

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise the whole class for their efforts in making gruel and building their Victorian slums! Writer of the Week: Bethany for her newspaper report on a theft Maths Master: Harry for his work with decimals this week
Birch	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise Mae and Emily for their research on Victorian inventions. They would also like to praise Freya and Milan for all their extra efforts with Accelerated Reader quizzes. Writer of the Week: James for writing an excellent introduction to his biography Maths Master: Lucy E for some very quick and accurate percentage work
Ash	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise the whole class for their fantastic reading during our assembly. They would also like to praise Kamil, Dominion, Auchan, Alfie J, Mark, Amelia, Curtis, Macie, Kira, Julia, Mason, Liam, Roberts and Charlie for swimming in the big pool for the first time this week! Writer of the week: Roberts for his excellent non-chronological report on piranhas Maths Master: Evie for successfully using the inverse to check her answers
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Jelly Tots for their fantastic effort this week when writing a poem about the ocean. Writer of the week: Dylan for applying his knowledge and understanding of similes and alliteration to help him write a great poem Maths Master: Ben W for always being resilient and trying his best when tackling a tricky reasoning problem
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise the whole class for the effort they put into the Easter Church Service this week. Writer of the week: Ronnie T for including a range of imperative verbs and adverbs in his instruction writing this week Maths Master: Lexie for displaying resilience in her times tables tests this term
Willow	Miss Turner and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise the whole class for doing amazingly with their phonics this week—you are all absolute superstars. Writer of the week: Lottie for writing some great sentences using descriptive language Maths Master: Anaiah for doing brilliantly on her Arithmetic test
Oak	The adults in year R would like to say thank you and well done to Benjamin, Katie, Lauren, Dolly, Orla and Annabelle and all of Mrs Frankes' gymnastics club for their hard work and enthusiasm over the last 2 terms. Writer of the week: Oliver D for his enthusiasm when writing shopping lists for snacktime Maths Master: Rylee for showing an increasing knowledge of numbers to 20
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise all the children for being superstars during World Water Day and for listening to why we were wearing blue for the day. The children shared their ideas as to why we need clean water and why we should help others. Writer of the week: Eyla for trying really hard to write her numbers this week Maths Master: Freddie for super counting this week, he is really trying hard to count past 10 all by himself!

Diary:

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

Monday 26th March

PTA Easter animal day

Football match vs Greenfields (home)

Parent meetings

Tuesday 27th March

Lower KS2 football tournament (pm) at Greenfields

Parent meetings

Wednesday 28th March

Handball tournament (Oasis Academy) pm

Thursday 29th March

2pm finish—End of term!

PTA Easter Bake Sale (from 1.45pm)

School Easter Hunt (from the Snack Shack from 2pm)

Term 5 begins for children on Tuesday 17th March. Monday 16th is an inset day

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- As you may know, Mr Hall will be leaving us at the end of this term to begin a new role in a completely different working environment! We are sure that you will join us in thanking him for all his work within the school and wishing him the very best of luck in the future.
- A huge thank you to everyone who joined us in the shared lessons last week and in the church service. It was really lovely to see so many parents join us—we hope you enjoyed it!
- As you are probably aware, Mrs Hughes has been selling Hot Chocolate every Friday from the Snack Shack for 20p! As the weather gets warmer, this will change slightly and there will be milkshakes available in terms 5 and 6 (still on a Friday morning—20p per milkshake). The money we have made from the hot chocolate sales is being used to buy some sports vests with our logo on. We will post a picture of them when they arrive. Thank you so much for helping us to fund these!
- In term 5, Mrs Hughes will be baking with the 'Stars of the Week' every Friday afternoon and so the Snack Shack will be open from 2.45pm each Friday so that you can buy the 'bake of the week'! Other refreshments will be available too so please come along. We will send out text reminders each week!
- Thank you so much for supporting the Easter Feast last Thursday! The event was a great success and we took £220 which will go towards the Nursery garden.

Easter Activities

A big thank you to the PTA for arranging the Easter animals visit on Monday for all children!

On Thursday, the PTA Easter Cake Bake sale will start at 1.45pm. In addition, the school's 'Easter Hunt' will run from the Snack Shack from 2pm. Look out for the flyers for more information!

Don't forget we finish at 2pm on Thursday. We hope you have a wonderful, and safe, Easter break!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Year 6 have won back Reggie Bear this week with an overall attendance of 99.3%. Well done Sycamore class on another fantastic week of attendance!

Whole school attendance remains at 96.8% - just... Let's work hard to make sure that it stays at that level for the last week of term. We are aiming to get back to 97% in term 5 and 6!

News from around the school

Nursery: A super week was had by all last week! We loved our visit from 'Wild Science' and were super brave when holding the minibeasts. We were very keen to understand why we dressed in blue on Thursday and could relate our feelings towards this. Then, finally, on Friday we all looked fabulous for Mad March Hair Day!

In addition to all of this, we have been carefully watching our very hungry caterpillars. They are growing really fast and we hope to see them change before the end of term!

This last week of term we will be learning about spiders! Our book of the week is Incy Wincy Spider and our learning will be based around the text.

We will also be fitting in some Easter activities and doing our own egg hunt!

Remember: Wednesday is our Express Event at 2pm... we hope to see you if you're able to join us.

Have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in term 5!

Star: Louie for always coming into Nursery with a huge smile and for greeting us with 'Good Morning!' every day.

Year 1: Thank you to everyone who was able to make our Express Event this week; we hope you are not too tired!

This week we are writing poems about jumping animals, learning how to subtract using a number line and having some Easter fun!

As always, I want to say a huge well done to everyone who read this week; I can already see the benefit it is having on the children's reading. Please, please make sure you find time to read with your child over the holiday—even if it is only for a few minutes each day. We look forward to moving as many children up our reading chart as possible after the break.

Homework this week will be given out on Wednesday ready for the Easter break. We hope you have a good holiday; stay safe and have lots of fun.

Star: Aronas for always trying hard with everything he does—well done Aronas

Year 3:

This week in Beech Class the children will be learning about different graphs and diagrams which can be used to present data. The children will begin the week by focusing on bar graphs and towards the end of the week they will be learning about Carroll and Venn diagrams.

The children will be developing their gymnastic skills in PE by creating a sequence with their partner to help demonstrate what they have learnt throughout the term.

The adults in year 3 would like to wish you a lovely half term, we hope you all eat lots of chocolate and enjoy the wonderful time together. We are looking forward to starting our new topic on term 5.

If you have any questions or queries please and ask, thank you.

Star: Rossi for her brilliant change in attitude and behaviour towards her fellow peers and her learning

Year 5: This week in English we will be continuing our work on biographies. The children will edit and improve their biography from last week (written about either Florence Nightingale, Queen Victoria or Dr Barnardo) and then complete final drafts.

Our SPaG for the week will focus on using single dashes correctly.

Maths this week will see us adding fractions and arithmetic will cover both prime numbers and Roman numerals. On Monday we have a DT day where we will be using lots of recycled materials to construct a Victorian slum.

Don't forget our express event for this term is on Tuesday 27th March at 2.15pm. We will be making rag rugs and hope to see you there!

From Mrs Melrose and myself, we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Star: Evie for learning 'When the Saints Came Marching In' on the clarinet so well

Year R: As we enter the last week of term we would like to say well done to all the children in Oak class for all their hard work and resilience over the last few weeks. It has been a tough term with lots of changes of routine and illness but they have faced it all with great determination and enthusiasm!

Our last week is a busy one with parent meetings on Monday and Tuesday after school and our express event on Tuesday at 9.15am. We look forward to sharing our achievements throughout the term with you.

During our last week we will be rounding off our topic with some final mini beast stories as well as writing some of our own. In maths we will be revisiting time and money and we will also be exploring light and dark through the story of 'The Very Lonely Firefly'.

Don't forget we finish the term on Thursday at 2pm and we hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable break. As always thank you for all your help and support throughout this term.

Star: Isabell for showing good listening during phonics this week

Year 2: As we reach our final week of Term 4 we still have a busy week ahead!

In literacy this week we will be 'black pen' editing and improving our narratives, based on the story of 'The Princess and the Frog' that we wrote at the end of last week. We will be checking we have used capital letters and full stops in the correct places, correcting any spelling mistakes and up-levelling our vocabulary choices in order to make our stories as interesting and as powerful as possible.

In maths we will be focusing on money. This will include understanding the value of coins, using different coins to make the same amounts, adding money and calculating change.

We will also be spending the afternoons carrying out science experiments involving how different balls bounce and float.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter!

Star: Lilia for bravely singing an amazing solo in our Easter Church Service this week

Year 4: This week in literacy we will be identifying the features of a ballad poem. We will then be writing our own based on the story of 'The Little Mermaid'. While in maths, we will be developing our knowledge of data handling and constructing our own line graphs. In our topic lesson we will be conducting our termly e-safety lesson. We will also be taking part in an RE day on Thursday to look at the Easter story in more detail.

Please can children remember to bring their swimming kit on Wednesday for our final lesson. Also, could children please wrap up warm for the journey to and from the pool.

I hope everybody has a fantastic Easter break!

Star: Auchan for making a huge improvement in her reading this term.

Year 6: In the final week of term, we will be focusing our literacy around poetry. We will be writing a range of poems based around living in Victorian times. Nonette and rhyming poems will be on the agenda.

In Maths we are shifting our focus to division and time for the final four days of term 4. All year 6 pupils will be receiving a SATs pack for the Easter break. It is not compulsory to complete this, but it is available for those who wish to keep things ticking over.

Many thanks.

Star: Chris for his accelerated progress in his reading. Mrs Hughes is very proud!