



In what has been another busy week in school, we have had four discos for Reception, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6. As always, there were lots of dance moves on display from the children and even an exquisite rendition of 'the worm' by a member of staff! These events are always planned and run by the staff so I would like to thank them all for their hard work at putting on such a great event for the children. Their hot, red faces were a big sign that they all had such a fantastic time.

Next week we have a four day week and as you will notice from the diary dates is an incredibly busy week, particularly on Tuesday. We are bringing a farm to the school to visit the nursery children on the school field, whilst the Reception children visit Barleylands farm and the children in Year 3 take part in an Ancient Egyptian day in school. These events are closely linked to our curriculum and provide the children with many opportunities to bring their learning to life.

One final reminder - can I please ask that all parents behave appropriately whilst on site or around the school. This relates to both communication with staff and other families who are part of our school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with the extra day added onto the end.

See you on Tuesday

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:

May

- 6th—Bank Holiday Monday (no school)
- 7th—Farm visit to Nursery (in school)
- 7th—Year 3 Egyptian workshop
- 7th—Reception trip to Barleylands
- 10th—Year 5/6 Football match v Eversley (A) (Selected children)
- W/C 13th—KS2 SATs
- 16th—Yr3/4 Football match v Eversley (A) (selected children)
- 21st—KS2 Music Festival (KS2 Choir)
- 21st—Year 4 Roman Workshop
- 21st—Year 6 Reward trip to Chessington
- 21st—Last day of Half Term

June

- 3rd—Return to School
- 4th—Year 2 trip to Southend
- 5th—Trust Football & Netball Competition (Selected children)
- 6th—Year 5 Summer Showcase to parents @9:15am
- 7th—Year 5 Summer Showcase to parents @9:15am
- 18th—Bikeability Course (Year 6 Specific children)
- 18th—Year 5 trip to Rainham Marshes
- 19th—Trust Swimming Gala (Selected Children)
- 21st—Enterprise & Inflatable event (afterschool)
- 27th—KS1 Choir a Music Festival (pm)

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

Information/ Reminders —

Jewellery & earrings— a reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school (bangles/necklaces). Earrings should be small studs and not hoops.

Vacancies.

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



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – School Business Manager – closing date 13th May.
CRAYS HILL – Class Teacher – closing date 15th May.
DOWNHAM – School Business Manager – closing date 22nd May.
FAIRHOUSE – Attendance & Admissions Officer – closing date 12th May.
FELMORE – Class Teacher (PT/ Fixed contract) closing date 10th May.
FELMORE – Class Teacher – closing date 10th May.
MERRYLANDS – Class Teacher – closing date: 10th May.
MERRYLANDS – SEN Learning Support Assistant – closing date 6th May.
ST MARYS – Learning Support Assistant (Fixed contract) closing date 16th May.
WHITMORE – Class Teacher – Fixed contract – Closing date: 6th May
WILLOWS – Class Teacher (PT/ Fixed contract) closing date 17th May

'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 can we find out more about the past? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.

KS1 & KS2—Can the past help us learn about modern life? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.



Certificate of Achievement

Week of 29th April 2024

Buttercup— Lilian P
Daffodil— Ida
Primrose— Gabby
Bluebell Class— Joshua
Rose Class— Finnley P
Tulip Class— Florence G
Lavender Class— Emerald K
Orchid Class— Castiel
Sunflower Class— Reggie F
Birch Class— Oakley W
Hawthorn Class— Gracie B
Pine Class— Jaxon S
Ash Class— Dharan R
Beech Class— Bella-Rose E
Maple Class— Albie H
Olive Class— April B
Sycamore Class— Jayden B
Willow Class— Reggie
Elder Class— Lyla-Rose L
Elm Class— David T
Oak Class— Ioan S-T



Reading Corner

Year Group	This week we will be reading....
Nursery	Farm Animals by Joanne Mattem
Reception	The hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle
Year 1	The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton
Year 2	The day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt
Year 3	Rumaysa: A Fairytale by Radiya Hafiza
Year 4	Tamarind and the Star of Ishta by Jasbinder Bila
Year 5	Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Year 6	Suffragette The battle for Equality by David Roberts

Class	Reader of the week...
Year 1—Bluebell	Riley P
Year 1—Rose	Ian M
Year 1 - Tulip	Buddy M
Year 2 - Orchid	Noah
Year 2 - Sunflower	Mckayla N
Year 2 - Lavender	Amira C
Year 3 - Pine	Alec C
Year 3 - Hawthorn	Thomas W
Year 3 - Birch	Alianna W
Year 4 - Maple	Nova W
Year 4 - Beech	Marley F
Year 4 - Ash	Keira M
Year 5 - Olive	Isabelle P
Year 5 - Sycamore	Berri T
Year 5 - Willow	Libby
Year 6—Elder	Samira
Year 6— Elm	Elizabeth O
Year 6—Oak	Isabelle 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 Reception have been reading CCVC words such as shrink, drum, bench, milk and frog. Tricky words have been some, come, love and do.
Year 1	In phonics this week, Year 1 have been recapping the following sounds: ue making the 'oo' and 'yoo' sound like in blue and argue ew making the 'oo' and 'yoo' sound like in chew and new u-e making the 'oo' and 'yoo' sound like in rule and cute aw making the 'or' sound like in saw and claw We have also been recapping the following tricky words: today, their, people, your, any

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



Discuss: "Learning oracy in school is important."
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

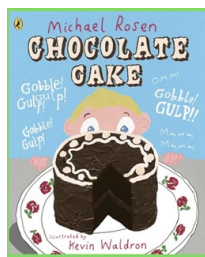
Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ 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— Harlie-Rose
Sunflower— Adebambo A
Birch— Isabella S
Hawthorn— Poppie M
Pine — Tyler C
Ash— Lucy L
Beech— Oscar H
Maple— Kurtis P
Olive— Aisha C
Sycamore— Kian S
Willow— Summaya A
Elder— Aiden Y
Elm— David T
Oak— Olivia-Mae H

Numbots Class of the week is Rose

Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Isla M-C
Tulip— Buha A
Bluebell— Savannah

Battle Board	3.5.24
Beech class	9
Sunflower class	9
Pine class	6
Sycamore class	6
Lavender class	6
Maple class	3
Willow class	3
Ash class	3
Orchid class	3
Hawthorn class	0
Olive class	0
Elder class	0
Birch class	0
Oak class	0
Elm class	0



Police visit to Reception classes

This week reception had a visit from our local police officers. We learnt about what police officers do and discussed who we would call in different emergencies. We had a look at their police car, listened to the sirens and looked at the different colours of the flashing lights. We even got to have a turn sitting in the police car!

