

Weekly Newsletter

7th February 2025



Message from the Head

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wellbeing Week

This week we have been considering ways to wellbeing and the whole school has been taking part in random acts of kindness. Each class was tasked with writing names of any child who was kind to them and putting them into a tombola. Today in assembly, we were overflowing with kind acts, and 10 lucky winners had their names pulled out to win a prize.

On Monday, KS2 children enjoyed a music concert and talked about mental health and wellbeing. Class 2 enjoyed some healthy cooking, making mini pizzas and, on Tuesday and on Wednesday, the whole school took part in active circuits with Taylor Gough, a Paralympic athlete. He talked to the children about ways to look after their wellbeing and did an assembly and answered questions about being an athlete. We have also tried to think about staff wellbeing this week with extra treats in the staffroom, no staff meeting and a coffee van daily!

Headteacher award

Each half term, a child is chosen from each class for the Headteacher award. I look forward to welcoming the following children for afternoon tea next week.

Class 1 Headteacher award this term goes to **Arthur**. Arthur demonstrates our core values daily. He is always so polite and respectful; he can be relied upon to volunteer to help with class responsibilities. Arthur goes out of his way to be kind to others, often complementing the adults in class and making the whole team feel valued. Arthur approaches his work with determination and resilience and is making good progress in all areas of our learning. Well done Arthur!

Sophie is an amazing member of class 2. She demonstrates all of our values all of the time. She is kind and makes sure that everyone has someone to play with. She works very hard, always one of the first to complete her work and it is always to a very good standard. Sophie is always ready to learn and is enthusiastic about her new learning, making sure that she includes the new learning in her work. Sophie has a lovely sense of humour and is always cheery in school.

Class 3's Headteacher award has been awarded to **Daniella** who has developed a mature and positive attitude to her learning. She works hard and always does her best. She listens well and takes an active part in class discussions. She shares her well thought through ideas in a sensible and eloquent way. She is a valuable member of Class 3.

Class 4's Headteacher's Award goes to **Keimani** this half term. We are constantly impressed by his calm, positive and resilient attitude in the face of daily challenges. Keimani is an excellent role model for his friends, as he treats everyone around him with kindness and respect and stands up for what is right. We can always rely on Keimani to work hard and give us his best efforts in everything he does. Well done Keimani, you are an asset to Class 4!

Class 5's Headteacher Award this term goes to **Tom**. Tom has really taken Year 6 in his stride, challenging himself to complete work to a great standard, demonstrating resilience, and making great progress across the curriculum. Tom has an exceptional general knowledge, which he shares with the class with confidence, making super contributions to class discussions and learning. Well done Tom - the Class 5 team are all very proud of you!

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

PE Timetable - Spring 2

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Spring 2	Class 1 Class 2	Class 5 Class 4	Class 4 Class 5	Class 3 Class 2	Class 1



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Grayson for collecting lots of hearts in our kindness jar for Random Acts of Kindness this week.

Class 2

Freddie for his resilience in all of his learning.

Class 3

Harriet for showing all of our Christian values all of the time.

Class 4

Mason for his kindness and respect towards his friends and people he works with.

Class 5

Sam for showing respect. He is focused, listens well and is always ready to learn.

House points

Larks 194

Martins 164

Swifts 131

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 92.0%

Class 2 98.1% **Well Done!**

Class 3 93.5%

Class 4 96.4%

Class 5 93.8%

Attendance this year: 94.1%

Target for this year: 96%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Tuesday 11th February

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 12th February

- Mad Science

Thursday 13th February

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

Friday 14th February

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below

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Water bottles—water only please

Please ensure that your child's water bottles only contain water. We have had a few children bringing in juice recently and, as a healthy school, we ask that children only bring water. Many thanks.



PPG/SEND Coffee morning 9.00am 11th February

Anna Cottis, a specialist in family support, will be coming to talk to families to share information around what SEND support is available including access to short breaks and other incentives. Please park around the back of the village hall or on the road if you are coming along as there may be events at the village hall who require the parking at the front. See [here](#) for more information.

PTA update

Friday 14th February - Mufti Day 'Wear what you love' £1 Donation

World Book Day- Wonka Bar Fundraiser. Pre-sale of chocolate bars **March 3-6**, we will set a stall to sell remaining chocolate bars after school. Kate will do a flyer to better explain, but here's an overview <https://wonderlicious.uk/>



Pizza Kit Fundraiser- Collection on March 14th, this is in partnership with Doughies Pizza. More information to follow.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Fri 7th Feb KS1 5-5:45 KS2 6-7.00	School disco after school (N children with parents)
Tues 11th Feb 9.00	PPG/SEND coffee morning
Tues 11th Feb	Headteacher afternoon tea
Thurs 13th Feb	Class 1 and 2 wear PE Kits for Kurling and Boccia experience
Fri 14th Feb	Last day of half term Mufti day 'wear what you love' £1 donation
17th-21st Feb	Half term
Mon 24th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 27th Feb	Forest school starts for Class 3
Weds 5th March 9.15	Ash Wednesday church service
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day—inspired by 'The day the crayons quit', children to wear their favourite colour to school
Fri 7th March	Class 3 trip - Milton Keynes museum
Mon 10th Mar 3.30-6.00	Parents' Eve in school
Weds 12th Mar 5.00-7.00	Parents' Eve online
Fri 21st Mar	World Down's Syndrome Day—wear different coloured socks
Weds 26th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church—parents welcome KS2 author visit
Thurs 27th Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Tues 1st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 4th April	Talent Show Last day of term 1.30 pick up

Keiran Larwood, author visit to Long Marston

The author (Keiran Larwood) came to our school on Tuesday and we learnt about his book, *Dungeon Runners—Sky battels*. It was fun because he let us design our own characters and all the powers they had and he also read a bit of his book and it hasn't even been released yet! He was really funny and had a great imagination. He asked us, 'If one house is made of yellow bricks and one house is made of red ones what is a green house made from?'. It was a trick question and made me laugh. His books are really good too. By Teddy and Sam (Class 5).



KS1 Sports morning

Just a reminder that on Thursday 13th February- Class 1 & 2 have will be having the opportunity to try Kurling and Boccia. Please ensure that they wear their PE kit.

Class 3 forest school after half term—volunteers needed

Next half term will be class 3's turn to take part in forest school. We are in need of some volunteers for Thursday afternoons or mornings so these sessions are able to run. If you are available to help, even for one session, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email the office with your availability. Many thanks.

Caldecotte Trip

The next instalment for the Caldecotte residential is due today. Any questions please speak to the office.



**PTA Disco
Tonight!**

