



Welcome back to a fresh new academic year. It has been great seeing so many smiling faces at the start and end of each day this week. The children have settled in very well to their new classes and we have enjoyed hearing about lots of summer adventures. This week, the children have been working hard to get back into their usual routines in class and around school in addition to working on different skills they will use across the year.

Today, our new Reception children were in school for their first full day and they have taken to it like a duck takes to water. Their confidence has been obvious throughout the week and I know this will only develop further over the coming months. On this point, I am sure that you will all join me to welcome the new Reception children and their families to our school community.

Next week, I will share some information with parents around a new set of simplified school rules. These will be underpinned by the research and writing by Paul Dix called 'When the Adults change, everything changes'. He has recently also released a book named 'When the Parents change, everything changes' - this is full of some excellent ideas around understanding and responding to behaviour from your children and has some very good reviews.

You may have seen a letter that has been sent to parents today in relation to school photos. This supplier provides very good value for money for school photographs and allows parents to spread the cost of their children's photos. It also provides access to the shots from all three shoots across the year and is based upon £3 a month per family. More details can be found on this link: [Happy Days School Photography](#)

Finally, a small reminder for parents to talk to all members of staff with respect as they are all here to support our school community. For any concerns, the first point of call is your child's class teacher. If after this, a concern can not be resolved, the second point of contact is the Assistant Headteacher responsible for the Key Stage of a child (EYFS & KS1 - **Ms Simon** and KS2 - **Mrs Eley**).

Wishing you all a very relaxed weekend.

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:

September

- 9th—Year 6 swimming lessons start
- W/C 16th—Isle of Wight residential (Year 6)
- 18th—Thriftwood Trip for Non Isle of Wight children
- 24th—Woodlands headteacher to speak to Year 6 children and parents—KS2 hall 15:30

October

- 7th—Team Ministry assemblies
- 8th—Year 5 Road Safety event
- 10th—Trust Poetry Slam (selected children)
- 11th—Year 3 trip to Thorndon
- 18th—Flu Immunisations
- 21st—Individual Photos
- 23rd—Pupil Voice meeting (selected children)
- 25th—Year 5 Portals to the Past Workshop (in school)
- 25th—Last day of half term**

Inset dates 2024-2025—4th November, 21st, 22nd & 23rd May 2025



Reminders

After school club information will be issued shortly.

'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—Why do our plans change? This links to the British Value —Rule of Law.

KS1 & KS2—How can we respond to unexpected events? This links to the British Value —Rule of Law.

Certificate of Achievement

Week of 2nd September 2024



- Bluebell Class— Mila
- Rose Class— Michaela
- Tulip Class— Tommy M-K
- Lavender Class— Florence G
- Orchid Class— Victor
- Sunflower Class— Amy
- Birch Class— Lillie-Mae
- Hawthorn Class— Finnbar
- Pine Class— Layla-Anne
- Ash Class— Amelia B
- Beech Class— Holly H
- Maple Class— Jake H
- Olive Class— Xavier
- Sycamore Class— Lola Q
- Willow Class— Darius M-A
- Elder Class— Ryan
- Elm Class— Kaiya
- Oak Class— Jaxon



Year Group	<i>This week, we will be reading....</i>
Nursery	Lulu Loves Nursery by Camilla Reid
Reception	Colour monster by Anna Llenas
Year 1	Supertato by sue Hendra and Paul Linnet
Year 2	Bear under the stairs by Helen Cooper
Year 3	The boy who grew dragons by Andy Shepherd
Year 4	The lion the witch and the wardrobe by C.S Lewis
Year 5	The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q Rauf
Year 6	The Arrival by Shaun tan

Kindness Week

During this week, each child has taken part in a scavenger hunt, looking for opportunities to be kind. Classes have also been completing paper chains and painting kindness rocks, where the children have shown their creativity. The children have displayed lots of enthusiasm and excitement when they have reflected on their acts of kindness.



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



What has been your favourite part of your first week back after the summer holidays? 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

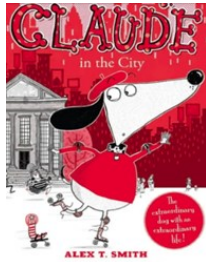
Disagree or present an alternative argument



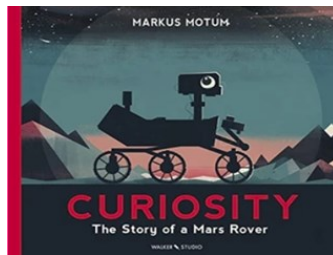
- “ I disagree because ____
- “ To challenge you X, I think ____
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about ____?

Challenge

Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2



Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

Times Tables Battles will start next week, please encourage your child to access their Numbots or TT Rockstars account daily at home.

