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Dear Parents and Carers,

**School closes today and re-opens on Monday 13th April 2026! Please be reminded that the school gates will not be open until 8.15am when we return. May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very peaceful and enjoyable spring break and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school for the Summer term!**

### Swimming Lessons – Summer Term

Swimming will be starting the 2nd week back, week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April, for years 3 - 5. Year 6 will start their swimming week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June. PE will run as it currently does for week commencing 13th April. The year groups swimming and PE days are:

Year Group	Swimming Day	PE Day
3	Friday	Thursday PM
4	Wednesday	Tuesday PM
5	Thursday	Wednesday AM
6	Mondays (After SATs)	Wednesday PM

Please provide your child with; an all-in-one swimsuit for girls (no bikinis please, alternative versions like the ones in the letter we sent, are accepted), swimming trunks for boys (no baggy shorts, they must be fitted), a swimming hat (these are available to purchase on the store section of MCAS for £3.05) and a towel. All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed by children themselves before entering the pool and parental permission must be given for goggles to be worn – your child must be able to put them on and take them off independently. Please don't have children's ears pierced now as they will not be allowed to swim with earrings in their ears.

Please be reminded that swimming is part of the National Curriculum and all primary schools have to submit end of KS2 data on swimming. If a child is not able to swim for a particular lesson, please ensure that you, as parent/ carer, communicate this to school.

### Plea for help – Message from Joe Lally Co-Chair of Governors

We are planning to build a school allotment. We have been given a grant from the PTFA and Tilehurst parish council to buy materials. The plan is to build raised beds so that pupils can plant crops to learn about food production and the environment.

We are hoping that this project can involve the whole of the school community and with that in mind I am asking if people would give some time to help build the raised beds and those with an understanding and knowledge of allotment; and growing vegetables might be able to help as well.

If you feel you would like to get involved could you please leave your name and contact details at the school office.

### Sports for Champions – Sports Week

On Wednesday 20th May, as part of sports week, we are once again hosting an inspirational workshop. This year with Leon Greenwood <https://sportsforchampions.com/athletes/leon-greenwood/>, a member of the team GB bobsleigh team. Leon needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help your school and other athletes across the country. The sponsorship forms will be sent home with the children soon. All sponsorship money **MUST** be paid into the school's crowd-funder page by **Tuesday 19th May**, please also use your child's name when making the donation so we can track them correctly.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/calcot-junior-schoolfundraiser>



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## Bikes and Scooters

Please be reminded that children should not be using bikes and scooters on school grounds. Please note that we do not accept any responsibility for bikes/scooters whilst they are in school.

## Mobile Phone – Update

As per our recent communication please ensure that you have completed the **NEW** mobile phone permission form to enable your child to bring their phone to school. <https://forms.gle/BQA6x9EnyTgWMeF96> Once your child arrives on site the following procedure will apply:

- If arriving between **8:15am and 8:30am**, phones must be **switched off and handed to the member of staff on duty on the junior playground.**
- If the classroom door is already open, the phone must be **switched off and handed to the class teacher** when entering the building.

## Changes to the start of the school day from 13th April

As per recent communication please note that we will be introducing a soft start to the day between 8:30am and 8:50am. During this time, children will take part in calm, quiet activities such as play dough, colouring and board games. Children may arrive at any time between 8:30am and 8:45am without concern about missing the register or assembly (which previously began at 8:40am). Please note that children arriving after 8:45am will continue to be marked as late.

To reduce congestion and the morning rush on the playground, children in Years 4 and 6 will enter school through their classroom doors, while Years 3 and 5 will continue to use their current entry point. To help ease congestion at the end of the day, the juniors will be releasing pupils to parents from different areas of the playground. We kindly ask that all parents avoid the sloped area and the pathway leading to the office, to ensure clear access for the children.

We have created an Amazon Wishlist for any parents who would like to contribute items for the children to use during the soft start morning. We would be incredibly grateful for any support or donations, as we are eager for this new morning routine to be a success.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/QSE7I90FHEHY?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/QSE7I90FHEHY?ref=wl_share)

## Year 1 and Year 3 Productions

Thank you to everyone that attended the productions. We are sure you will agree the children were outstanding, and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all the teaching staff for putting on such great productions. As you know we now ask for voluntary contributions to support us to provide this opportunity. We have added a payment item on MCAS, where you are able to choose the amount that you would like to pay if you are able to support with the costs. All donations are gratefully received, the payment item will remain open until Sunday 12th April.

## MNR Summer Sports – spaces available

We still have spaces for the MNR summer sports club in years 3-6. There will be a maximum of 16 children per club and each club is open to boys and girls. The clubs will cost £30.00 for the term, which can be paid for via MCAS. The wait list is open for PPG children to sign up to.

If you are interested in your child attending this club, you will need to go to the club section of MCAS and enrol your child into the club, payment will be taken at this time. Once you have made payment your child has secured a place in the club.



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## Parking

Unfortunately, this week we have had some complaints regarding parents/carers parking inconsiderately in Latimer Drive. Can we please ensure we are respecting local residents and parking considerately during drops offs and collections. We do have permission to use the car park at Beansheaf community centre, which is located almost opposite to Latimer Drive, for parking during these times as an alternative.

## Plea for Top Trumps donations

If you have any Top Trumps that your child no longer plays with and you are thinking of getting rid of then please consider donating them to the school. Please take them to one of the school offices.

## The Secret Garden

The junior children watched a very special performance of 'The Secret Garden' last week. The classic story was brought to life through the magic of theatre. Thank you to M & M theatrical productions for coming to our school and putting on such an amazing show – the children loved it!



## Forms

Please use this link to access our school forms on the school website – please use this link to take you straight to them [Calcot Schools - Forms](#)

Remember, your child will be unable to bring their phone to school without a NEW mobile phone permission form being completed.

## Community links pages

If you are looking for any activities to do during the Easter holidays then please look at our community links page on our website, this is regularly updated [Calcot Schools - Spring 2026 Activities](#)

Below is the link for the new West Berkshire directory;

<https://directory.westberks.gov.uk/directory-search?pageNumber=1&pageSize=15&sortOption=Rank%3Basc&distance=1609>

*Florence Rostron*

Headteacher





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## Reading Festival

Wow – what a fantastic turnout we had for our very first Calcot Reading Festival! We hope you all enjoyed the event as much as we did.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful non-fiction experts who generously gave up their time to support us: Michael (Firefighter – People Who Help Us), Jack (Trains and Transport), Karen (Nursing and the Human Body) Gerry (Flight) and Fran (Scientist). We would also like to thank our fantastic ABC to Read volunteers for their support with the book fair.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised £500 from the book fair, which will be used to replenish books across the school. In addition to this, we also raised money from refreshments, the story trail, the sponsored reading bingo and the raffle, which will go towards helping us make Reading Week even bigger and better next year.

We are incredibly grateful for all of your support in helping this event run so smoothly and for helping make our school such a fun and exciting place to be.

If possible, please take a moment to complete the feedback survey, as we would love to hear your thoughts on what went well and what we could improve for the future.

<https://forms.gle/8J5UkW7UzVVQLxvy6>



Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss Wood and Mrs Settle





## March Sporting Events

### **Monday 9th March – Girls Football Tournament Park House**

The year 5 and 6 girls played fantastically in their league at Park House, they showed excellent sportsmanship and drew two games and lost two games. Thank you to Mrs Smith who attended the event with the children and the spectators who came to support.

### **Year 2 Football Tournament – Park House**

The year 2's also had a tournament at Park House, they played fantastically and represented our school well. Thank you to Mrs Aram and Mrs Tominey for taking the children.

### **Tuesday 17th March – Cross Country Newbury Showground**

This term we have also had the huge cross-country event at Newbury Showground. We took 41 children who all completed the 2.5km run, were so well behaved and supportive of one another. It was a lovely event and well done to Shay in year 4 who came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 400 runners in the year 3 and 4 boys' race. Thank you to Miss Stephenson Lewis, Miss Munro, Mrs Ince and Mrs Bellanti for supporting at the event.

### **Monday 23rd March – Netball Tournament Downsway**

This week our year 5 and year 6 netball team participated in a netball tournament at Downsway school. They all played some amazing netball but unfortunately lost their first match against Downsway but went on to win their next match against Long Lane. Many thanks to Mrs Bellanti & Miss Kirkby for escorting and supporting the team.



A huge thank you to Mr Purvey and Miss Kirkby for driving the team on the school minibus and all the parents that came along to support the matches. The children love having you there to support them.



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## Message from Year 6 Change Team

This month the change team visited the Friends of the Elderly care home based in Calcot again. The residents loved seeing us and we all had lots of fun.



This month we are putting together a survey for the children to complete to give us feedback on Calcot's Got Talent and whether we need to make any changes for next year.

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake and sweet sale today. All money raised will go towards future school activities.





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## Please hand any entries into Mrs Settle by Friday 17th April 2026

**Everyone's favourite author and poet, Michael Rosen, will be celebrating his 80th birthday in May... that's a lot of candles on his chocolate cake!**

Our friends at **Walker Books** would love your pupils to help him celebrate, by **designing their very own birthday card for Michael**. SIX winners (three in each age category) will each **win a signed and dedicated book from Michael Rosen**.



### **Ready to spark your pupils' imagination?**

It couldn't be easier! Cards should be **A5 format** – simply fold a piece of A4 paper in half and put their creative skills to work. The design should be their own original creation and **please include:**

- The number 80
- A message for Michael inside
- Pupil name, age and school on the back page, so we know who has created it



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**If your child would like to enter the below writing competition then please ensure all entries are given to Mrs Settle on Monday 13th April.**

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SUBMISSIONS  
NOW OPEN**

**Are you an aspiring writer?**

The Author of Tomorrow award is an annual competition open to young people across the world who have completed a short piece of adventure writing in English.

Prizes are awarded in three categories:

- 11 and Under | Up to 500 words | Prize: £100, plus £150 book tokens for your school
- 12-15 years | 1,000 - 2,000 words | Prize: £250, plus £150 book tokens for your school
- 16-21 years | 1,500 - 3,000 words | Prize: £1,000

Submissions close Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026  
Visit our website for more information.



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**MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP** 

 **EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP**

**Click here to book!** 

**Price + Offers**

- from £25 per day
- Sibling discount: 10% off
- Early Bird discount (10% off) Code: EGG10

**Venues**

- Newbury: Winchcombe School
- Maidenhead: Alwyn Infant School
- Reading: Calcot Junior School
- Lambourn: Lambourn School

**Age**

5 - 12 Years Old

**Dates + Times**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Standard day: 9am-3pm  
Extended day: 9am-5pm

**HAF ELIGIBLE SPACES!**

**MNR COACHING** 

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!  
For Holiday Camp Enquiries - Email [admin@mnrcoaching.com](mailto:admin@mnrcoaching.com) [www.mnrcoaching.com](http://www.mnrcoaching.com)

**FOOTBALL CAMP** 

 **EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP**

**Click here to book!** 

**Price + Offers**

- from £20 per day
- Sibling discount: 10% off
- Early Bird discount (10% off) Code: EGG10

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Menstrual Health and  
Period Education Advocates

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### ALL YOURS PERIOD BOXES

It won't be long until the Easter break and we want to make sure everyone has the period products they need ahead of the holidays. If you need to order a free, confidential box please pop over to <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request> and let us know soon. You can order a range of disposable and reusable products via our website. If we can't deliver to you directly, we'll let you know how to find your nearest collection point.

#### MAKING ORDERING EASIER

We want the process of ordering an All Yours box to be as easy as possible so here are our top tips for getting what you need in plenty of time:

**Don't leave it until the last minute** – our boxes are delivered by a network of volunteers. They cannot offer next day delivery or emergency deliveries. Please order in plenty of time for your next expected period and allow at least 21 days for delivery. If you do need period products urgently, you can collect a period box from one of our collection points which are listed on our website: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/box-collection-points>

**Double check your email address** - please double-check that you enter your email address correctly on the request form when ordering from us. Sometimes we need to contact you to:

- Clarify delivery details
- Ask about your request
- Let you know if a specific product isn't currently available

If we can't reach you, unfortunately we can't deliver your box, and we never want anyone left wondering what's happening. A quick check before submitting makes all the difference.

**Order for everyone at once** – please order for everyone in the household in one go. This saves our volunteers making multiple trips to the same address. Just let us know in the box on our form how many people needs products and what they would like, and we can deliver them all together in one delivery.

With best wishes,

*All Yours*

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## Coffee mornings



Mrs Chester will be hosting the following events alongside some guest speakers.

### Dates for 2026:

**Wed 6th May** - Lizzie Paterson from the Autism Advisory Team will be joining us in the Infant School from 9am to 10.30am.

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sleep support/advice from the School Nursing Team in the Infant School from 9am to 10.30am

To show your interest and to reserve a space please email Mrs Chester:

[mchester@c-inf.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:mchester@c-inf.w-berks.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you!!



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## Nursery

This month at nursery has been full of exciting learning, creativity, and exploration! The children have been very busy both indoors and outdoors, developing a wide range of skills through their play. Inside, they have enjoyed building train tracks and towers, counting with Numicon and eggs, sharing stories, and expressing themselves through mark-making with a variety of pens. Our role play area has been full of imagination, with the children acting out “mums and dads” and developing their vocabulary through rich, imaginative conversations. We have also embraced a spring theme, using cutters in yellow playdough, making cards, and practising our cutting skills by snipping patterns on egg shapes.

We have been working particularly hard on our physical development this month. The children have loved taking part in ‘Dough Disco’, learning new moves to strengthen their fine motor skills, as well as ‘Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle’, where they have been building their gross motor control in a fun and engaging way. Outdoors, they have continued to develop their strength and coordination by climbing, balancing on the trim trail, and building their upper body strength as they pull themselves up on the swing.

Our outdoor area has been a hub of exploration, with children making potions from colourful water, planting and caring for plants, and investigating how water flows and mixes in the cascading trays. The sand and gravel areas have been very popular, with lots of digging, transporting, and construction using diggers and trucks, as well as creative play like sending vehicles down slides and building their own using crates.

We have also been closely observing the changing season, looking for signs of spring in our environment. A particular highlight has been the children’s fascination with worms, which led to us creating our own worm jars to observe them more closely. It has been a fantastic month of curiosity, discovery, and growing independence, and we are so proud of all the children’s achievements!

## Reception

What a busy and exciting month it has been! We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the story ‘Supertato’ and had great fun creating our own Supertatoe’s.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubling, addition and subitising. The children have done very well to explain what they see, with some even beginning to record their ideas. We have also explored numbers 9 and 10, including number bonds and the concepts such as one more and one less.

Our topic, ‘People Who Help Us’, has continued to inspire lots of learning. We enjoyed the story ‘Eliot Midnight Superhero’, discussing heroes and villains and learning new vocabulary such as glacier, sleuth and meteor. We also explored jobs that happen at night, including paramedics, bakers and security guards, which led to fantastic role play in class.

Reading Week was a real highlight, especially reading with Year 3, celebrating World Book Day and sharing activities at the Reading Festival with our families.

In PE, we have been developing our throwing, aiming, running and movement skills, showing great progress in speed and control.

Please support your child over the half term break with their handwriting and help them to practise the correct letter formation when filling in their diary entries.

Thank you for your ongoing support – The Reception Team



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## Year 1

This term has been an exciting and busy one for Year 1. The children worked incredibly hard to practise their lines and songs for the play, and we are so proud of how each and every child performed in all of the performances. Their confidence and enthusiasm really shone through!

Alongside rehearsals, we have also been working hard in Literacy. The children used new and exciting vocabulary to improve 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', and we were really impressed with how well they rewrote their narratives. It was fantastic to see so many children remembering to use capital letters for proper nouns too.

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers and learning how they are made up. The children used a range of practical resources to understand tens and ones, before building and drawing numbers independently. By the end of the unit, many children were able to recall number facts without using resources. More recently, we have moved on to learning about multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We found counting backwards in 2's and 5's a little trickier than counting forward.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you all have a restful break and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again in the Summer term.

### Reminder:

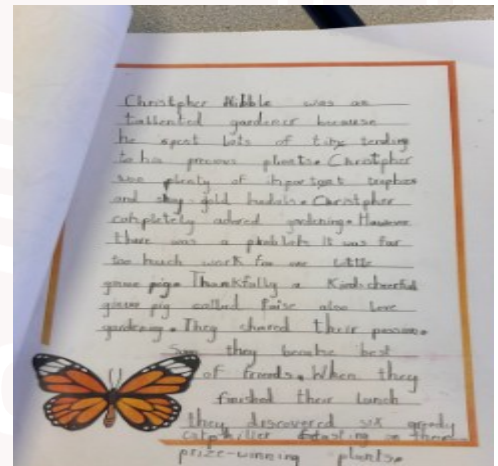
- Please continue to read regularly at home. We know many of you asked about homework during parents' evening—homework will be recommencing after the half term.

## Year 2

Year 2 has had a fabulous end to the spring term! What super hard workers they have been. We are so impressed with how their mental math's is coming along, their stamina in writing is improving and their reading fluency continues to grow!

In **Literacy**, we have been writing a story called Christopher's Caterpillars. We focused on using subordinating conjunctions, alongside all the other grammar we have learned so far, including adverbs and expanded noun phrases. The children especially enjoyed publishing their work into their own books to share with their Year 4 reading buddies. It was lovely to see them take so much time and care with their work and feel proud of their finished pieces.

In **DT**, Year 2 have been having a great time exploring puppets. We have looked at different types of puppets and spent our Friday afternoons designing and creating our own, including finger puppets and hand puppets. The children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm throughout!





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## Junior School Update

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderfully busy and exciting Spring Term, with one of the biggest highlights being their fantastic production of 'Joseph'. The children have shown incredible enthusiasm and commitment during rehearsals, fully immersing themselves in their roles as they practised their lines, songs and dances. It was especially exciting for them to rehearse in costume, which helped bring the performance to life. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support in providing costumes and helping the children to practise at home—it truly made a difference. The children were so proud to perform to both the school and their families, and it was a joy to see them confidently showcase all of their hard work.

Another highlight of the term was Reading Week, including our Reading Festival on World Book Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their love of reading through a range of engaging activities. Dressing up as their favourite book characters was a particular favourite (for both children and staff!), and it was wonderful to see such excitement and enthusiasm for books across the week.

In English, the children have been inspired by the texts 'The Dragonsitter' and 'The Egg'. They particularly enjoyed reading Eddie's entertaining emails and identifying the key features needed to write their own. Building on this, the children wrote their own detailed email replies in role as Eddie, describing their own "dragontastic" adventures. They worked incredibly hard to include descriptive language and direct speech, and they used a clear structure in their writing. The teachers were very impressed with the creativity and quality of their work.

Overall, it has been a fantastic term full of creativity, confidence-building and progress. The Year 3 Team would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the term. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday and Spring break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting term of learning in the Summer.

### Reminders:

- Please ensure your child continues to read regularly at home over the holidays.
- As the weather becomes warmer, please remember to send children in with a water bottle and appropriate outdoor wear.

### Year 4

This month, we have been working hard across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers, developing our confidence in converting between the two and deepening our understanding of how they represent the same value. In English, we have continued exploring 'The Butterfly Lion', focusing on writing diary entries using the past progressive tense to describe events and emotions in detail. The children have worked hard to bring their writing to life and are becoming more confident in expressing their ideas clearly. In Science, we carried out an egg-citing experiment to help us understand tooth decay. By observing how different liquids affect the eggshell (which represents enamel), the children cracked the case and got to the yolk of the problem! They eggs-plored the results carefully and weren't afraid to come out of their shells when sharing their ideas. This helped them make important links to how we can look after our teeth and keep our smiles healthy...no yolk! To finish the term, the children will be writing non-chronological reports about their chosen African animals, including elephants, cheetahs, lions or hyenas, applying their research and writing skills to produce informative and engaging pieces.



### Reminders:

- Please ensure you have made payment and completed the medical form for the year 4 school trip by Sunday 31st May <https://forms.gle/VAZzLL6Pjyzu6ZPA>



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## Year 5

It has been a very fun-filled and action-packed short term. The children have worked incredibly hard in such a short space of time, and we are very proud of all they have achieved.

Reading Week was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and nurture a love of reading in the classroom. We had great fun sharing stories with Year 1, dressing up as our favourite book characters, exploring a wide range of texts, and, of course, taking part in the Reading Festival. It was a joyful and memorable experience for everyone involved.

The children approached their assessments with determination and maturity. It is fantastic to see the progress they have made and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

A highlight of the term was our trip to Bradfield College, where the year group enjoyed a range of exciting activities, including sports science, classics, music, and art. The children were exceptionally well behaved and represented the school brilliantly. It was a pleasure to spend the day learning in a different environment and trying new experiences together.

In Science, the children have been studying materials, their properties, and how they change. They explored how substances can be formed, heated, cooled, and separated through a variety of hands-on experiments—there was lots of enthusiasm and curiosity, and we had great fun along the way!

In English, we continued our work on '*Beowulf*'. The children produced some fantastic speeches in the role of Beowulf and also wrote their own exciting narratives, using dialogue effectively to move the action forward. Their creativity and writing skills have really developed this term.

Overall, it has been a busy, enjoyable, and productive term. Well done to all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful break.

### Reminders:

- We will be starting Forest school on Friday 17th April. Please ensure that you have filled in the form or your child will be unable to take part. <https://forms.gle/R7VhbAQDiQQ34rrz8>
- Please ensure you have made payment and completed the medical form for the year 5 school trip by Sunday 28th June <https://forms.gle/ED51bejeiT3BCGs49>
- Bikeability Level 1 on Wednesday 6th May 2026. Your child must already be able to ride and have their own bike and helmet to take part. If you would like your child to attend then please register them using this link: [Active Travel Portal | Active Travel Portal - View Event](#)

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a great term - the children have worked really hard and we were so impressed by their behaviour and resilience during the mock SATs. Their conduct was exemplary and they were excellent role-models for the rest of the school.

During reading week, it was lovely to see the children engaging with the various events and we really enjoyed reading with younger children from our nursery, as well as older children from Pangbourne College. We loved seeing lots of children dressed up and entering into the spirit of World Book Day, as an array of characters.

In Science this term, we have enjoyed investigating how bird's beaks have evolved over time, to make them better adapted to their surroundings and, in Geography, the children have worked hard to produce some excellent non-chronological reports about natural disasters in Japan. In Art, we have produced some amazing Japanese-inspired art, exploring techniques such as wax-resist, origami and manga! Finally, in History, children enjoyed exploring the contents of an evacuee's suitcase, as well as designing their own air-raid shelters.

We hope that the children enjoy a well-deserved break over Easter and we look forward to seeing you in Summer Term!



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## Infant School Certificates

### March Stars of the week

#### Reception:

RAM - Maddie, Cole, Aanya, Alayna, Tudor, Nylah,

RJM - Oscar, Nyah, Zuri and Rosie

#### Year 1:

1VW - Hana, Kaydee, Cassius, Jake, Everlie, Arthur, Toby and Finn

1SA - Aadam, Lillianna, Dalia, Anvita, Aayana, George, Hope and Mikey

#### Year 2:

2CK - Marshall, Oakley, Eloise and Hayden

2RT - Luana V, Brooke, Jastin and Lucy

### Infant School Attendance

**Week ending 27th February** - Attendance **100%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Gawmans' class, well done!

**Week ending 6th March** - Attendance **94.9%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Gawmans' class, well done!

**Week ending 13th March** - Attendance **96.3%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Mrs Mangik's class, well done!

**Week ending 20th March** - Attendance **94.8%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Mrs Aram's class, well done!

**Year to date Attendance 93.3%**



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## Junior School Certificates

### March Stars of the week

Year 3:

3ST - Elias, Amelia, Charlotte, Finn, Nadine, Tashvi, Charlie and Sofia S

3FD - River, Honor, Ruqayyah, Ruben, Jackson, Ruben, Evie and Aleksander

3SL - Connor, Sophia M

Year 4:

4AM - Ethan J, Darcie, Mason, Rose, William, James, Logan H and Sienna-May

4MB - Ethan P, Alexia, Alexia, Lucas, Sungano, Sulaymaan, Ethan P and Dylan

Year 5:

5DP - Shiloh, Ethan, Paisley, Saraya, Wali, all of 5DP

5AB - Izfaar, Honoria, Harry, Thomas, Freddie, David, all of 5AB

5LH - Noah N, Rogan, Hira, Milo, Sarah, Laray, all of 5LH

Year 6:

6NC - Benjamin, Tommy, Taya, Olivia, Alex, Morgan, Freddie, Myia and Nova

6MH - Freddy, Raimond, Sydnee, Umairah, Ollie, Eva, Grace and Maria

6RS - Dolly, Mila, Burlin, Adhrit, Rocco, Emily, Charlie A and Harley-Jai

### French Certificates

**Abeesha (Y5)** Pour toujours faire de ton mieux

**Harry (Y5)** Pour ton excellent paragraphe en français

**David (Y5)** Pour toujours faire de ton mieux

**Ipek (Y4)** Pour ton excellent effort

**Lottie (Y4)** Pour toujours faire de ton mieux

**Honoria (Y5)** Pour un travail fantastique dans la leçon

**Sama (Y4)** Pour toujours faire de ton mieux

**Rose (Y4)** Pour un travail fantastique dans la leçon

### February Manners Badges

**Year 3:** Eubridge and Maya

**Year 4:** Rudy, Laia Sofia, Logan and Sophie

**Year 5:** Reggie, Bonnie, Isla and Eliske

**Year 6:** Eva, Tilly, Eliza and Tesali

### Read a Rainbow Certificates

**Year 4:** William

### Junior School Attendance

**Week ending 27th February** - Attendance **99%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Stephenson-Lewis' class, well done!

**Week ending 6th March** - Attendance **100%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Mrs Togher's and Miss Patterson's class, well done!

**Week ending 13th March** - Attendance **99%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Mrs Togher's class, well done!

**Week ending 20th March** - Attendance **95.3%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Bedding's class, well done!

**Year to date Attendance 95.3%**



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## Infants 100% Spring Term Attendance Certificate awarded on Thursday 26th March 2026



### Nursery

Viraj  
Jake  
Ruby  
Ayon  
Imogen

### Reception

Cole  
Izaiah  
Matthew  
Aziel  
Raiden  
Aanya  
Arthur  
Freddie  
Thea

### Year 1

Tabitha  
Mikey  
Leona  
Dobrawa  
Abbey  
Poppy  
Rosie  
Marley  
Arthur  
Maya  
Frank  
Ollie  
Ariah

### Year 2

Hayden  
Renaye  
Junior  
Florence  
Reuben  
Alayah  
Aniya  
Vicente  
Erin  
Luana

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## Junior 100% Spring Term Attendance Certificate awarded on Thursday 27th March 2026



### Year 3

Aleksander	James	Izaya
River	Ethan J	Guste
Lucas	Ollie	Thea
Eliot	Noah	Ethan
Ruben	Sophia-Rose	Louis
Rosie	Laia-Sofia	Paisley
JJ	Kiara	Noah
Connor	Sungano	Hugh
Sophie	Freddie	Kabir
Reeva	Alyssia	Samir
Sophia	Harry	Louie
Khaza		Charlie

### Year 5

Tashvi	Jacob C	<b>Year 6</b>
Archie	Thomas	Charlie A
Charlotte	Harry	Ronnie
Dylan	Blake	Adam
Sofia	Honorio	Tommy
Yashwin	Jacob S	Beau
	Shiloh	Jessica
	Indiana	Harley S
	Troy	Dolly

### Year 4

Luke		
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## OWL BADGES awarded on Thursday 26th March

Nursery - Aubrey F and Laura W

RJM – Thea

RAM - Rayna

1SA – Dobbie

1VW - Kaydee

2CK - Oakley

2RT– Aila

3SL– Frankie

3FD - Stefan

3ST– Maya

4AM - Luke

4MB - Laia Sofia

5DP– Indiana

5AB - David

5LH – Isla

6NC - Freddie

6RS - Khadija

6MH - Alfie

### Science Badges

Year 1 - Jacob

Year 2– Etty

Year 3 – Layla

Year 4 – Harry

Year 5 – Edna

Year 6 – Marcus

### History Badges

Year 1 - Marley

Year 2 - Erin

Year 3 – Charlotte

Year 4 - Ameila

Year 5 – Kye

Year 6 - Tommy