

Spring Highlights

We have enjoyed celebrating special events such as Science week, World Book Day, where pupils and staff and pupils embraced their love for reading by dressing up as their favourite characters and participating in engaging literacy activities. Thank you to Mrs Amin for organising this terrific event and selecting the amazing, 'Alice in Wonderland' as the theme. All the staff and pupils looked wonderful!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents & carers that were able to speak with their child's class teacher this week. This is a great opportunity to celebrate in achievements and share next steps too. We will always provide 'in person' meetings, but we are also pleased that the offer to have a telephone consultation was welcomed by so many parents too.

School Council meets with the Chair of Governors

The school council recently had the opportunity to meet with the Chair of Governors to discuss a range of important issues affecting our school community. During the session, council members shared pupils' views on topics such as improving facilities, school dinners (pupils are seeking to change the Friday Fish Fingers & Chips option) and promoting pupil wellbeing by having a 'bonding day' (a chance for pupils to mix across year groups and make a new friend). The Chair of Governors listened carefully to their suggestions and provided valuable insights into how decisions are made. This meeting was a positive experience, as it allowed pupils to have their voices heard and to play an active role in shaping the future of the school.



Celebrating Success

We would like to include a section in the newsletter to celebrate a child's achievement outside of school. If your child has passed a ballet exam, music exam, won a sports award, raised money doing a charity event etc., we would love to know so that we can share their success within the community.

As we look ahead to the summer term, there are many exciting events and opportunities planned. We will be sharing more details with you in due course, but in the meantime, I encourage you to take some time over the break to relax and enjoy time with your families. **Note:** Summer Term Start Date: Tuesday 14th April.

Summer 2026

March (Ollie Honest)

- 27th Last day of term
(1:10pm Finish)

April

- 13th Inset (school staff only)
- 14th Pupils return to School
- 20th Afterschool clubs begin
- 22nd Y2 Parent Class Visit
- 29th Y4 Parent Class visit

May

- 5th Y1 Phonics parent Workshop (2:30pm)
- 6th Y5 Parent Class Visit
- 7th Y1 Class Assembly
- 13th Y6 Class Assembly
- 21st Y4 Stay & Play (5-8pm)

25th – 29th May Half Term

June

- 1st Return to school
- 15th Assessment Week
- 18th Y5 Sleepover
- 26th International Day
(1:30pm)

July

- 2nd Y1/2 End of Year Production (9:30am)
- 2nd Y6 Sleepover
- 7th Sports Day EYFS (Onsite)
- 7th Parent Consultations
- 8th Sports Day at St Paul's
- 17th Y6 Leavers assembly (12:45pm)
- 17th Last day of term*
(1:10pm Finish)

Blueberries (Reception)

This half term has been busy and exciting in Reception as we explored our topic, 'Plants and Growing'. Pupils have shown excellent engagement across all areas of learning and have made fantastic progress in Phonics and literacy. It has been wonderful to see pupils using their knowledge of tricky words and topic vocabulary to write sentences independently. Their confidence with numbers continues to grow, with excellent progress in subitising numbers to 10 and developing their understanding of measuring height and Time.



Pupils have also loved learning about the life cycles of frogs and butterflies and were excited to learn and use the word, 'metamorphosis' in their discussions.

A highlight was our school trip to Phoenix Farm, where pupils took part in a fascinating scavenger hunt around the farm. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about and tasting local honey, feeding and petting



the chickens and digging for treasure. Another highlight was World Book Day. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the story, 'Alice in Wonderland' and loved their time having afternoon tea party with the Mad Hatter! They especially enjoyed acting out the scene where Alice shrinks after drinking the potion and their sentence writing in literacy was fantastic.

Lastly, we are incredibly proud of the progress made by Ben and Ikram in phonics. They have worked very hard to develop their skills in Fred Talk and blending CVC words. Keep up the excellent work!

Summer Term After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs will begin on Monday 20th April.

Parents will receive a text message this week confirming whether their child has secured a place in a club. We look forward to welcoming the children!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Lego Club</u> (Y3-6) Ms Sheppard	<u>Gymnastics</u> (Y1-3) QPR	<u>Boxing</u> (Y3-6) Coach	<u>Graffiti</u> (Y3-6) Ms Hickey	<u>Football</u> (Y1-3) QPR
<u>Arts and Crafts</u> (Y1-6) Mrs Lalji	<u>Taekwondo</u> (Y2-6) Coach	<u>Board Games</u> (Y2-6) Mr Mc Manus		<u>Cricket</u> (Y4-6) QPR
	<u>Football</u> (Y4-6) QPR			

Jade class (Year 1)

We have had a really lovely half term in Jade Class. The children have settled well into our new topics and have been working hard to learn their final phonics sounds.

Pupils learnt about different animal groups in science, including mammals, birds, reptiles and fish and identifying their features. They especially enjoyed sorting animals and discussing where they belong. The trip to London Zoo was a real highlight, as the children were excited to recognise animals they had learned about and talk about their habitats.



In English, we explored the text, '*Commotion in the Ocean*' and used it to learn about plastic pollution and why it is important to keep our Oceans clean. The children included great adjectives, time words and -ed and -est endings in their writing. It was lovely to see how confidently they applied their learning in their final pieces.

Our topic on the United Kingdom has also been very engaging. The children created beautiful valley artwork inspired by Wales, designed posters about the Isle of Skye in Scotland and wrote fact files on Northern Ireland. Ask if your child can name all the capital cities in the UK...

This half term we have been focusing on value, Honesty. The children have shown maturity by being open when they are unsure and asking for help when they need it.

Sapphire class (Year 2)

This has been a truly fantastic half term, filled with laughter, creativity and wonderful learning. The children have continued to impress with their enthusiasm and growing confidence across all areas of the curriculum.

One of our highlights was World Book Day, where a special room was transformed into a magical Alice in Wonderland experience. The children looked amazing dressed as their favourite book characters and thoroughly enjoyed exploring stories in such an imaginative and immersive way.



During Science Week, the children became young scientists, investigating the sugar content in drinks and learning about healthy choices. They created thoughtful and eye-catching posters inspired by Elsie Widdowson, showing a wonderful understanding of healthy living and the importance of nutrition.

Our topic learning has also been exceptional. In Geography, they developed their map skills using globes and atlases, showing great curiosity about the world around them. The children were also fascinated by David Attenborough and his work in protecting our natural world. Their writing across the term has been equally exciting, full of creativity and confidence.

The term ended with a fabulous class assembly, where the children proudly shared their learning about David Attenborough, plants and seeds, and performed, 'What a Wonderful World'.

Finally, our trip to the zoo created lasting memories and brought our learning to life. We are so proud of all the children and their achievements this term!

