



In recognition of the fantastic work that Comic Relief do across the country and further afield, the children have looked absolutely wonderful today in their showing of red. I would like to say a big thank you for all of the donations that have been made via School Gateway for such a worth cause.

In school this week, we have celebrated British Science week across the school with the children taking part in lots of different scientific enquiry. A range of areas of science have been covered including measuring shadow size in Year 2, through to learning about animal adaptation and evolution in Year 6! To end the week, the children have had an extra assembly this afternoon to share what they have been learning in science with the rest of the school.

You may recall earlier on in the year that a parent survey was sent out to gain an understanding about parent demand for wraparound care. Following the survey it was clear that there is demand at the school so we have been working hard to select a provider who is able to support with after school provision with a view to getting it in place for after the May half term. As it stands we remain on track for this and more information will be shared after the Easter break.

Many of you will have experienced the bottleneck at the main school gate in the mornings when dropping off your children— this is something that I have also noticed since joining the school. To ensure that parents and carers are not slowed down getting out of school in the mornings, we will be looking to insert a double gate to ease this pressure at busy times.

Wishing you all a very relaxed weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back on the gate next week.

Mr Wade  
Head of School

#### Diary Dates:

##### March

- 19th—Dodgeball competition (selected children)
- 20th—Police visit to Reception
- 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**
- 17th—Trust Orienteering Competition (selected children)
- 18th—Class Photos

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



#### Information/ Reminders —

- Book Fair— the Book Fair is in school until Wednesday, please pop along after school and see what books they have available to buy, the school receives a percentage of the total amount sold to spend on new books for the school.

#### Vacancies.

- Please visit the following for vacancies within our trust.  
[www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php](http://www.berlesduna.co.uk/Vacancy.php)



#### **BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES**

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
CANEWDON – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 26<sup>th</sup> March  
CRAYS HILL – INCLUSION SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March  
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April  
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27<sup>th</sup> March  
FELMORE – CLEANER closing date 15<sup>th</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
WILLOWS – MEDICAL OFFICER – closing date 21<sup>st</sup> 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/Vacancy.php)

#### **'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—How does it feel to be disappointed? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.**

**KS1 & KS2—What's the best way to handle disappointment? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.**



# Certificate of Achievement

Week of 11th March 2024

Buttercup— Eliza  
Daffodil— Erica  
Primrose— Temi  
Bluebell Class— Matthew  
Rose Class— Bradley B  
Tulip Class— Nikhel C  
Lavender Class— Sia P  
Orchid Class— Adebanke  
Sunflower Class— Yusuf B  
Birch Class— Freddie J  
Hawthorn Class— Daria P  
Pine Class— Teddy S  
Ash Class— Lucy L  
Beech Class— Kai M  
Maple Class— Danny S  
Olive Class— Joseph P  
Sycamore Class— Phoebe S  
Willow Class— Charley E  
Elder Class— William  
Elm Class— Elizabeth  
Oak Class— Marlee C-B



## Reading Corner

| Year Group | This week we will be reading....                |
|------------|---|
| Nursery    | Jack and the Beanstalk by Barbara Vagnozzi      |
| Reception  | People Who Help Us: Police Officer              |
| 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    | Jensen                |
| Year 1—Rose        | Phoebe V              |
| Year 1 - Tulip     | Elsie B               |
| Year 2 - Orchid    | Jacqueline            |
| Year 2 - Sunflower | Freddie W             |
| Year 2 - Lavender  | Amira C               |
| Year 3 - Pine      | Apshara S             |
| Year 3 - Hawthorn  | Tudor M               |
| Year 3 - Birch     | Amber M               |
| Year 4 - Maple     | Jason T               |
| Year 4 - Beech     | Daisy C               |
| Year 4 - Ash       | Scarlett F            |
| Year 5 - Olive     | Aisha C               |
| Year 5 - Sycamore  | Jessie R              |
| Year 5 - Willow    | Harper                |
| Year 6—Elder       | Cody                  |
| Year— Elm          | Ayaan                 |
| Year 6—Oak         | Matilda C             |

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 in phonics we have been reading words with 2 or more diagraphs such as shower, thinker, farmer and corner. We have been practicing the tricky words no, of, to, into, she and he. Lots of children have been doing the tricky work homework and a new set of words has been sent home to practice. |
| Year 1    | In phonics this week, Year 1 have been learning the following sounds:<br>a making the /ar/ sound like in father and nasty.<br>a making the /or/ sound like in water and small<br>a making the /o/ sound like in want and swap<br>ear and ere making the /air/ sound like in bear, wear, there and where.     |

### 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:** "Everybody should be given the opportunity to travel to Space." Discuss.

### Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



- “ Building on X's idea \_\_\_\_
- “ I agree and would like to add \_\_\_\_
- “ X's idea made me think \_\_\_\_

Build

### Challenge

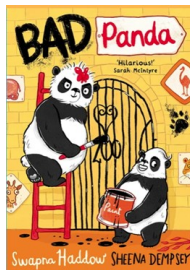
Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ I disagree because \_\_\_\_
- “ To challenge you X, I think \_\_\_\_
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about \_\_\_\_?

Challenge

## Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2



## Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

**TT Rockstars Class of the week is Lavender**

**Player of the week—**

Lavender— Adebajji A  
Orchid— Oliver  
Sunflower— Adebambo A  
Birch— Sabrina L  
Hawthorn— Daria P  
Pine — Bobby D  
Ash— Sophia V  
Beech— Marley F  
Maple— Kurtis P  
Olive— April B  
Sycamore— Zahira B  
Willow— Bradley  
Elder— William  
Elm— David  
Oak— Stanley F

**Numbots Class of the week is Rose**

**Numbots Player of the week**

Rose— Ugne P  
Tulip— Aairah L  
Bluebell— Joshua

| Battle Board    | 14.3.24 |
|-----------------|---------|
| Pine class      | 27      |
| Sycamore class  | 21      |
| Ash class       | 18      |
| Hawthorn class  | 15      |
| Sunflower class | 15      |
| Maple class     | 12      |
| Olive class     | 12      |
| Elder class     | 9       |
| Willow class    | 9       |
| Lavender class  | 9       |
| Birch class     | 9       |
| Orchid class    | 9       |
| Oak class       | 6       |
| Beech class     | 3       |
| Elm class       | 3       |



### World Book Day 2024

Last week, the children celebrated World Book Day and it was a pleasure to see them dressed up and enjoying the day. The children were able to vote for the story they wanted to listen to during the day, pair up with other year groups and listen to a local author. We also held our annual book character potato competition and were delighted with the winners.

KS1 Winner—Matthew from Bluebell class

KS1 Runner up— Ugne from Rose class

KS2 Winner—Harriett L

KS2 Runner up—Lexi C



### Science week

We have had a fantastic week celebrating British science week. The whole school have been learning about different aspects of time, including the seasons, evolution, dinosaurs and fossils and growing up. We hope that science week has further embedded our children's love for science and exploring our world.



### Girls Football vs Eversley

On Tuesday, Whitmore took part in their first ever all girls football match! The girls from Year 5/6 played a friendly against Eversley and they were all so excited to finally get the chance to play. The girls have been training since January and have worked so hard to learn rules, positions and enjoy football! Some of the girls had never played football before and their improvement has been incredible. Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way but the girls really enjoyed playing in their first match and played some really good football as well. We're all so proud of the girls for their efforts and hopefully we can get a couple more games in before the end of the year.

