



NEWSLETTER



HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/carer,

This week we are asking you to sign up for parents progress meetings which will take place the week after next. The children need to make very rapid progress and learn new skills every week so it is important that you get to look at their books and have a 1:1 discussion with their teacher. Ensure you sign up.

Have a lovely weekend.

Head Teacher



PARENTS' EVENINGS

**Week beginning
24th March
Nursery – Year 5**

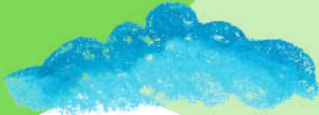
- ✓ Meet with your child's teacher
- ✓ Discuss your child's progress
- ✓ View your child's books before meeting, see what they have been learning
- ✓ We expect **100%** attendance from parents for all children

**BOOKING ARE OPEN ON YOUR SCOPAY APP OR
CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BOOK**

**Bookings close on
Thursday 20th March
at 12 noon**



NURSERY



It was British Science Week this week and the theme was '**change and adapt**'. In nursery we talked about how different living things change as they grow. For example, the nursery children started out as little babies, then they grew bigger, and now they can do so many things! Ihram said " I was a baby. I drink milk". We also looked at our growing pea seeds, that we planted 2 weeks ago in our last Foundling Museum session. We saw that the seeds have changed and some of them are now starting to grow. They are changing and growing because we have given them what they need over the past 2 weeks (water, light, warmth). Elaura said "it's growing", and Iqra said "there's leaves!".

We also continued with our topic of fantasy this week and read the story 'Cinderella' by Julia Jarman. In our story, Cinderella's stepsisters were unkind to her and made her do all the cleaning and cooking while they went to the ball. Cinderella was in luck though because her fairy Godmother appeared and saved the day by using magic to get her to the ball. In circle time we talked about the importance of being kind and helping at tidy up time, not like Cinderella's sisters who made her do all the jobs. The children did brilliant tidying up in nursery and they also washed and cleaned all the cups and plates in the water tray to help Cinderella out. During the week, the children also received an invitation to go to a ball and we all danced a 'Romany Polka' ballroom dance together in nursery, like in Cinderella. We practised ballroom dance moves like bowing, turning, spinning and walking in a circle. In our stay and play session this week, parents and children worked together to design and decorate their own fancy shoes to wear to the ball with Cinderella!

In Phonics this week we learnt about the '**r**' sound and words that begin with '**r**' such as '**rainbow**', '**rabbit**', '**red**', '**ring**', '**rice**' and '**rat**'. We practised our mark making skills by doing zigzags and then we had a go at writing the letter '**r**'. We also had a visit from the Foundling Museum where we did a workshop on exploring bedtime routines. The children got to make their own rabbit-style, bedtime comforter to take home.





RECEPTION



In Reception we have been learning about '**Astronauts**'. We have been learning lots of facts about the British astronaut Tim Peake who spent 6 months visiting the International Space station. Did you know that the International Space Station (ISS) is the size of a football field. It travels 240 miles above Earth and orbits (loops around) the earth once every 90 minutes!

This week one group of pupils visited the Science Museum to see some real space crafts and to learn about the people who have flown in them like Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. I am sorry that the other group were unable to attend the trip but I have rebooked this trip and will let you know the new date soon. In Maths we have been finding ways to partition 7 for example 7 is made from adding 4 and 3. The children have had fun sorting 7 objects and finding objects that look the same or different.



YEAR 1

Crack! Bang! Splash! Year 1 Dive into the Action!

Year 1 have been fully immersed in the exciting world of Traction Man! Through role-playing a splashy scene from the story, they explored the concept of onomatopoeia, bringing the action to life with their own eye-catching designs. The children also re-enacted Traction Man's thrilling underwater adventure—searching for the wreck of the lost sieve, nearly being captured by a dirty dishcloth, and ultimately being saved by Scrubbing Brush!

- Jasmine: *"Save me from the dirty dishcloth!"*
- Noura: *"This spaghetti is so slimy!"*

Garden Classroom Adventures Ruby Class experienced the magic of both spring and winter in one session! The first half of the lesson was bathed in sunshine, allowing the children to spot signs of spring. Nuzhat and Amaya excitedly pointed out, *"Look at the daffodils! That's the flower for Wales!"* The children also crafted fuzzy bees using alder cones and yarn. Adiyar proudly showed off his creation, saying, *"Look at my fuzzy bee!"*

Just when we thought spring was here to stay, clouds rolled in, and hail made a dramatic appearance! But the fun didn't stop there. The children took turns mixing and kneading bread dough, later enjoying their homemade rolls with locally sourced honey. A delicious way to wrap up an adventurous session!

Garden Classroom Reminder:

- 1 Ruby: Wednesday, 19 March
- 1 Jade: Wednesday, 26 March

Design & Technology: Making Sliders The children explored movement and mechanics by creating slider toys. Using a pre-cut top hat and rabbit, they worked out how to make the slider function.

- Tobias: *"Push it through the cut in between the holes."*
- Leah: *"The rabbit moves up and down!"*

Science Week: Planting Seeds to kick off Science Week, Year 1 have been planting different beans and closely observing their growth. Monitors have been assigned to water them daily, and anticipation is high!

- Ahmed: *"I think by Monday next week, we will see the seeds growing!"*
- Inaaya: *"I have white and brown seeds; some are big and some are little."*

Flying High with Argyle Airline Year 1 took to the skies with Argyle Airline, embarking on an imaginative flight around the world. This thrilling adventure introduced them to new destinations and broadened their horizons!



Year 2

What a busy week! We started the week by going on an investigation of the garden to find and look at microhabitats. The children found worms and ant under logs, dandelions under tables and moss on the side of a tree. Well done super scientists! As part of British Science Week we also had an experiment in Design and Technology. The children worked in teams to make the strongest 3D shape out of paper and tested them by putting books on top. They discovered that a cylinder was the strongest and could hold up to 15 books without falling! In Literacy, we have been learning about Grace Darling who was extremely brave person who in 1838 who managed to save 9 people from a shipwreck. The children have been writing diary entries from her point of view, using past tense and lots of descriptive language!



YEAR 2 Assessment MEETING

THURSDAY
20 MARCH
2025
AT 2.45PM

Parents please come along to this meeting to find out all about the end of year assessments that your Year 2 child will take next term.

- ✓ Find out **WHY** they have to take this check
- ✓ Find out **WHAT** the assessments check are
- ✓ Find out **HOW** it is administered

COME AND FIND
OUT HOW TO
SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD

Year 4

A Moment to Remember

We are thrilled to share an inspiring story from this week's UEFA Champions League match between Arsenal and PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

One of our own Year 4 pupils, Raghad, had an unforgettable experience that highlights the profound impact of nurturing a child's passion.

Raghad, an ardent football enthusiast, attended the match at Emirates Stadium.

Her dedication to the sport led to a heartwarming moment when she received high-fives from Arsenal stars Bukayo Saka and Martin Ødegaard. This gesture from her idols has not only exhilarated Raghad but has also filled our school community with immense pride.



Raghad's experience underscores the significance of encouraging children to pursue their interests. Engaging in activities they love can lead to:

Enhanced Self-Esteem: Achieving goals in a beloved activity boosts confidence.

Skill Development: Pursuing passions allows children to develop specific skills and talents.

Emotional Well-being: Engaging in enjoyable activities contributes to overall happiness and stress reduction.

We encourage all parents to support their children in exploring and nurturing their passions. Whether it's sports, arts, sciences, or any other field, fostering these interests can lead to remarkable personal growth and memorable experiences.

Year 5



Year 5's Argyle Adventure visit to Isle of Wight is coming up in Year 6

To find out more about the trip to Little Canada in Isle of Wight, please come along to a meeting.

When?

**Thursday 3rd April
2025 at 3pm**

Where?

In the Middle Hall



Every child gets a FREE book!
Generously donated by Mischon

 SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

Monday 17th:
EYFS, Years 1 & 5

Tuesday 18th:
Years 2 & 3

Wednesday 19th:
Years 4 & 6

MARCH 17

from 3.15pm -
4pm

IN THE DINING HALL

CARD
ACCEPTED
USING QR
CODE

Bring your phone to
pay online,
otherwise bring
cash!

For every book sold, our school receives rewards

Attendance & Punctuality



| Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| Rec: Jet | 93 | 95 | 92 | | | |
| 1 Jade | 96 | 98 | 89 | | | |
| 1 Ruby | 98 | 95 | 87 | | | |
| 2 Amber | 91 | 94 | 97 | | | |
| 2 Opal | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | |
| 3 Garnet | 91 | 89 | 83 | | | |
| 3 Pearl | 86 | 100 | 89 | | | |
| 4 Emerald | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | |
| 4 Onyx | 96 | 96 | 96 | | | |
| 5 Amethyst | 95 | 94 | 91 | | | |
| 6 Sapphire | 97 | 98 | 96 | | | |
| Total | 95 | 96 | 93 | | | |
| Camden | 94 | 94 | | | | |

Congratulations to **2 Opal**, and **4 Emerald** for **100%** attendance this week, making it their third continuous week.

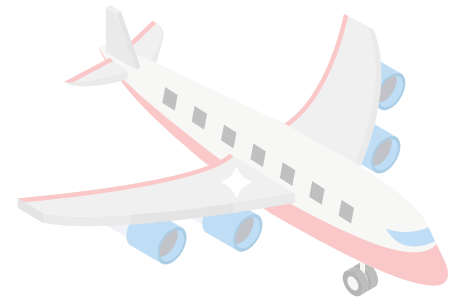


Well done to **2 Amber**, **4 Onyx** and **6 Sapphire** for attaining the target of **96%** attendance this week.

Exceptional Leave:

Parents are reminded not to book holidays during school term time.

If there is an emergency and you need exceptional leave, please complete a form from the school office before booking your tickets.



Reporting Absences

Parents should report any absences to the school office by calling 02078374590 before 9.30am.

Please do not leave messages on the answering machine. A member of staff may call you again to discuss the absence.

Please do not send emails to the admin inbox.

Every School Day Counts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

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| Monday 17th | <p>Tuition: Catch Up Clubs - invited pupils only from 3.15pm - 4.15pm Tuition: Year 6 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm Booster: 4 Onyx Maths Booster - invited pupils only from 3.15pm - 4.30pm</p> |
| Tuesday 18th | <p>Trip: 2 Amber visit Camley Street from 10.30am - 1pm Tuition: Year 5 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm - 4.15pm After School Clubs: KS1 Cooking Club (Group 2) from 3.15pm - 4.45pm & Years 4, 5 & 6 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.</p> |
| Wednesday 19th | <p>Trip: 2 Opal visit Camley Street from 10.30am - 1pm Tuition: Year 5 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm After School Clubs: KS1 Football from 3.15pm - 4.15pm Trip: Selected Year 6 pupils attend Dodgeball Tournament at Talacre Sport Centre from 3pm - 6.30pm</p> |
| Thursday 20th | <p>Trip: Selected Year 5 pupils visit Richard Cobden School from 9am - 4.30pm Trip: Selected Year 5 pupils visit West Hampstead School from 12.4pm - 3.15pm Tuition: Year 6 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm - 4.15pm After School Clubs: Years 1, 2 & 3 Arts and Crafts from 3.15pm - 4.15pm & KS1 Cooking Club (Group 2) from 3.15pm - 4.45pm Event: Author visit for Years 1 & 2 from 1.30pm - 2.30pm</p> |
| Friday 21st | <p>Event: Fluoride Varnish Team from 9.30am - 1.30pm After School Clubs: Spring Term after school clubs are now finished. Look out for more information on Parenthub in due course.</p> |
| Monday 24th | <p>Parents Evenings begin for Nursery - Year 5 Tuition: Catch Up Clubs - no catch up clubs this week Tuition: Year 6 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm Booster: 4 Onyx Maths Booster -no booster this week</p> |
| Tuesday 25th | <p>Event: Year 3 perform at The Place Theatre from 10am - 5.35pm Tuition: Year 5 Richard Reeves from 3.15pm - 4.15pm</p> |
| Wednesday 26th | <p>Trip: Year 4 visit Holy Cross Church from 11am - 12.30pm Tuition: Year 5 Action Tuition begins from 3.30pm - 4.30pm</p> |