



John 10:10 - 'I come that they may have life and have it to the full'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling ready for an exciting half term ahead.

It has been such a pleasure to see the children return so positively. All classes have settled straight back into their routines beautifully, and Year 4 have already enjoyed their first school trip of the term! There are many more exciting trips planned over the coming weeks, so please do keep an eye on the key dates section.

We have also had a wonderful start to Book Week, beginning with an inspiring visit from author Sam Copeland. The children were thoroughly engaged, and it was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for reading. We are looking forward to welcoming more visiting authors next week, along with opportunities for families to purchase their books.

World Book Day on Thursday is always a highlight of the year, and we are very much looking forward to it. Pupils (and staff!) are invited to come dressed as a character from a book, and we will hold our usual costume parade in the playground at 9am so the children can proudly share their creativity with you. I cannot wait to see the wonderful and imaginative costumes! Please note that there will be no PE lessons on this day as the children will be wearing costumes. Instead, they will be taking part in World Book Day activities.

Please do read the attached information about the activities planned this week. A heartfelt thank you to Mr McCann for organising everything so thoughtfully, and to the PSA for their fundraising efforts which make events like this possible. We hope the week will spark even more joy and inspiration in the children's reading journeys.

Thank you as well to the parents who attended the Headship briefing before the holidays, either in person or online. Your support and feedback are genuinely valued and make a real difference to our school community. The [slides](#) are now available on the school website for anyone who would like to revisit them.

Yesterday morning certainly brought a moment of unexpected drama, when a small fire meant we needed to evacuate the building and the fire brigade attended. I am incredibly proud of the children, who were calm, sensible and resilient throughout. They followed instructions perfectly and showed great maturity. They enjoyed the impromptu visit from the firefighters, who gave them a talk about fire safety along with all the singing in the playground with Mr Tang, who entertained all! Please be reassured that all children were evacuated safely and all procedures were followed carefully.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. **Warmest wishes**, Ms Fautley

SEND Parent Group

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our *Good to Be Me Week*. It was wonderful to see the children engaging so thoughtfully, and we are very grateful for the support from our whole school community. We will continue raising awareness and collecting funds to further support our learners and ensure they have everything they need to thrive.

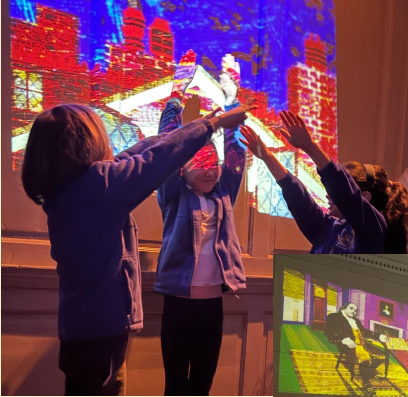
Our next SEND Parent Group meeting will take place on **Tuesday 17th March at 2.30pm** in the Head's Office. All parents and carers who are interested are very warmly welcome to attend.

Learning in action

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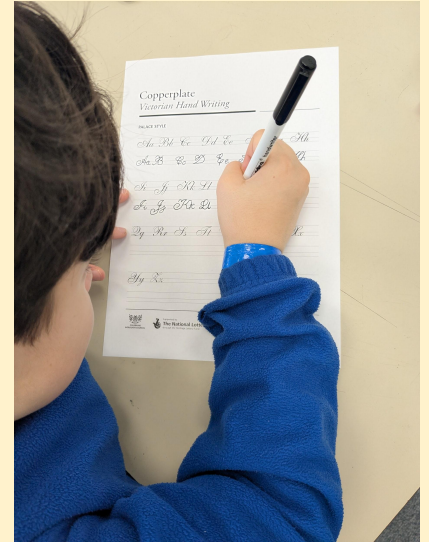
Year 4 loved visiting Benjamin Franklin House where they learnt about its history and then took part a science workshop introducing them to their new topic of sound.



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As part of their history and writing units this term, 5 Ash enjoyed a lesson back in time- experiencing life as a Victorian school child. We recited our daily prayers, chanted our times tables, practiced our best handwriting (no writing with your left hand allowed!), sang the national anthem and even took part in a 'drill' session in the playground.



School rules

1. Children must call teachers Sir or Ma'am
2. Children must stand when an adult enters the room
3. Children must wear clean shoes and clothes
4. Children must sit and stand with straight backs
5. Children must use the right hand for writing at all times
6. Prizes will be given for good attendance
7. Children must not speak unless spoken to
8. Children must not put their hand up unless told they can do
9. Children must not ask questions
10. Children who truant, are late, behave badly or do poor work will be caned
11. Talking and fidgeting will be punished
12. Counting on fingers is forbidden
13. Children with fleas, nits or contagious diseases should not attend school



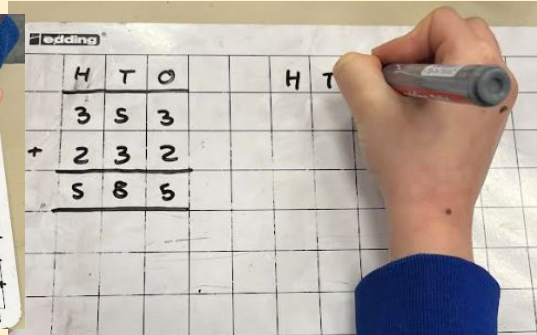
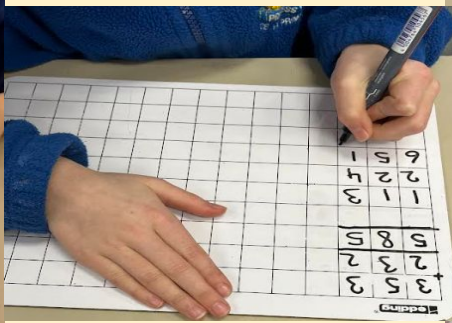
2 Thistle have been enjoying finding out about different 'Heroes of Healthcare' in our history topic, especially the life and achievements of Mary Seacole.



Learning in action continued....

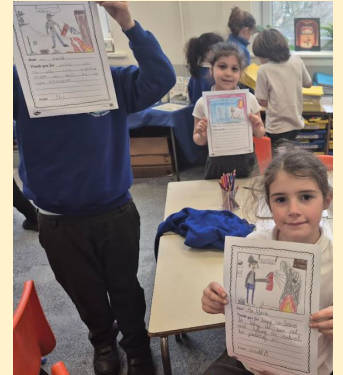


3 Hawthorn have done an amazing job in maths this week, securing their knowledge of column addition.



3 Bramble have worked extremely hard this week, showing great focus when laying out and solving column addition.

2 Honeysuckle proudly showed their gratitude to our local firefighter heroes.



Stars of the Week



These children have consistently demonstrated our exemplary learning behaviour this week

Class	Pupil
Mint	Sidney
Dandelion	Sienna
Buttercup	Milo
Thyme	All of Thyme
Sage	All of Sage
Thistle	Rowley
Honeysuckle	Scarlet
Hawthorn	The whole of 3 Hawthorn!
Bramble	Reuben
Apple	Theo and Matteo
Cherry	Savanah
Birch	Beatrice
Ash	Melody
Oak	Oliver
Chestnut	Max and Noah

LifeFull Awards -
Children showing the value resilience

Ayla (4A)
Theo (4A)
Alex (4A)
Megan (2H)
Lucas (2H)
6 Oak class
Rex (1T)



PE Stars of the Week

Cosima RB Noah 4A



Spanish Stars of the Week:T

Ollie- 60
Affie- 3B





PE News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We send our very best wishes to Mr Chantler for a smooth and speedy recovery following his surgery. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him back once he is fully recovered.

In the meantime, we are pleased to have Mr Cremin teaching PE across the school. He will also be leading Girls' Football on Mondays after school and Boys' Football on Tuesdays after school. We know that the whole school community will make him feel very welcome during his time at Fred's.



Music News

Steel Pans

Families may be aware that our wonderful steel pan teacher, Mr Clarke, is unwell. He hopes to be back for the Summer term. In the meantime, children in year 4,5 and 6 will still be doing music with Mr Tang.

Upcoming Concerts

- 11/3, 2:30pm- Ms Kang's violinists (all)
 - 17/3, 10am- Mr Davies' drummers (selected pupils)
 - 17/3, 11:30am- Ms Daphne's 'cellos (selected pupils)
 - 19/3, 2:30pm - Mr Worledge's guitarists (selected pupils)
 - 24/3, 9am - Danny's Ga Dangbe drumming- all of year 2&3
- Mr Tang

Head Boy and Head Girl Report:

Hello everybody. We hope you had a lovely, relaxing half-term and are ready for Spring 2. We've had an exciting week back in school full of learning, fun and an unexpected event on Thursday morning!

In Monday's assembly, we discussed resilience and what it means. We learnt about some specific resilient champions. We have also started learning the Lord's prayer every week in small parts taking the time to consider what every aspect of it means.

It's been assessment week at Freds this week and year 6 have been working hard on their mock SATs. We can't believe we only have 8 weeks left of learning before the big week! Homework books will be coming home this week to help us even further. We read A Giant's Necklace by bestselling author Michael Morpurgo which will inspire our writing over the next few weeks.

On Thursday, our usual clergy assembly was interrupted by an unexpected fire alarm. We are so proud of the whole school for evacuating the school so calmly and sensibly. Thankfully everybody was safe due to all the practice drills we have undertaken over the years! Thank you to Mr Tang for keeping us occupied in the playground for so long. A huge thanks to the fire brigade and all the teachers for keeping us safe. We are looking forward to the fire brigade's promise of a return visit to show us their fire engines and equipment. Fingers crossed that the Head Girl and Boy will receive special privileges!!

Jess and Vishan





What is happening around the world

This week, people around the world are taking part in a range of meaningful cultural and seasonal celebrations. Many Hindu families are preparing for **Holi**, the vibrant festival of colour celebrating spring and new beginnings. We wish all members of our school community, who are celebrating this festival on Wednesday 4th March, a Happy Holi to you and your family!

Communities across the globe continue marking **Luna New Year** with lanterns, dragon dances and family gatherings.



For Muslim families, the holy month of **Ramadan** is a special time of reflection, prayer and charity, with children often joining in community iftars and acts of kindness. Meanwhile, in many countries, **Carnival** season brings colourful parades, music and celebration.



During **Lent**, Christians around the world pray, help others, and try to make good choices as they get ready for Easter. In countries like Italy, Kenya, and the United States, families may go to church more, sing songs, give up a favorite treat, or do extra kind acts. Even though traditions are different, Lent is a special time for Christians everywhere.



Recognising these global events helps our children develop curiosity, respect and appreciation for the rich diversity of traditions across our world.



Important dates for your diary:



- Tuesday 24th February- Year 4 Science Trip
- Friday 27th February-- Friday 6th March Book Week
- Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day (see next page for updates!)

9am costume parade in KS2 playground

- WC 9.3.26 Y5 Cycle Training
- Thursday 12th March- Nursery trip to Kentish Town farm
- Friday 13th March- 1.30pm-3.30pm Y6 Mother's Day Sale
- Monday 16th March- Y5 Science Museum trip
- Thursday 19th March-Y1 Zoo trip
- Friday 20th March- INSET day- school closed
- Friday 27th March 10am Easter church service St Mark's
- Friday 27th March 1.30pm Finish for Easter
- Monday 13th April- Pupils return to school



Class assemblies

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

Friday 13th March - 2 Honeysuckle

Friday 24th April - 1 Thyme

Friday 1st May - Reception Buttercup

Friday 15th May - Reception Dandelion

Friday 12th June - Nursery



Parent-teacher-pupil meetings

Each term, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress at school, including their strengths, areas for development, and how best parents can support their learning at home.

Over the coming weeks staff are currently will carry out assessments and will be looking at how will each child is progressing and what their next steps for learning should be. These will be moderated and agreed during our inset day on the 20th March. We will be able to share these next steps with parents at our next parent consultation meeting. As this half-term is very short, our next parent consultation meetings will take place **after the Easter holidays**, in the week commencing **20th April**. A link to book your appointment will be sent to you before the Easter break.

Reminder: Instead of sending reports throughout the year, we will provide a written report in the autumn term and at the end of the academic year in July. This report will include attainment grades and next steps for learning.

After receiving the end of year report in the summer term, there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss it if you wish. This meeting will be optional.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning and development.

Reminders- School Uniform

We have the highest expectations from our students with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school.

Pupils should wear **black school shoes, black ankle boots, or fully black trainers**. During the summer months, **white sandals** are also permitted. **Hair accessories** should be in school colours. Jewellery is not allowed, except for **small studs**, which must be removed on PE days for safety.



Princess Frederica's Book Week

Today was the start of our exciting week where we were visited by the hilarious Sam Copeland. Pre orders for our other visits are still open via the **School Gateway** and will close the day before each visit. If you would prefer, you are very welcome to visit our book sales and signing events, which will take place in the KS2 playground each day from 3.30pm. Queens Park Books, who we have collaborated with for many years, have kindly agreed to allow us to keep a percentage of the money raised in sales to buy new books for the school.

Monday 2nd March - performance poet Valerie Bloom

Tuesday 3rd March - author and illustrator Anya Glazer

Wednesday 4th March - author and performer Gareth P Jones

Thursday 5th March (WBD) - author Sharna Jackson

Friday 6th March - authors Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve



World Book Day £1 token

All children will be bringing home their £1 book token today, which they can spend in selected shops and bookstores on chosen titles. They can not be used at the book sales and signings.



Usborne Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who was able to purchase books as part of the Usborne Book Fair. We raised over £1000 which equated to £600 of new books for our school!

We also received a donation from a local business to buy books to support our mental health initiatives.





MOTHER'S DAY SALE

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

1PM

FOR ALL CHILDREN

NURSERY - Y6

Children to bring in a maximum

of £5 in coins

to buy a gift of their choice

PSA Cake Sale Dates:

19th and 26th March - Year 6

23rd and 24th April - Year 4

14th and 15th May - Year 5

