



It has been fantastic seeing so many of the children returning to school with big smiles on their faces this week. The Reception children in particular had a fantastic start to the week by having the Fire Service come in to visit them and talk about the work they do to help people. Subsequently lots of the children's work in Reception this week has linked to their learning about the Fire Service. Visits such as these are incredibly important at helping children develop a strong awareness of the world around them.

Next week is our parent consultation week. These meetings are essential as they are an opportunity for teachers to meet with all parents to ensure we work together for the benefit of the children. If you have not yet made an appointment with your child's teacher, please do this as soon as possible.

Car parking reminder: to ensure that the children are able to safely come into school in the mornings can I please ask that where cars are used as a means of transport that they are parked sensibly. This includes not parking on the yellow zig zag lines. I have been notified that there will be traffic wardens in the local area over the coming weeks monitoring parking around schools both before and after school to ensure that our roads remain safe for pedestrians. Thank you in advance for the support I know you will give us to ensuring the children's safety.

Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you next week.

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:

March

- 5th—Parent Consultations
- 6th—Parent Consultations
- 8th—World Book Day
- 8th—Yr 5/6 football match v Fairhouse (H) (selected children)
- 12th—Girls football match @ Eversley (Selected children)
- 13th—20th—Book fair in School
- 15th—Red Nose Day
- 20th—Girls Football match @ Lincewood (Selected Children)
- 25th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 26th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 26th—Trust Science Competition (selected children)
- 26th—Year 4 Spring Production to parents @9:15am
- 26th—Yr 5/6 football match @ Eversley (Selected children)
- 27th—Year 4 Spring Production to parents @9:15am
- 27th—Yr 5 Road Safety Event in school
- 28th—Yr 6 Reward trip
- 28th—Last day of term**

April

15th—Return to school

Inset Days—22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2024.



Information/ Reminders —

Bikeability

Year 6 children have the opportunity to complete a Bikeability course. Please return the consent form ASAP to register your interest; unfortunately we have had limited forms returned which is not enough uptake for us to run the course.

After school clubs

A reminder that there are no after school clubs on Tuesday & Wednesday next week due to Parent Consultations taking place.

Vacancies.

Please visit the following for vacancies within our trust.
www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd March
CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 6th March
CHERRY TREE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
CHERRY TREE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 12th March
FAIRHOUSE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT/SEN SUPPORT closing date 6th March
MERRYLANDS – SPORTS COACH closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – NURSERY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th March
WILLOWS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 22nd March

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](http://www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancies)

'Talk it' topics and British Values

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the British Values. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be fantastic if you could talk about it at home too. This week's topic will be—

Early Years—What do you enjoy about books? This links to the British Value —Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

KS1 & KS2—How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated? This links to the British Value —Mutual Respect and Tolerance.



Certificate of Achievement

Week of 26th February 2024

Buttercup— Sonia
Daffodil— Paula
Primrose— Shelbie-Leigh
Bluebell Class— Leona
Rose Class— Jessica K
Tulip Class— Alice F
Lavender Class— Jonathan B
Orchid Class— Charlie
Sunflower Class— Amelia S
Birch Class— Bogdan C
Hawthorn Class— Leah C
Pine Class— Frankie D
Ash Class— Lola Q
Beech Class— Albie C
Maple Class— Tyler P
Olive Class— Cherry H
Sycamore Class— Hope R
Willow Class— Libby
Elder Class— Alfie C
Elm Class— Mia-Lea C
Oak Class— Younes Z



Reading Corner

Year Group	This week we will be reading....
Nursery	Little Red Riding Hood by Jess Stockham
Reception	Chinese New Year
Year 1	Beegu by Alexis Deacon
Year 2	A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino
Year 3	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Year 4	Who let the gods out? By Maz Evans
Year 5	The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
Year 6	The boy and the tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Ahyaan
Year 1—Rose	Owen G
Year 1 - Tulip	Thierry-Jane G
Year 2 - Orchid	James M
Year 2 - Sunflower	Temiloluwa A
Year 2 - Lavender	Amira C
Year 3 - Pine	Tyler C
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Poppie M
Year 3 - Birch	Azariah J
Year 4 - Maple	Alice H
Year 4 - Beech	Pippa G
Year 4 - Ash	Lenny C
Year 5 - Olive	Rhys P
Year 5 - Sycamore	Charlie P
Year 5 - Willow	Nicoleta
Year 6—Elder	Faith
Year— Elm	Reighen P
Year 6—Oak	Maria L

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please see below for what has been taught in phonics this week in your child/s year group:

Reception	This week Reception have been focusing on the phase 3 sounds including 'oo' like in foot, 'ur' like in fur, 'ear' like in beard and 'oi' like in coin. We have been recapping the tricky words: is, as, his, has, the, I, put, pull and full.
Year 1	In phonics this week, Year 1 have had a grow the code week. We have learnt that: ou and ui make the /oo//yoo/ sound like in: soup and fruit. We have also recapped all the alternative graphemes for: /ee/ ea e e-e ie ey y ee /s/ ss c se ce /z/ zz s se /oa/ ow oe ou o-e o oa
Year 2	

Free Reader Friday

Please remind your child that every Friday, they can bring in their own book from home, or choose one from the book corner or school library.



Oracy Corner



Let's Talk




Discuss: "Fiction books are better than non-fiction books." Do you agree? Why?

**Instigate**
Present an idea or open up a new line of enquiry

Start by saying:

- I would like to start by saying...
- I think....
- We haven't yet talked about...

Instigate

Clarify
Asking questions to make things clearer and check your understanding

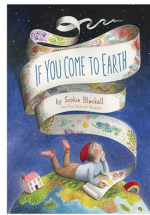
“ So are you saying ____?

“ Does that mean ____?

“ Can you clarify what you mean by ____?

Clarify

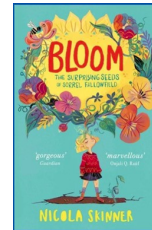
Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots



TT Rockstars Class of the week is Ash —

Player of the week—

Lavender— Sia P
Orchid— Patricia
Sunflower— Adebambo A
Birch— Bogdan C
Hawthorn— Mishal A
Pine — Daisy D
Ash— Tommee W
Beech— Oscar H
Maple— Tyler P
Olive— Skyla N
Sycamore— Harry L
Willow— Bradley
Elder— William W
Elm— Finley M
Oak— Marlee C-B

Numbots Class of the week is Rose

Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Lenny C
Tulip— Florence G
Bluebell— Sophia



Reception—Fire and Rescue visit

Reception have been learning about people who help us. On Monday we had a visit from Officer Soanes from Essex Fire and Rescue. We learned lots of interesting facts like a fire engine has 4 ladders and weighs as much as 5 elephants! We also found out about the special animal rescue unit and the very clever dogs Fizz and Jarvis who help to find people after earthquakes. We are very excited to learn about doctors, nurses, vets and police officers in the rest of this term.



World Book Day 2024

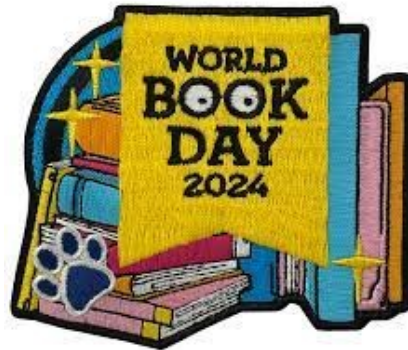
Next Friday, Whitmore Primary School will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of the day, we have an author coming in to read to children in KS1.

His books are amazing so please head on over to his website to have a look:

<https://www.craigjimcann.com/>

If you would like to purchase any of his books so that the children can get their copy signed, then please feel free!

Children can also dress up as their favourite book character and bring in a potato that they have decorated as a character.



Year 5/6 Football vs Bardfield

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 Football team took part in a game against Bardfield Primary School. The match was filled with rain, puddles and lots of muddy football shirts. Our team managed to play some really great football and defended and attacked brilliantly from the first whistle to the last. Everyone listened well, worked well as a team and there was also a lot of encouragement around the team as well. Despite all of the effects of the weather and the pitch being very muddy, we came out 6-1 winners!

Well done to all involved. Our next match is next week at home against Fairhouse Primary School.

Goal scorers:

Rayden S – x2

Reggie G – x2

Albie G – x1

Albie P-L – x1

Players of the match:

Albie G and Will-Francis C

