



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

We would like to wish everyone a happy half term and hope you enjoy the break. School re-opens on Monday 27th February.

Please note that the next planned day of industrial action is Tuesday 28th February, at the moment we expect that the strikes will take place. The provision we can offer will be the same as they were on 1st February. We have re-attached the letter regarding this.

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Reception Class 1	90-95% Attendance Class 4	96-100% Attendance Class 2 Class 3 Class 5 Class 6
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Overall Attendance this week **95%**
Across the school, **35 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98% attendance means 4 school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Reception

We have really enjoyed our week and it has been another busy one for our class. We have now finished reading the Naughty Bus and created our own maps to help us retell the journey the bus made - he was very mischievous on his adventures around London!

We have also been working on finding more than/ fewer than in our maths lessons this week.

A highlight for many this week was making bird feeders in science. After walking around the school grounds looking for different types of birds, we have made bird feeders to hang where we saw the most birds. It was great fun and we can't wait to see the birds enjoying our creations!



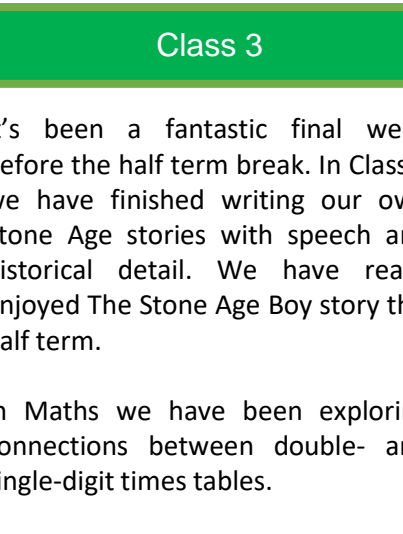
Class 1

We have been working so hard this week and we are really proud of what we have achieved.

Now that we have finished reading The Lion Inside, we have used the story to inspire our own writing and created our own journey stories.

In geography, we have been learning about compass points and enjoyed identifying what we could see north, south, east and west of our school.

We have explored our sense of smell in this week's science lesson and we had to use our noses to identify what was in the different cups given. Some smells were easier to guess than others!



Class 2

This week we have been really busy. In Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes by counting vertices, faces and edges. We even got to make some 3D shapes using Polydron.

In English we have been planning and writing our own adventure story based around the Dragon Machine. We have had some wonderful ideas and cannot wait to finish these.

As part of our Geography topic we went on an expedition around the school grounds using an aerial map as a guide. Using this we could label physical and human features in this environment.

Class 3

It's been a fantastic final week before the half term break. In Class 3 we have finished writing our own Stone Age stories with speech and historical detail. We have really enjoyed The Stone Age Boy story this half term.

In Maths we have been exploring connections between double- and single-digit times tables.

In French we have been learning new colours and in Music we have been acting out a Viking ship journey. This will help us imagine how we can sing like a Viking too!

In PE this week have enjoyed a range of activities including some indoor curling with some healthy competition with Class 4! Great work Class 3!

Class 4

It has been another busy week in Class 4! With all of our lessons this week, we have also had fun with curling and volleyball!

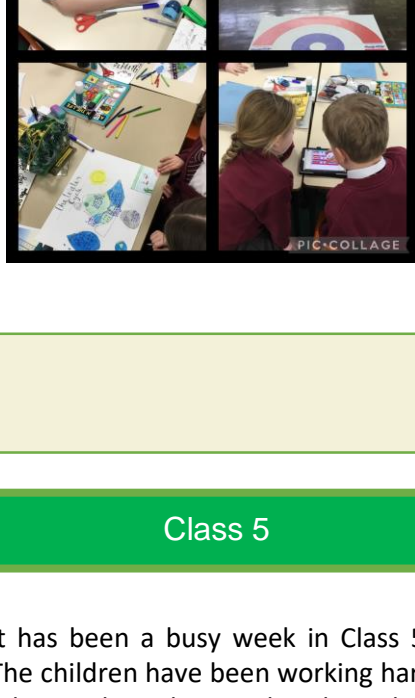
In computing this week, the children used 'hopscotch', a coding app, to produce a piece of abstract artwork in the style of Jackson Pollock.

In geography, we generated questions to gather data about the sustainability of our school dinners. We will find the answers to these questions and draw a conclusion after half term.

In religion this week, we heard 'The Parable of the Sower' and thought about what this parable means. We discussed that parables are there to teach us and support us in making good decisions.

We finished our science unit this week, with a collaborative lesson, using secondary sources, to learn about 'The Water Cycle' and produce a detailed diagram to show this continuous cycle.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and have most definitely earned a well-deserved break! Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.



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Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

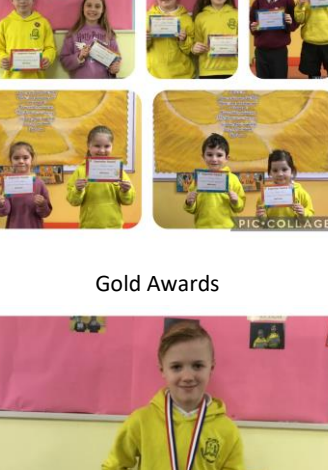
Head Teacher Awards



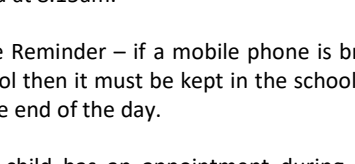
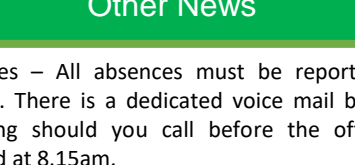
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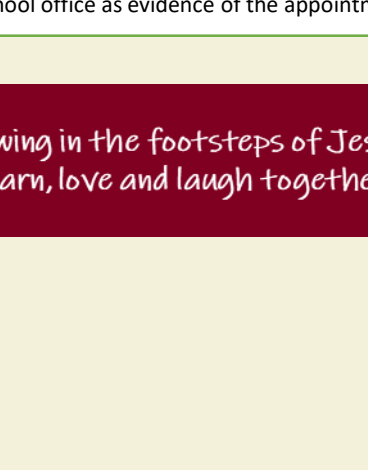
Pride Awards



PE Superstars



Gold Awards



Other News

Absences – All absences must be reported by 9.15am. There is a dedicated voice mail box for reporting should you call before the office is manned at 8.15am.

A Polite Reminder – if a mobile phone is brought to school then it must be kept in the school office until the end of the day.

If your child has an appointment during school hours then school must be made aware of the appointment at the earliest opportunity. An appointment card/confirmation must be sent to the school office as evidence of the appointment.

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