



Sycamore	The adults would like to praise Mitch, Sophie and Maddi H for their efforts in their Literacy this week. They would also like to thank the tribal leaders who helped Miss Millen on Thursday with the tribal event and finally, they would like to praise Harry, Arsenas and Alfie for their resilience when learning how to throw the Frisbee in Tuesday's PE lesson. Writer of the Week: Robert for a beautifully written piece of narrative Maths Master: Callum for his work on area and perimeter
Birch	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise Dannielle and Evie for their persuasive letter writing. They would also like to praise Neko and Skye for working together so well on TTRockstars. A big well done goes to Jayden for all his continued efforts with keyboard. Writer of the Week: Connie for writing an excellent opening to her persuasive letter from Anne Boleyn Maths Master: Emily for persevering with measuring angles and doing really well
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Jamal, Natalya, Lauren, Augustas and Amelia Rose for independently researching the question, 'Who were the Vikings?' during our topic day and writing fantastic reports using the information they discovered. Writer of the Week: Kira for her fantastic ideas for a Kenning poem Maths Master: Amelia for using the expanded method of division to answer tricky word problems
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Rhys, Ethan and Preeya for trying their best in every lesson and for exceeding the work set for them against the timer. Writer of the Week: Frankie for using personification when describing an image of space Maths Master: Roxi and Dominic for being resilient and positive when challenged with a mastery question (even Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen struggled!)
Maple	Mrs Bond and Ms Woolley would like to praise Lexie, Lucy, Ronnie W, Harini and Ronnie J for the excellent art work they produced on Wednesday. Writer of the Week: Bradley for using a range of powerful vocabulary in his diary entry this week Maths Master: Jack for independently solving some tricky problems involving fractions of amounts
Willow	The teachers in Willow Class would like to praise the whole class for their wonderful assembly performance this week. You all did so well and we are so proud of you. Writer of the Week: Mia for researching some fantastic great facts about plants on the iPad Maths Master: Honey for some fantastic work when finding the value of 3 digit numbers!
Oak	The teachers in Oak Class would like to praise Annabelle, Chloe, Paige and Jacob for their enthusiasm to practise writing in choosing time. Writer of the Week: Christian for trying hard to use his phonic knowledge to write labels Maths Master: Dre for his knowledge of 3D shapes
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise and thank Lauren, Naomi, Bella, Zachary and Lilley for being absolute super star tidiers! Praise also goes to Sianna for being really brave when saying goodbye to her Mummy this week. Writer of the Week: Miley for trying hard to write her friends' names Maths Master: Bentlee for exploring floating and sinking this week

Diary:

Tuesday 8th May

Class photographs today!
KingsWood Residential parent talk from 5pm (school hall)

Wednesday 9th May

Family Trust assemblies

Thursday 10th May

Girls' football matches at Greenfields (pm)

Friday 11th May

9.15am Yr R parent sharing event

Monday 14th May

KS2 SATs begin (and year 6 SATs breakfast club)

Tuesday 15th May

3.15pm Staff vs Kids Rounders match (and barbeque)

Thursday 17th May

Year 6 Rugby (pm)

Friday 18th May

Non uniform day (red, white and blue)
3pm onwards—Afternoon Tea!

Staff vs Kids Rounders

The rain forced us to postpone this event but, fingers crossed, this will now take place on Tuesday 15th May from 3.15pm. Please do come along to support the teams. We will be having a BBQ as well!

SATs

As you are probably aware, the SATs tests are approaching. These take place during the week commencing the 14th May for year 6 and the KS1 tests follow on from this. Please be aware that during the KS2 SATs week, timetables in school will run a little differently where the school hall is needed (eg assemblies, PE if the weather is not good etc).

Snack Shack

Thank you for your continued support of the Snack Shack! Friday morning milkshakes and the baking of our 'Stars of the Week' is proving popular! Please do come along every Friday from 2.45pm to sample what Mrs Hughes and the stars have cooked up! Flapjacks sold out on Friday!

Celebrating the Royal Wedding

We will be having a non uniform day on Friday 18th May (with a red, white and blue theme!) to celebrate the wedding. We are asking children to bring in chocolate or sweets in exchange for wearing non-uniform so that we can have a sweet tombola at the end of the day to go with our 'Afternoon Tea' celebrations. More information to follow shortly.



Kingswood Trip Parent Information

Mrs Bond will be running an information event for parents whose children are attending Kingswood this year. This will be held on Tuesday 8th May in the school hall starting at 5pm.

Attendance

Well done to Reception class again for having the best attendance this week at 99.3%. Whole school attendance stands at 96.7% year to date. Keep up the good work everyone, we are still aiming for 97% by the end of the school year!

News from around the school

Nursery: This week we are going to be focusing our learning around the book 'Rainbow Fish'. We will be looking at some real fish and exploring how they look and what features we can see.

We will also be thinking about our own feelings and feelings of others and how we could resolve any disagreements that we might have.

We will be exploring 2D shapes and using them to create our own rainbow fish picture.

Our Express Event will be held on Wednesday 23rd May at 9.15am until 10.15am; we hope to be creating our own mini rock pools!

Please remember to return the beach trip form as soon as possible. Thank you for the support you have shown for the trip enabling us to go ahead.

Star: Kylan for trying really hard to identify different beach features

Reception: This week in Oak Class we are focusing our learning on stories about mermaids and pirate. We will be exploring lots of books and sharing our ideas to create a group story of our own. In maths we will be revisiting subtraction as well as continuing to use 100 squares to explore different ways of counting. We will be using salt dough to explore sculpture and creating impressions using different natural materials.

Don't forget our first day back after the bank holiday we will be having our class photo taken so make sure you are looking super smart!

Our parent sharing session on Friday will take place in the woodland area where we will be exploring animal habitats.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Star: AJ for his great listening and enthusiasm during phonics sessions

Year 1: I would like to start off by saying a HUGE well done to everyone for their performance in our class assembly; we are all so proud of you. Everyone joined in whether it was saying a line or singing the song and doing the actions brilliantly.

This week homework will go out on Tuesday as it is Bank Holiday on Monday; remember it doesn't have to be in until the following Monday so make sure you spend lots of time at home practising the phonics sounds and playing games to reinforce learning.

This week in reading, we will be writing book reviews on the 111b411 books we have read so far in class (which is quite a few of them already!) We will also be writing some poems, classifying different types of plants and making floral collages.

Well done to all of the children who read last week; you are all doing so well and we are loving seeing you progress so well.

Star: Leia for an amazing performance in the class assembly and for learning extra lines in one evening—you were a star!

Year 2: This week in maths we will be practising our column addition skills. We will be practising how to add two and three digit numbers with and without 'carrying'. We will then use these skills to answer a range of word problems.

In literacy we will continue to focus our learning on the Secret Garden. We will be writing a newspaper report and a piece of poetry.

Our Science focus for the week will involve identifying the different parts of a plant. To support the children we will be dissecting flowers pulling them apart to look at each part separately.

Star: Harini for ALWAYS working conscientiously; producing work to the best of her ability in all areas of the curriculum

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be learning about inverted commas and adventurous language. The children will be planning a story based on a Viking and they will be writing a narrative towards the end of the week.

In maths, the children will be identifying 2D and 3D shape and will be exploring the school environment to try and identify various shapes. The children will be identifying the various properties of the shapes towards the end of the week.

PE—We have PE on a Monday and Wednesday; please ensure you child has their PE kit in school.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to Miss Searle or Mrs Pullen.

Star: Haydan for his fantastic resilience and determination in maths when solving two step problems

Year 4: This week in literacy we will be writing our own historical narratives. They will focus on a Viking raid on a Saxon monastery. While, in Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will then be applying these skills to answer a range of reasoning problems. In our topic lessons we will be looking at Viking trade routes and creating posters to advertise a Viking product.

PE lessons will now be on a Monday and Tuesday (we are very fortunate to be given the opportunity to take part in some tennis lessons on a Monday). However, can children please make sure they have their PE kit in school every day, including plimsolls or trainers.

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

Star: Julia for creating a detailed report on the Vikings, with illustrations, during our topic day.

Year 5: This week in English we are working on narrative and children will be using what they already know to write a story from the point of view of Henry VIII's Chief Executioner, thinking about his work at the Tower of London. As part of this, we will be focusing on paragraphs in particular and the range of reasons to start a new paragraph. In SPaG we will be looking at modal verbs—watch out for home learning this week which will be focused on modal verbs.

Maths sees us continuing our work on angles, but this week we will be considering how to calculate missing angles without using a protractor. We will be calculating angles on a straight line, angles in a triangle and angles around a point. In arithmetic we are going to be revising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

In our topic lessons we hope to create life size drawings of Henry VIII and we will also be covering our e-safety for this term which looks at how to deal with spam mail.

Star: Chelsie for her greatly improved handwriting

Year 6: In the final weeks before SATs, we are focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages in maths. We will be looking at previous year's questions and discussing how to tackle them.

In SPaG the focus will be active and passive voice, punctuation and word classes. Finally we will be going over some reading comprehensions to keep the skills fresh in our mind for the following week.

PE will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday; we will be doing Athletics and Ultimate Frisbee! Please can you make sure that your kit is in school for these days. Thank you.

Star: Nicholas for his grown-up, mature attitude when helping his peers