



13th March 2026

## Diary Dates

March

16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 trip to Thorndon  
17<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation 3:30-6:30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> - Yr3/4 football match v Greensted (A) (selected children)  
19<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 health check  
19<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultation 3:30-5:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)  
21<sup>st</sup> - Ghyllgrove Netball tournament (selected children)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - KS2 Music Festival rehearsal at Ghyllgrove (Selected children)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Yr5/6 Netball match v Kingswood (H) (selected children)  
24<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 visits to local church  
25<sup>th</sup> - Nursery & Reception parent meeting - Reading, KS1 hall 3:30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> - County Cross Country Competition (selected children)  
25<sup>th</sup> - Yr5/6 Netball match v Greensted (A) (selected children)  
26<sup>th</sup> - Pupil Voice meeting at Downham (Headboy/girl)  
26<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 visits to local church  
26<sup>th</sup> - Yr3/4 Dodgeball comp (selected children)  
27<sup>th</sup> - Yr 4 Spring Production to parents 9:15am & 2:15pm  
27<sup>th</sup> - Yr5/6 Football match v Greensted(A) (selected children)  
27<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term

Inset Dates— 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

It has been another busy and exciting week in school. This term is flying by - we only have 2 more weeks until the Easter holidays.

Our Reception children took part in important road safety activities, learning how to stay safe when out and about. They were enthusiastic and engaged throughout.

The Book Fair has been very popular, with lots of pupils exploring new stories and choosing books to enjoy at home. Thank you for your support!

The whole school has enjoyed a range of hands-on investigations and challenges as part of Science Week. The classrooms have been full of curiosity and discovery. Some of our pupils have taken part in the Trust Science Competition at Felmore Primary, showcasing their creativity and scientific thinking. The KS1 pupils came back with 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals - congratulations!

A reminder that Parent Consultation meetings will take place next week. There will be no after-school clubs on Tuesday and Thursday due to these appointments.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Kemp  
Executive Headteacher

# WEEKEND

LOADING...

# Well done to the following children

## Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Aria R  
Daffodil - Arlo D-W  
Primrose - Sydney  
Bluebell - Iustina T  
Rose - Evie B  
Tulip - Jack  
Lavender - Harry M  
Orchid - Roshanara  
Sunflower - Shor T  
Birch - Wiktor B  
Hawthorn - Elissa  
Pine - Temitope A  
Ash - Paige B  
Beech - Aman G  
Maple - Evie-Leigh C  
Olive - Olivia S  
Sycamore - Alec B  
Willow - Nathan O  
Elder - Darcie J  
Elm - Lucy L  
Oak - Violet

## Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Beau O  
Rose - Harvey G  
Tulip - Elissia  
Lavender - Kyle  
Orchid - Mirabelle  
Sunflower - Brianna W  
Birch - Frankie W  
Hawthorn - Albie  
Pine - Elizabeth L  
Ash - Jacqueline H  
Beech - Oscar M  
Maple - Adebambo A  
Olive - Dilara T  
Sycamore - Roziie F  
Willow - Holly H  
Elder - Pippa G  
Elm - Zack M  
Oak - Alice



For safeguarding reasons if someone different is collecting your child/children at the end of the school day or after a school club please advise the teacher or office.

## Berlesduna vacancies



### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS TEACHER closing date 14<sup>th</sup> April  
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 8<sup>th</sup> March  
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 14<sup>th</sup> April  
MERRYLANDS – LEAD TEACHER for AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS closing date 19<sup>th</sup> April  
WHITMORE – ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER closing date 16<sup>th</sup> March  
WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> March

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)



# Reading Corner

Next week we will be reading....

Nursery - Little red riding hood

Reception - My Shadow is Pink

Year 1 - Little Red

Year 2 - The Day the Crayons Quit

Year 3 - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Year 4 - Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

Year 5 - King Kong

Year 6 - Darwin's On The Origin of Species

## Recommended Reads

| KS1   | Lower KS2   | Upper KS2  |
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# Phonics

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



Please scan the QR code or click the link to take you to the Little Wandle Parents page where you will find how we teach a new sound, how we teach children to read decodable words and tricky words. You will also find how to pronounce all GPCS your children learn.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



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| Reception | This week in phonics, Reception focus has been 'words with two or more diagraphs'.<br>Examples:<br>March, teeth, queen, thinker, farmer.<br>We have been reviewing phase two and three tricky words.   |
| Year 1    | Year 1 have been revising the phase 5 sounds that we have learnt so far  |
| Year 2    | This week, year 2 have continued to focus on why do I drop the 'e' when I add the suffixes -ed, -ing, -er, -est and -y?<br>Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these on Friday 20th March.<br>Thank you for your continued support.<br>Year 2 team. |

## KS2 Class of the week - Maple Class - 100%

Player of the week—  
Lavender— Finley  
Orchid — Sonia  
Sunflower— Iremide O  
Birch— Alex M  
Hawthorn— Joshua  
Pine— Shabiyah R  
Ash— Jermiah W-B  
Beech— Amelia R-R  
Maple— Azlan  
Olive - Freya F  
Sycamore— La-Bonte K  
Willow— Bogdan C  
Elder— Owen D  
Elm - Daniel P  
Oak— Darius



## KS1 Class of the week - Rose - 21%



Player of the week—  
Bluebell— Gray W  
Rose— Elsa  
Tulip— Zidan



# Oracy Corner



## Let's Talk



**Would you rather work alone or in a team?**



### Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.

**Start by saying:**

- 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

**Start by saying:**

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

**Challenge**



## Talk it Topic

'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 look for while out and about? This is linked to the British Value - Rule of Law.

KS1 & KS2—What makes something fun? This is linked to the British Value - Rule of Law.



### Reception Parent and Child Road Safety Presentation

This month the reception pupils and their parents/carers, had a visit from the Safer Essex Road Partnership. The children took part in a practical and interactive road safety session. The session focused on the key messages: **Always hold hands near or on the road and use the Green Cross Code- stop, look, listen, think!** The children took part in a practical activity using a large scale road and pavement mat to help them understand how to stay safe near traffic.

You can help reinforce these messages at home by modelling safe habits, holding hands and talking about road safety in every day situations. Together we can help keep our children safe on the roads. For more information and additional free resources visit <https://saferessexroads.org/> and <https://www.think.gov.uk/>.

**Website:** [www.saferessexroads.org](http://www.saferessexroads.org)

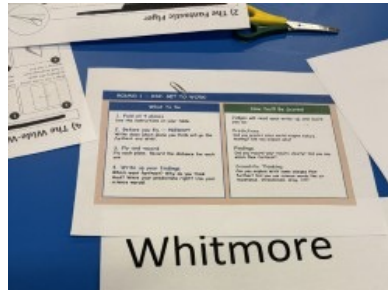
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# Berlesduna Trust Science Competition



2 pupils for KS1 and 2 pupils from KS2 took part in the Berlesduna Trust Science Competition on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The children had to create 4 different paper planes and predict which plane would fly the furthest. All the children worked well together and KS1 children came 2<sup>nd</sup> with their plane flying 790cm being pipped from first place on the last throw. Well done to all the children involved.