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Some sad news



We have told the children today that, very sadly, we have lost one of our piggies. Farah (the little black piggy - who was also the bossy one!) suddenly had a growth appear on the side of her face which turned out to be an abscess. She was taken to the vets who were wonderful, but said that they couldn't do anything for her. 😞 Munira and Hebe are missing their sister, but are getting used to there just being the two of them now.

Forest School

On Thursday 12th March, Chestnut Class (Year 3/4, Mrs Phillips) will be taking part in Forest School.



A message from Miss Harris

What a busy and wonderful week it has been for the children – so much has been happening across the school!

On Monday, the Choir performed in the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival at the Assembly Halls – it was an amazing event where the children sang beautifully as a choir and with other schools to a packed audience.

On Wednesday, Year 4 went to St Gregory's Catholic Secondary School where they took part in science, art, PE and other lessons. We were sent a message from St Greg's to praise our children for their engagement and behaviour which is always good to hear.

This week has ended with a wonderful Year 5/6 Art Exhibition – thank you to everyone who has come along to see your children's work. It really is astonishing what they have accomplished – we will post some pictures in next week's newsletter.

Next week, we are soooo excited that some eggs in an incubator will be in school and we will be able to watch the eggs hatch! More news next week!

World Book Day




Here are a couple of photos from each end of the school! Everyone has loved taking part in World Book Day today – we have enjoyed taking part in a book tombola, stop and read times in the day, hearing stories from different adults, and so much more!

The tombola raised £173 and we would like to thank Mrs Cawfield for organising the event – we hope the children enjoy reading their books. From the money raised, we will purchase more books for our children to enjoy. During the day, children made book marks and posters, staged interviews to discuss books, logged onto broadcasts of Michael Rosen and celebrated the range of amazing costumes the children (and staff!) came to school wearing. Thank you to you all for your support of this event – it has been a lovely day and we hope your children enjoy using their book voucher to buy a book.



Attendance Ted

Here's this week's attendance data:

Year R Willow 88%		
Year 1/2 Ash 95%	Year 1/2 Birch 94%	Year 1/2 Elm 88%
Year 3/4 Chestnut 90%	Year 3/4 Hazel 95%	Year 3/4 Pine 95%
Year 5 Maple 95%	Year 5 Sycamore 96%	
Year 6 Oak 97%	Year 6 Yew 99%	

Punctuality Pup

On Monday, Yew class were delighted To be rewarded with Punctuality Pup! There was only one late mark during the whole of the previous week for the class! Pine and Ash classes also deserve to be congratulated for being in school on time for the majority of the week too!



This week, we have noticed a general pattern of children coming in late to school increasing again. We ask that you please do all you can to ensure your children are in school on time so that there isn't any lost learning time. Thank you.

Easter Hats - Some Advance Notice!

As last year's Easter Hat event was so successful, on Wednesday 1st April, we are inviting children to bring an Easter hat that they have created into school. During the day, we will celebrate the work of everyone who has taken part, engage in a parade... and there may well be a prize or two as well!



Our book corners

As you may remember, we have been working with the English Hub to continue to develop our Phonics provision. More recently, we have been developing our classroom book corners; and, when the English Hub visited this week, they spent time working with us to consider both our phonics and book corners. They were very complimentary of all the improvements that have been made and the children benefit from. 😊



Dates for your Diary

Below are key dates for your diary (new events are coloured green):

Term 4:

- Monday 9th March – Chick Watch! We will have eggs hatching in school.
- Thursday 12th March @ 9am – Chance to informally meet with Governors with a coffee
- Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March – EYFS consultations for children in Willow Class
- Monday 30th March – Easter Service in St Matt's Church
- Tuesday 31st March – Reports sent out to parents / carers
- Wednesday 1st April – Easter Hat Parade
- Wednesday 1st April – Year 1/2 parents invited into school at 2.55pm to see children's learning
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 4

Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April: Easter break – School closed for children

The calendar for 2026-2027 can now be found on our school website by following this link: [Term Dates](#) (If you are looking to book a holiday next year, this may be useful.)

