



19th September Issue 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Right back into the swing of things! Here are the week's highlights:

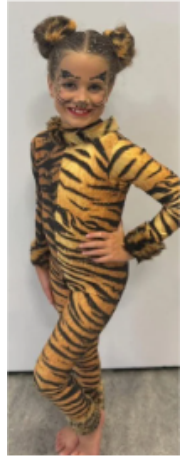
- So, our new EYFS children came in for full days this week. Their first experience of realising that there was another class in their setting - children they'd never met before. It was a whole new world of friends to explore. And their first experience of school lunches. All a bit overwhelming for some whilst others took everything in their stride and wondered what all the fuss was about! But learning waits for no man and, with Base-line assessment finished, our little ones have been launched head-long into 'Fred's Phonics' and have already learnt their first 4 sounds and will begin blending next week.
- Staying with EYFS and reading in particular, our EYFS teachers carried out a Reading Workshop for parents which was well attended and well received. Thank you to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Swain who led the workshop.
- And whilst our new little ones have only just dipped their toes into big school life, I was already carrying out a new set of School Tours for new parents with children starting school next year in September 2026!! We barely seem to have time to draw breath and we're onto another term of talks and tours! The first tour was well attended with some really engaged parents.
- At the other end of the school, Year 6 attended a STEM workshop which involved a lot of problem-solving, co-operation, building, refining and adapting. The hall looked like there was a city growing inside it. It was a very busy and productive day for our Year 6 children.
- We decided to have a very early Fire Drill this term - mainly so that Mr Welch could train Mr Finch on the intricacies of dealing with a fire in the school building. I must admit, I was very nervous for our EYFS children who hadn't even completed a full week of school and were now being startled by a loud alarm and 400 children marching out like clockwork into the playground. But I needn't have worried - not a single cry of alarm emanated from the Early Years classes. They had it done, dusted and sewn up like true professionals. We were all really proud



- of them. Some great training had clearly taken place! Well done to everybody!



Now, I have to bring a couple of children to your attention. We're always encouraging children to try new things in the hope that, maybe, they'll discover that they have a hidden talent or, at the very least, find something they really love doing and, this week, a couple of children have really excelled in their efforts to tap into their talents. Dottie (4A) has been nominated as a finalist for the 'Acro soloist of the year' in the annual Dance Awards 2025 and has been



successful in securing a part in The Little Mermaid Jr showing in Greys Thameside Theatre between the 18th and 20th September and Roger (5A)

has just played his 3rd game for a football team and he was honoured with a 'Man of the Match' trophy! What an achievement for both of them! Well done!

- And, finally, today we raised money for a very good cause - Jeans for Genes - we raised a wonderful £211 for children and families affected by genetic disorders just by wearing jeans to school. Thank you to everyone for digging deep so that we can **'wear that we care'**!
- And that's it for another week. It just remains for me to wish you all a restful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***"Giving is not just about making a donation.
It's about making a difference!"***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle

Stars of the Week

1A Chloe
1B Ishmael
2A Sehaj
2B Kendall
3A Arham
3B Maia

4A Aisha
4B Kal-El
6A David A
6B Aiden

Kindness Award

1A Max
1B Joshua
2A Harley
2B Ashton
3A Nate
3B Isobel

4A Ifraah
4B Joseph
6A Marharyta
6B Henry



Work on your reading challenges to reach 50 points and use your token to buy a book from the vending machine.

Achiever Badges

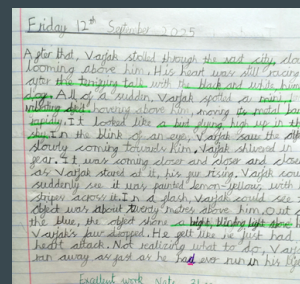
Remember to work hard to reach gold. Reaching gold 5 times will result in you being awarded an achiever badge.



Reaching gold this week

Mabel 1A	Parker 2A	Amelie 4B
Ameila 1A	Jude 2A	Ifeh 4B
Arjen 1A	Matei 2B	Thea 4B
Alice 1A	Arisha 2B	Milesa 4B
Eliza 1A	Lola 2B	Idris 4B
Harrison 1A	Denzal 2B	Rebeca 4B
Finley 1A	Aiden 2B	Reyan 5A
Tilly - Rae 1A	Shayne 3A	Ashlyn 5B
Alfie 1A	Ella 3A	Elsie 5B
Zac 1B	Zaryab 3A	Aqeelah 5B
Mabel 1B	Layla 3B	Reggie 5C
Vadim 2A	Lauren 3B	Adam 5C
Camilla 2A	Woody 4A	Nadiia 5C
Darius 2A	Aisha 4A	Aleeha 5C
Dhyan 2A	Arlo 4A	Sanuka 6A
Isa 2A	Summer 4A	Louie 6A
	Dalia 4A	Savelly 6B

Presentation Award



Nate in 4A



Autumn 1 Term Dates

- Monday 22nd September - Year 5 & 6 Bikability week
- Thursday 25th September - McMillan Coffee afternoon @ 2:45
- Tuesday 30th September - Flu Immunisations
- Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd October Year 2 Learn to Ride days
- Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th October Year 3 & 4 Bikability
- Monday 20th & Thursday 23rd October - Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 22nd October - Performing Arts trip to see Wicked
- Friday 24th October - Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd November back to school
- Monday 3rd November - Individual pupil photos
- Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Service @ 10:30
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need
- Tuesday 18th November - Flu immunisation catch up day
- Monday 24th November - Stay and Learn week

