



17th April 2026 Issue 1



## Dear Parents and Carers,

- Welcome back to the Summer Term! Although we haven't seen much of the summer as yet! I'm still wearing my winter coat! But here are the highlights of the first week:
- I believe only 2 children turned up on Monday which was an inset day. That's a school record - well done! I think we're finally getting used to inset days!! We all trained hard on Monday - particularly on Music teaching this time, so the school echoed with the dulcet tones of trembling triangles and droning didgeridoos throughout the day!
- The children returned on Tuesday straight into an 'Inclusions Inspection' so I had little time to see anybody on that day but the inspection was a useful exercise helping us to improve our offer to all children. One of the highlights was when the inspector had been outside talking to the children and relayed to me a conversation between two children which went something like this - "We're a kind school. Did you know that?" "Yes! We're all kind to each other." "And we're a school family." "Well, we're not really a *family!*" "Well Mrs Searle says we're a family so *I* think we *are!*" 🥰 That's enough for me! Job done!!
- We had our spring term celebration of 100% and above 96% Attendance on Tuesday and I couldn't believe how many children had made the grade! You must be feeding them multivitamins or some such elixir of invincibility - though I suspect it's more down to strong routines, great encouragement, and a healthy dose of determination from both pupils and families. Well done to everybody!
- On Wednesday, we invited a company called 'Rocksteady' into the school to see if we could get more pupils taking up extra-curricular music tuition if it was offered in a cooler 'down with the kids' way! The children absolutely loved the demonstration and came out of the hall buzzing with excitement. I've yet to see if that translates into the desire to learn to play a musical instrument but I have my fingers crossed.
- On Thursday, we were treated to a marvellous story-teller called Mike Dodsworth who regaled us with incredible spoken stories as part of our Oracy Project. We wanted to show children the power of the spoken word and he really delivered.
- We held a meeting for non-English speaking parents of 'English as a second language' children to give advice on how to support their children at home. Unfortunately, only 3



- parents turned up but I really hope the meeting was beneficial for them.
- Year 6 are nearing their week of SATs tests so we've been doing some last minute revision tests with them so they get used to the process and feel more relaxed when they sit the real tests! So it's been a school of two halves this week—on the one hand the excitement of rock band demonstrations and storyteller magic filling the corridors with energy and imagination, and on the other, Year 6's quiet, studious focus as they tackled their practice tests with calm determination.
- On Thursday evening, those of you hoping for a place in the school for your little one in September, would have received an offer for the school allocated to you. I hope you're all happy with the outcome and now comes the hard part - making sure your child is ready to start school in September. Don't worry, I'll be sending you so much information over the following months, you'll be in no doubt whatsoever what you need to do in preparation for September! Exciting times ahead!!
- And finally, I couldn't let National Banana Day go by without a mention! I know you all celebrated hard on Wednesday with your bananas - and none celebrated quite as hard as our very own Wraparound Club who all went bananas on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January- check out this drawing (I wanted to post a picture of the banana - eating but for decency reasons, I felt this picture was safer - the mess of children cramming bananas in their mouths isn't something anyone wants to see!)
- And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:



***“What you give doesn't always return.....  
but what you give is who you are!”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

*Mrs. Searle*

# Stars of the Week



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|--------------|----------|
| R1 Oscar     | 4A Isa   |
| R2 Yaqub     | 4B Toby  |
| 1A Tafeef    | 5A Albie |
| 1B Alexandra | 5B David |
| 2A Meltem    | 5C Judah |
| 2B Emily     | 6A Alex  |
| 3A Zaryab    | 6B Diana |
| 3B Hugo      |          |

# Kindness Award

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|--------------|------------|
| R1 Cooper    | 4A Lenny   |
| R2 Rayaam    | 4B Harley  |
| 1A Franco    | 5A Mahilan |
| 1B Leo       | 5B Murtuza |
| 2A Hallie    | 5C Shemuel |
| 2B Danielius | 6A Arham   |
| 3A Raihan    | 6B Riaadh  |
| 3B Franky    |            |



## Congratulations to

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|-----------|------------|
| Oscar R1  | Evie 4A    |
| Denys R1  | Nayla 5A   |
| Vasyl R1  | Mahilan 5A |
| Bonnie R1 | Albie 5A   |
| Ariah R2  | Amber 6B   |
| Miko R2   |            |



on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

# Achiever Badges

## Congratulation to

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|-------------|------------|
| Shahveer R1 | Inaaya 1B  |
| Oscar R1    | Dexter 2B  |
| Yunus R1    | Hudson 2B  |
| Ariah R2    | Kendall 2B |
| Imaani R2   | Matei 2B   |
| Liyana R2   | Arlo 4A    |
| Miko R2     | Ifraah 4A  |
| Ruby 1A     | Aadam 5A   |
| Nimi 1B     | Sofia 5B   |
| Shalom 1B   | Kira 5B    |
|             | Musa 5C    |



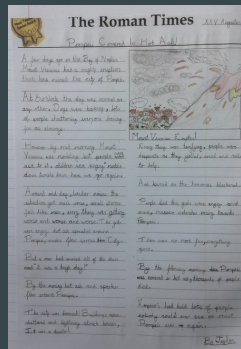
for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

# Reaching gold this week

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|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Shahveer R1    | Eva 1B     | Franky 3B    | Sofia 5B     |
| Oscar R1       | Ebube 1B   | Hugo 3B      | Manaal 5B    |
| Vasyl R1       | Jude 1B    | Summer 4A    | Oyintade 5B  |
| Yunus R1       | Shalom 1B  | Diyan 4A     | Kira 5B      |
| Zahra R1       | Inaaya 1B  | Elizabeth 4A | Shriyah 5B   |
| Denys R1       | Camilla 2A | Shannon 4A   | Ayanah 5B    |
| Amiyah R1      | Harper 2A  | Ifraah 4A    | Aiza 5B      |
| Idris R1       | Isa 2A     | Arlo 4A      | Kimberley 5B |
| Aadanani R1    | Lexi 2A    | Aadam 5A     | Kevin 5B     |
| Oren R2        | Darius 2A  | Musa 5C      | Zirwah 5B    |
| Rayaan R2      | Mannat 2A  | Toby 5C      | Sanuka 6A    |
| Ariah R2       | Sienna 2A  | Drey 5C      | Daniel CJ 6A |
| Imaani R2      | Idrees 2A  | Ibrahim 5C   | Fraser 6A    |
| Liyanna R2     | Dexter 2B  | Shemuel 5C   | Ben 6A       |
| Eleora R2      | Hudson 2B  | Jessica 5C   | Lola 6A      |
| Miko R2        | Kendall 2B | Rhea 5C      | Adelaide 6B  |
| Ruby 1A        | Matei 2B   | Zoey 5C      | Leah 6B      |
| Finley 1A      | Ameer 2B   | Aleeha 5C    | Amber 6B     |
| Ana-Maria 1A   | Raihan 3A  | Harper 5C    | Aiden 6B     |
| Tilly-Rae 1A   | Paula 3A   |              |              |
| Amelia Rose 1A | Karley 3A  |              |              |
| Nimi 1B        | Nate 3A    |              |              |
| Mylo 1B        | Jessica 3A |              |              |
| Amelia 1B      | Alice 3A   |              |              |
| Leo 1B         | Ruby 3B    |              |              |
| Nila 1B        |            |              |              |

# Presentation Award

Jayden in 3B



# Summer Term Dates

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - EYFS trip to Marsh Farm
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Class Photos
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 3 St George's Day assembly to parents
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Coffee Morning 9:00 - 10:30
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 trip to National Maritime Museum
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday**
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Parent Consultation for Relationship and Sex Education - 9:00 am OR 2:20 pm
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Polling Day - school closed**
- Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Cycle Awareness day for EYFS & KS1
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - 4B River Trip
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 4A River Trip
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Library Visit
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Stay and Learn Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

## Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Alfie in 1A  
Henry in 3A

Well done!

