



Newsletter 4 2026

Dear Families,

They say time flies when you are having fun and time has most definitely flown this term!

All our children have completed their end of term assessments, and it is, as always, simply joyous to see how much progress they have all made from their starting points...

Particular shout outs to:

- *Bruno & Jonathan in Year 6 who scored full marks in their three maths papers – 6 weeks early!*
- *Edlyn in Year 6 – who has simply made phenomenal progress this year and is now a deeper mathematician and reader!*
- *Rebecca & Louie in Year 4 who scored full marks in their maths papers!*
- *Reeva, Alex L, Hadiyah and Devaansh in Year 4 for making unbelievable progress in maths!*
- *Yana in Year 4 for making unbelievable progress across the board!*
- *Adam in Cygnets for outstanding progress in Reading and Writing!*
- *Hay Hay in Year 5, who scored full marks in all his maths papers!*
- *Lawrence in ducklings for working super hard learning to write his name!*
- *Cinar in Year 1 for persevering with his handwriting and therefore making incredible progress with it!*

Our Year 5s literally rocked the O2 on Wednesday 25th February – this is always a magnificent event and one of those where you look around and think – I am so so super proud to be a part of something this amazing!!

Huge thanks to our wonderful Year 5s for performing with energy and enthusiasm and to Miss Kingman for preparing them so well and giving up her own time to make it happen!

*AND!! Our incredible Year 3s & 6s performed a keyboard concert this week – showcasing all they have learnt since January – honestly – watching them showcasing all they have learnt in such a short space of time was INSPIRATIONAL!! Which reminds me to remind you that our Junior children move to their Summer timetables after the Easter break – **so Years 4 & 5 PE will be on a THURSDAY and Years 3 & 6 will be on a TUESDAY** – this enables our 4s and 5s to have their keyboard lessons!!*

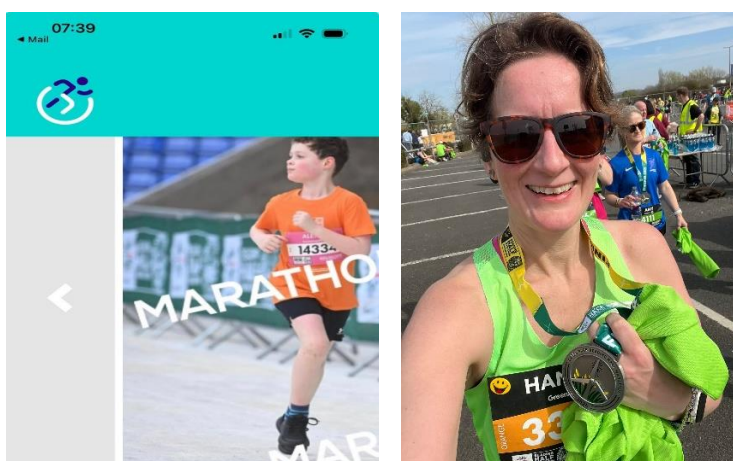
Huge thanks to our School Parliament who not only led this most brilliant assembly on why we should walk to school but for following that with a litter pick in our local area! GO SP – YOU ROCK!!!



Today really was a wonderful way to end the term...

An Easter Service led by some of our youngest children, a pledge service and book look showcasing how exceptional our children are and an Infants Arts morning where we all worked together to produce some wonderful artwork! And breathe...

And finally – Hannah Nicholson – our co-chair of the PTA - ran the Reading half marathon to raise money for our PTA!! Huge thanks for this Hannah - £1,230 is a HUGE amount of money and we will definitely find a good use for it!!!! And a great big well done to Alex Jones in Year 4 for running the Reading Mini-marathon – it really was a super Sunday for British Athletes hey????



The trust our Junior School belongs to are currently fundraising for their campaign - Anthem Aspire – to find out more about what they are doing and why – do please have a look here!!

[Anthem Schools Trust - Aspire](#)

As always - an overview of your child's learning for Summer 1 can be found on our websites – it really is an exciting term ahead and so do please have a look!!

*I do hope you all manage to have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all on **TUESDAY 14th MARCH!!***

Best wishes,

Susannah

Values Award

Sponsored by our AMAZING PTA!!

*Each term the staff nominate a child who they believe has fully embraced and embodied our values of **LOVE, RESPECT & FORGIVENESS** – I then have the nearly impossible task of deciding who should receive the award!*

This term the award goes to...

CHESKA MATINING

*Congratulations **Cheska** and thank you for living through our values of*

LOVE, RESPECT & FORGIVENESS!!

****ATTENDANCE****

The National Figure for 2024/25 was 94.8%

The current National Figure is: 93.4%

Our target for 2025/26 is 97%

Infant Attendance 98%

Junior Attendance 96.7%

PS My signs clearly didn't get the late memo...

*****Learning Round Up*****

Ducklings

It feels like spring is in the air with the children enjoying our garden more than ever. This term in Reception we've been learning all about castles, knights and dragons. We got to work by creating our very own classroom castle which has featured in many games and role plays ever since. The children have labelled the parts of a castle, they've learned about the royal family, they've compared pictures of different castles around the world and heard many stories with castle settings. The year one children have learned about Florence Nightingale and other famous nurses as part of their fighting fit topic, and their science work has been all about the human body and the senses. Their computing ability has been particularly impressive this term where they've had to create algorithms as part of their coding unit of work, and I have to admit, I could only just about keep up with them! Wishing you all a lovely break in the holidays after yet another fantastic and happy term.



Cygnets

Term 4 has been a great success for Cygnets' class... We learnt all about the Easter story and enjoyed a fun filled Easter Arts Day. Not to mention that Year 2 retold the Easter story as they led a collective worship in church. We made and wrapped gifts as part of our pledge badge for KS1. We have become absolutely brilliant historians in our investigations into Florence Nightingale and why she was such an astonishing woman. We even had a go at writing our own plaques for a statue of her. We used clay many times this term to bring different abstract sculptures to life in our Art lessons. Speaking of art, we also made our very own mannequins out of pipe cleaners, which we could shape into different poses! Our Y1 children got a chance to take part in a class poetry competition that they did fantastically in. Every term I say how well the children in Cygnets have done, but they really are exceptional children. Even the hardest of workers deserve a rest, so enjoy the Easter holidays and come back well rested and ready to take on the summer terms!



Year 3

As we bid farewell to Spring Term 2 in Year 3, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful adventures and enriching experiences our pupils have enjoyed over the past several weeks.

Year 3 has been a time of discovery and growth. From unravelling mathematical challenges to diving into the world of books and producing fantastic pieces of writing in English, our students have embraced every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and dedication. Science has been buzzing with excitement this term as our young scientists explored the wonders of light through experiments and investigations. In Geography, the children learned about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, developing their understanding of how powerful natural forces shape our planet. In Art, the children travelled back in time to explore prehistoric art. They looked at fascinating cave paintings and ancient colour palettes and were inspired by the creativity of early humans to create their own remarkable artworks. We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day at school, where the children arrived in fantastic costumes and proudly shared their love of reading.

All our children have completed their end of term assessments, and it is, as always, a real pleasure to see how much progress each of them has made since their starting points.

Particular shout outs to:

Theo in Year 3 – who has made outstanding progress this year in English and Maths and is now a deeper mathematician, writer and reader – well done Theo!

As Easter approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday, filled with love, laughter and special moments together.



Year 4

Once again, I am so delighted with the progress made by Year 4. When thinking about children that have performed exceptionally academically, I could honestly have written something about every single child. I have never known a group of such mature children, that care so deeply about each other and about their learning!

During the Spring term, we have explored electrical circuits in science, been introduced to the Vikings in reading, and learnt about migration in Geography. In addition, the children celebrated World Book Day and achieved their pledge: Learn to tie a tie. The children have really enjoyed this pledge, which will be useful skill for many of them when they reach secondary school. The pledge has been weaved into both reading lessons (reading instructions to our partners) and oracy as the children have used their summarising and turn taking skills.

I hope you have an enjoyable, restful Easter break and I look forward to seeing the children full of enthusiasm in April!



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed a most fantastic term! Between learning all about the ancient tale of Beowulf, different biomes and their importance, multiplying fractions and the human life cycle, we managed to squeeze in an absolutely fantastic performance with the Young Voices choir at the O2. Our class worked extremely hard, since the start of the year, on perfecting their singing and dancing skills and pulled off a wonderful concert filled with messages of love, compassion and kindness. I hope you all have a restful two weeks off and come back recharged for another term of incredible learning!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a pretty wild term. It has been jam-packed with SATs prep and so much hard work. Of course, we managed to squeeze in some fun as well! Celebrating World Book Day was a particular highlight! In English we finished off our Suffragette speeches and delivered them with passion and confidence. We then moved onto our new book 'Boy in the tower' which is very exciting and a little bit scary! We finished the term writing encyclopaedia entries for our new imaginary evil plants! We are very much looking forward to writing our dystopian narratives based around them next term, watch this space! In Maths we whizzed through so many topics and did lots of recapping to make sure we are as confident as possible. We also had a few visits from Greg which is such a treat and he was so impressed with our progress! In Geography we looked at population and did lots of analysis and learning about population around the globe. In Reading we got mega mythological reading the beautiful Mythologica. So many interesting stories and also fantastic artwork by Victoria Topping which inspired our art final pieces based around our artist study. We have really enjoyed this short but busy

term. We also did another round of practice SATs and were blown away by the results. Astonishing progress, brilliant focus and admirable attitudes. Let's keep it up!

Big well-done Year 6. Have a super sweet break and come back ready to smash it!! I know you will!

