



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

To all those in our school community celebrating Makar Sankrati/Pongol, we wish you joy, health and prosperity- a year of abundance and good fortune.

And to all of you who celebrated Christmas on 7th January, we hope that this holy Genna brings peace to your hearts, strength to your spirits, and God's protection over each one of you.

I would like to begin by saying thank you for the warm welcome I have received from the school community. I have really appreciated all the kind words of encouragement and am very excited to get to know you all more.

This week, the children have launched straight into their learning. I have been so impressed when visiting the classes by how focused and engaged the children have been, and I have seen many wonderful pieces of work.

On Monday, we started the new year with an Epiphany church service at St Mark's, led by Rev Dave. The children sang beautifully and behaved in an exemplary manner, and the service was enjoyed by all.

We have many exciting trips and events planned for this half term, including a "It's Good to Be Me Week", where we will be celebrating differences and thinking about children's mental health. Please stay tuned for further information. Next week, the children will be learning about the Hindu celebration, the "Festival of Light", and will be completing some exciting activities.

Have a wonderful weekend and please try to stay warm. Warmest Wishes, Miss Fautley

SEND Parent Group

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful SEND parent group who regularly meet with school leadership and work together on lots of exciting ideas and projects for our school. This week, they met with the leadership team to make plans to improve resources and experiences for our SEN children. We are also looking for speakers for our "It's Good to Be Me Week," starting on 9th February, who would be happy to talk to the children about their experiences of overcoming challenges such as a disability (visible or hidden). Please speak to Ms Fautley if you would like to get involved. There is a parent workshop planned for parents on **Tuesday 3rd February**, from **6.30pm–7.30pm**, in the school hall.

Learning in action

Here are some highlights of children at Fred's enjoying their learning at the start of the year:

Thyme class enjoying experiencing snow!



The Princess Frederica House Group Mental Arithmetic Quiz.



Mint went on a walk in the woods to find materials to make their very own caterpillar, from the class book "The Hungry Caterpillar"

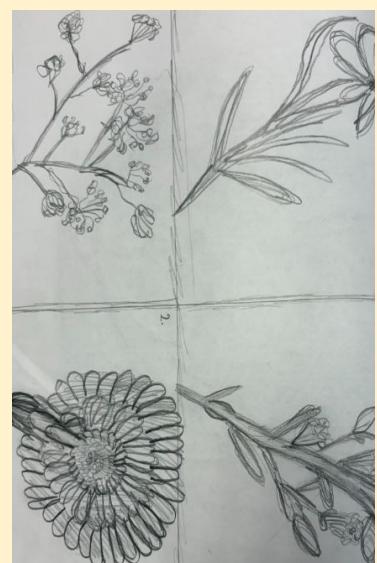
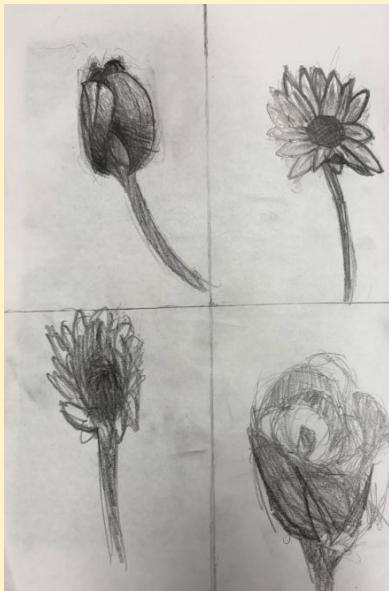
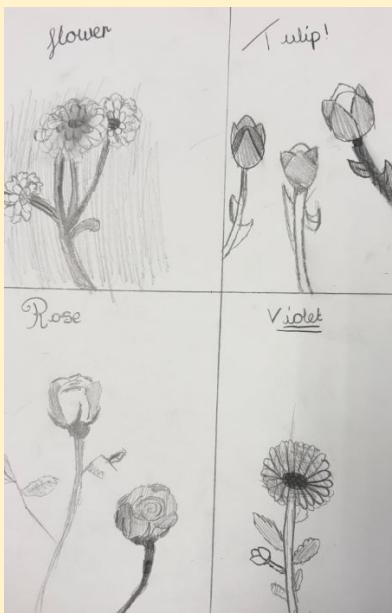
Bramble class enjoying their music lesson with Mr Tang.

Learning in action continued....

Apple enjoying their PE lesson with Mr Chandler.



Ash had some very exciting visitors to hook them into their English learning! Shhh-don't disturb them!



Beautiful artwork from Year 6 Chestnut class.

Stars of the Week



These children have consistently demonstrated our exemplary learning behaviour this week

Class	Pupil
Mint	Jiraiya
Dandelion	Guido
Buttercup	Lowen
Thyme	Maisie and Rozelle
Sage	Vivienne
Thistle	Agnes
Honeysuckle	Raneem
Hawthorn	Ace
Bramble	Elise
Apple	Dimitri
Cherry	Sonny
Birch	Layla
Ash	Arabella
Oak	Belle
Chestnut	Xavier

PE Stars of the Week:

Denzil Thistle
Sally oak



Spanish Stars of the Week:

Jago Hawthorn
Clara Oak



PE News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas with family and friends.

As we welcome 2026, in PE the children will be focusing on different aspects of fitness and healthy living. They will be learning why it is important to lead an active, healthy lifestyle and the benefits it brings.

The children will also explore different types of exercise routines, identify muscles within the body, and develop their own personal fitness circuits.

Thank you for your continued support of the children and myself in PE. Kind regards,

Mr Chantler



Music News



Please see the planned music events this term for your diary:

Wednesday 11th February 1.30pm Y4
steel pans group

Wednesday 11th February 3.00pm Y5-6
steel pans group

Wednesday 11th February 2.30pm Violin
(Ms Kang's group, names TBC)

Thursday 12th February 10am Brass
players (Ms Gardner's group- names TBC)

Tuesday 17th March 10.00am Drumkit
(Mr Davies' group-names TBC)

Tuesday 17th March 11.30am Cello (ms
Daphne's group- names TBC)

Thursday 19th March 2.30pm Guitar (Mr
Worledge's group-names TBC)

Tuesday 24th March 9.00am Y2&3 Ga
Dangbe Drumming

Head Boy and Head Girl Report:

Hello everybody! We hope you've had a good Christmas and a happy New Year. We are pleased to be back in school and have had an exciting week.

On Monday, as part of our collective worship, we went to St. Mark's for the first service of the year. Reverend Dave talked about epiphany, remaining thankful and our new year's resolutions. We discussed how anything could happen this year and to remain positive about the year ahead.

In English this year, we have been studying a new book: *Amal Unbound*. The book is about a 12-year-old girl living in Pakistan facing the challenges of living in a patriarchal society. We are looking forward to writing a narrative retelling a scene from the book. In art, we began to sketch flowers in close detail focussing on their innate beauty and practising a number of artistic techniques.

KS2 are looking forward to Friday's maths house quiz which will be run by our house captains.

Ms. Fautley, our new head teacher, led us in an enjoyable first assembly on Thursday morning. We liked getting to know her better and learnt that she likes sushi, reading and Jelly Cats! We are looking forward to learning even more about her.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and a positive 2026!

Jess and Vishan (Head girl and boy)



Important dates for your diary:



- Thursday 15th January 19:00-19:45pm - online DEI meeting
- Monday 19th January - Year 5 trip to Gurdwara
- Thursday 22nd January - Year 2 trip to the National Army Museum
- Tuesday 3rd February- 6.30pm-7.30pm ADHD parent workshop
- Monday 9th February- "It's Good to be Me2 Children's mental Health Week
- Monday 26th January - Year 3 trip to Brondesbury Synagogue
- Monday 9th February - Year 4 trip to Nesaden Temple
- Friday 13th February - end of half term

Class assemblies

All assemblies take place at 10:00am in the main hall

Friday 16th January - 4 Cherry

Friday 23rd January - 3 Bramble

Friday 30th January - 4 Apple

Friday 6th February - 3 Hawthorn

Friday 13th February - 2 Thistle

Friday 27th February - 1 Sage

Friday 13th March - 2 Honeysuckle

Friday 24th April - 1 Thyme

Friday 1st May - Reception Buttercup

Friday 15th May - Reception Dandelion

Friday 12th June - Nursery



2026 is the **National Year of Reading**, a nationwide initiative celebrating the joy and importance of reading for children of all ages. Throughout the year, schools, libraries and families across the country will be coming together to inspire a love of books.

You can support your child at home by enjoying shared reading, visiting the local library, talking about books and helping them find stories that spark their interests. Further information will follow on how we will be celebrating here in school. Visit the website to find out more and get involved:



PSA News

Kicking Off 2026 with a big thank you!



Sincere thanks for your support with the various activities and fundraising initiatives pre-Christmas that are not possible without your help and generosity. A very special thanks to Kari and Xanthe for organizing the beautiful Christmas Trees and Wreaths this year and raising £1500 towards our fundraising target; to Clare, Penny and Polly for making the much loved Freds Christmas Disco happen and Roula for stepping in as chief Elf to co-ordinate decorating the school – it looked particularly beautiful this year.

To all of you who helped with handing over trees, decorating the school and helping at the Disco – a huge thank you. We never take for granted our phenomenal parent community and hope you know that every hour that you offer to help adds up to a big difference.

Looking Ahead This Term...

We are pleased to announce that our amazing Dad's Hugo, Charlie and Ben are collaborating this year to bring you a celtic themed ray of light at the end of a long January – the first ever **Fred's Burns Night Supper will take place at The William on Thursday 29th January in aid of Fred's.** Tickets go on sale next week.

If you are looking for a fantastic fitness goal, a fun way to meet other parents and a way to support PSA Fundraising in 2026, then don't miss the opportunity to sign up for the **Fred's Team participating in the Kensal Tri at Blenheim Palace on 6-7 June.** You can do solo or as a relay team with other parents and definitely don't need to be an experienced Triathlete. It's a brilliant community event with lots of free local training. **Places are going fast with only a few left so if you would like to participate or find out more, contact Katy Biggart 07812539120 by Monday 12th January.**

PSA Cake Sale Dates:

22nd and 23rd January - Year 2

26th and 27th February - Year 3

19th and 26th March - Year 6

23rd and 24th April - Year 4

14th and 15th May - Year 5

