

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



Friday 8th September 2023

WELCOME BACK

It was so lovely to see everyone's smiles on Monday morning when we returned. They were as bright as the sunshine has been this week!

We are very pleased to welcome our new Reception children into Goslings and Ducklings. The EYFS team have been so impressed with how the children have settled into school. We have also had new pupils in other classes across the school and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Also joining us are new staff members; Miss Daurge is our new Deputy Head, Mrs Cooper, Robins teacher, Miss Bradley, year 5 teacher, Mrs Dent, FLO and Miss Chan, Reception TA. They have remarked on how friendly and kind everybody is. Please introduce yourself if you see them around.

The teachers spent last Friday looking at our behaviour policy. We've made some changes which we have started to share with the children. This week, we have seen the children demonstrate our school values of Responsibility, Kindness, Honesty and Respect. In the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, teachers will give a brief outline of our behaviour expectations and we will make a date for parents to hear more.

Congratulations to the children in year 6 who sat the Kent Test this week. They tackled the tough tests with maturity and determination and we know they have all done their best.

NEXT WEEK

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions start. Please come in to find out what your children will be doing this year.

Monday 11th Sept – Year 3

Tuesday 12th Sept – Year 5

Wednesday 13th Sept – Year 2

Thursday 14th Sept – Year 1

2:45-3:05pm

Year 4 and year 6 will be the following week.

Please make sure you have put enough funds in your sQuid account for school lunches and for Early Start Club.

After school clubs will be starting next week. You will be emailed if your child has a place in the clubs you have requested.

Overall attendance is 96% this week. That is a great start and what we are aiming for at the end of the year. Let's keep it on track!



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



YR	All the children have settled brilliantly in reception this week. They have been making new friends and exploring the inside and outdoor areas. We are looking forward to P.E today (Fri) and also seeing mums and dads coming in next week to help us further improve our outdoor areas.
Y1	We have had a brilliant first week in Year 1! We have made Robin and Owls to decorate our new classrooms, as well as getting to know our Year 1 classrooms.
Y2	Year 2 have had a great first week settling in and learning new routines. We have been writing about ourselves and our summer holiday in English. In RE we learnt about the Christian story of Creation and thought about what we would like to thank God for creating in our beautiful world.
Y3	We have enjoyed getting to know each other in Year 3. In Maths, we have remembered our place value learning from last year and have continued to practise our times tables. In RE we acted out the story of Noah's Ark and thought about how he felt to be given such a responsible job.
Y4	This week in year 4, the children have been working hard together with new reading buddies. They have made lots of inquiries and predictions on our new class book Oliver and the Seawigs and are very eager to find out if their predictions are correct as we read more.
Y5	Year 5 have settled back in to the new year very well. We started to read our text, 'Around the World in 80 Days' and completed map work that will help us to track Phileas Fogg's route as the story progresses. In science, we considered evidence that the world is spherical and used labelled diagrams to explain our understanding while in music we sang sea shanties, composing our own lyrics.
Y6	What a hot start to the year but it has not stopped. Year 6 have had a great first week. We made blood in science; practised some conversational French; thought about the story of creation; participated in discussions about our new class literacy text; and the children are currently applying for the role of House Captain and school prefects. For many it was also the 11+, so a very busy week. Well done to everyone.

WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

MONDAY

5S
5B
Lorikeets
Kookaburras
4B
Swimming 4VC

TUESDAY

Owls
Robins
6W
6H

WEDNESDAY

3DB
3TWB
4VC
4B
6W
6H

THURSDAY

3TWB
3DB
Owls
Robins

FRIDAY

Ducklings
Goslings
Lorikeets
Kookaburras

FOREST SCHOOL

3TWB