

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been World Week, which delves into and celebrates the diversity within our schools. It creates opportunities to explore relevant global issues and topics, linking National Curriculum subjects in a cross-curricular way. It also provides a context for pupils to acquire, develop and apply a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills. The theme for World Week this year will be 'One Community; The Gifts That We Bring.' Children have had the opportunity to explore the many ways in which diverse cultures have enriched our shared lives; from the gift of language, storytelling, to music, food, traditions and inventions that shape the Britain that we know today. Pupils have learnt how these 'gifts' help build stronger, more united communities where everyone's contribution is valued. A huge thank you to everyone that came along to support International Evening this year.

We are celebrating Democracy day on Monday across the school! Each class will vote for their new class and school council representatives. Year 6 pupils are working especially hard, creating posters and flyers and will deliver speeches as they campaign to become Head Boy and Head Girl! This is set to be a brilliant example of democracy in action, showing one of the key British Values we learn about in school. Pupils will learn of the importance of having a voice, making fair choices and respecting others' opinions.

Next month (November) will also be Black History Month across our schools. The theme this year is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' and through weekly assemblies, children will learn about the strength and resilience of Black communities worldwide. Look out for updates on our social media and websites!

Last of all... during these first few weeks of the school year, we have been focussing on key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding, as well as building writing stamina. We have also been practising knowledge of key maths skills such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise skills at home too including the use of Mathletics, Timestable Rockstars and reading for 10 minutes each evening. There are some tips in home reading diaries on how you can support your child. You can also speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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### Reminders

#### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please. School uniform items can be purchased from Mapac. To order, please scan the QR code on the next page or visit our school website for the link.



#### Scooters and Bikes

Please park scooters and bikes in the allocated parking areas taking care to store them safely and securely.



### EYFS Workshop

The first EYFS workshop was a success! Parents had the opportunity to learn valuable tips and strategies to support their children with phonics at home. Following the session, they joined the children in the classroom to put their new knowledge into practice!



### Young V&A Museum

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to the Young V&A Museum as part of their topic Toys Through Time. The children explored how toys have changed over the years. They especially enjoyed the interactive galleries, where they could play and experiment with a range of modern toys.



### Maths

In Maths, children in Year 5 used the dienes and place value charts to develop their addition with regrouping skills. They enjoyed using concrete manipulatives to consolidate their knowledge in this area and deepen their understanding of the column method.



## International Day

As part of World Week, we celebrated International Day, where staff and children wore traditional clothing from their cultures. We got to share stories of the different customs of our culture, such as music, food and traditions. It was an amazing celebration of the diversity within our school community!



## Handwriters of the Month

Congratulations to our KS2 Handwriters of the Month! These pupils have been chosen by their class teachers as exemplary role models who consistently demonstrate neat cursive writing. Their dedication to presentation and pride in their work sets a fantastic example for others. Well done to each of you!



## Key Dates

### Year 4 Eagle Class Assembly

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9:05am - Middle Hall

### Year 4 Starling Class Assembly

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9:05am - Top Hall

### Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Break up for the half term holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm

## Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in Raven Room or the Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately.

| Date                            | Focus                                                                                                       |
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| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October | <u>Knowledge and Understanding</u> : How can I support my child to recall and make links to prior learning? |

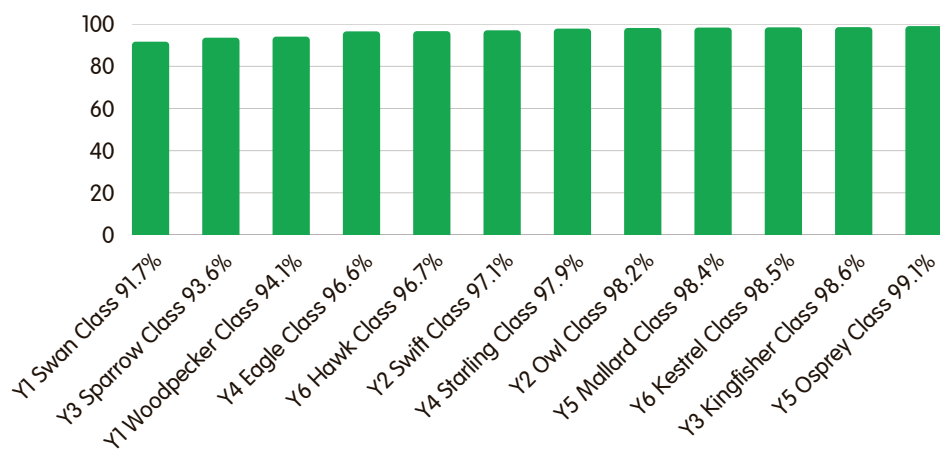
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.3%.

Well done to Year 5 Osprey Class, last week's winners with 99.1%.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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