Luke U for all his efforts to be more organised in the classroom and Jayden for all his contributions in English. A huge well done to the whole of Birch class for performing their assembly so well this week. Writer of the Week: Olivia K for some thoughtful ideas on the theme of home in a story Maths Master: Emma for some excellent work on line graphs
Ash	The teachers in Ash Class would like to praise the whole class for writing fantastic biographies about the French explorer, Jacques Cousteau. They would also like to praise Charlie for successfully analysing a piece of artwork. Writer of the Week: Poppy for successfully using key vocabulary to write an excellent biography on Jacques Cousteau Maths Master: Dominion for adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their fantastic work on biographies this week and an extra well done to all of the children for their home-learning last week. Writer of the Week: Haydan for a huge improvement with his writing and for supporting his peers Maths Master: Noushafarin for her superb work in maths when applying knowledge of multiplication and division
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Rugby table for working collaboratively to generate a range of imperative verbs. Writer of the Week: Ronnie W for her amazing non-chronological report on healthy living. Ronnie included all the key features of a non-chronological independently and imaginatively Maths Master: Rosie for applying her knowledge of greater than, less than and equal to answer a range of questions in different contexts
Willow	Miss Turner and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise Pink group for working extremely hard with their maths this week—well done, we're very proud of you. Writer of the Week: Corey for writing a great letter to Mrs Andrews Maths Master: Dexter for completing some great work all about 3D shapes
Oak	The adults in Reception would like to praise and thank Toni, Chase and Danni for always offering to help the adults by helping to do the washing up. Writer of the Week: Dre for attempting to write polysyllabic words Maths Master: Annabelle for her enthusiasm when exploring how much objects weigh using scales
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Sharjana for having a fantastic second week in Nursery and for being happy to say goodbye to Mummy before joining the class. Could we also thank a few shareadactyls; we have some super sharers—Lauren, Darcy, Lilley, Ivan and Louie—well done for sharing with your friends. Writer of the Week: Ivan for his super drawing of his Mummy Maths Master: Freya for showing a good understanding of the differences in size this week

Diary:

w/c Monday 19th March

Open lessons in years 1-6

Football match vs Milton Court

Tuesday 20th March

1.30pm Easter Church Service

Thursday 22nd March

World Water Day

Easter Feast (hall, after school)

Friday 23rd March

Mad March Hair Day!

Easter Disco

Express events—w/c 26th March

Monday 26th—Y1&2 9am-10am

Tuesday 27th—Y3&4 9am-10am

YR—9.15-10.15am

Y5&6—2.15-3pm

Wednesday 28th—Nursery 2pm-3pm



MESSAGES

CHURCH SERVICE—Please join us this Tuesday (20th) for our Easter Church Service at the Holy Trinity Church. Year 2 will be leading the event and have been practising really hard. Children will be able to leave with parents directly from the church after the service. Please do help us to safeguard all our children by making sure that you sign your child out, with their class teacher, if you are taking them directly from the church.

OPEN LESSONS—Open lessons are taking place in all classrooms this week. Reception and Nursery have been running open sessions all term and these continue as normal this week. For years 1 to 6, specific lessons are 'open' to parents. Please refer to the confirmation slip that you should have received from your child's class teacher for more information about the date / time of the lesson that you are attending.

PARENT MEETINGS—Parent meetings take place next Monday and Tuesday (26th and 27th March). A letter about the parent meetings came out on Friday. Please return your slip indicating your preference of day / time to your child's class teacher as soon as you can so that we can allocate appointments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Feast!

As you have hopefully seen from our flyers, we have an Easter Feast in the hall this Thursday (22nd March) from 3-4.30pm. Please do come along and join us for some food (burgers / jacket potatoes / Easter cakes) and for some Easter colouring activities.

Please do come along—you DO NOT need to sign up—just turn up on the day. There is a sign up sheet on the school entrance door regarding food but this is just to give an indication of numbers. All are welcome, just turn up on the day!

Attendance

Year 3 were the winners of Reggie Bear last week with attendance of 99.3% for the week! Well done year 3!

Whole school attendance is still at 96.8% - just! Lets work hard to ensure that whole school attendance stays at this level for the rest of the term. We are aiming to get to 97% in terms 5 and 6!

News from around the school

Nursery: The children have enjoyed the ladybird topic so far and were very good at giving some good ideas to help the 'Bad Tempered Ladybird'.

This week we are going to be focusing our learning around 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We will be looking at the life cycle of the butterfly, making caterpillars and growing some cress.

REMEMBER: Parent sharing event at 2.15pm on Wednesday—we will be looking at story settings. We hope you can come along as that you are finding these sessions helpful.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 22nd March—World Water Day—dress in blue for £1 to raise money for World Water Aid.

Easter Feast in the hall after school (3pm—4.30pm) on Thursday 22nd March. Join us for a jacket potato, burger and Easter Cakes! All money raised will be used for the Nursery Courtyard area. We hope you can join us! There is an interest sheet in the front reception area—if you pop a quantity in there if you can, it will help to give us an idea of how many potatoes and burgers we will need to hopefully save us from selling out!

Star: Sofia for showing her confidence when speaking to others in the class, we are so proud of how confident you have become!

Year 1: Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the shared lessons this week; it was lovely to see you all.

This week we are focusing on adding and subtracting using a number line and solving some real life word problems. In Literacy we will be writing a story based on the book 'The Princess and the Frog'.

Well done to everyone who read last week; we are very proud of you and can already see a great improvement in the children who read every night. Remember, it doesn't have to be the whole book—a couple of pages a night is fine.

Star: Ruby for being a superstar with her phonics this week!

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of poetry. The children will be identifying the features by looking at various poems; towards the end of the week the children will be applying their knowledge to write their own poem.

In maths, the children will be looking at measuring length and capacity. The children will begin the week by measuring various lengths using centimetres. Towards the end of the week the children will be measuring capacity using different size measuring jugs.

PE—Monday and Wednesday are our PE days, therefore, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

Star: Freya for her phenomenal change in attitude and effort towards ALL of her learning!

Year 5: This week in English we are going to be writing biographies for famous people from the Victorian era. Lessons will include finding out about these people, looking at how biographies are structured and looking at the grammatical features used in them. In maths we are going to be working on all things fraction, decimal and percentage—including converting between all three.

Topic lessons will see us finding out about famous inventors and their inventions and also looking at what a Victoria slum was like.

Don't forget: it is our express event on Tuesday 27th March at 2.15pm. For this we hope to make rag rugs similar to those we made whilst at Kent Life.

Star: Scarlett for great contributions in RE and lovely artwork on Holi!

Year R: This week in Oak class we will be focusing our learning around the story of 'The Very Quiet Cricket'. We will be exploring sound through musical instruments, using our voices to make sounds and creating sounds for stories.

In maths we will be revisiting number through counting forwards and backwards and reading and ordering numbers to 20.

In literacy we will be joining in with repeated language in stories and continuing to learn and perform minibeast themed rhymes and songs.

Our creative activities this week will see us exploring colour and what happens when we mix colours.

Don't forget our maths parent sharing session will be happening on Monday at 2pm in the classroom.

Star: Blake for his enthusiasm when exploring the nature area!

Year 2: This week in literacy we will be focusing on narratives. At the beginning of the week we will be listening to the story, 'The Princess and the Pea'. We will then be focusing on noun phrases during our skills based lesson and using these when generating and writing alternatives to the original story.

In maths this week we will be focusing on addition. This will include recalling and using addition facts up to and across one hundred, adding three single digit numbers, using the inverse to check our calculations and adding on from multiples of 10.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that Maple Class will be leading the Easter church service on Tuesday 20th March. Please come along to watch us and join in with the singing.

Star: Mechola for independently using her phonics to help her improve her spelling this week!

Year 4: This week in literacy we will be researching facts about different sea creatures. We will then use this information to write a detailed non-chronological report. In Maths we will be developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will then be applying our knowledge to answer word problems and using the inverse to check our answers. In our topic lessons, we will be trying to grow our own sea monkeys to study and observe with a magnifying glass.

Please can children remember to bring their swimming kit on Wednesday in a bag which is large enough to contain their school uniform while they swim. Also, could children please wrap up warm for the journey to and from the pool.

Star: Macie for conducting extra research at home to help her during literacy this week!

Year 6: This week in Sycamore class, we will be writing both chronological and non-chronological reports. Both reports will be based around the Victorian era with the focus on life for the everyday person. How does that differ if you are rich, poor or working class? In Maths we will be working with decimals. Place value will play a key role all week as we tackle problems involving money, the four operations and negative numbers.

In topic, we are going to start making our Victorian slums out of recycled materials—the class have learnt what life is like in the slums and discussed the major differences between the rich and the poor.

Any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to ask.

Star: Marques for a marked improvement in his presentation and the content of his writing!