

# NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 19th January 2026

## Message from Mrs Copus

'It takes a village to raise a child' - this is a famous quote and is so right that it needs all of us working together to help the children in our community be the best that they can be. Thank you to everyone for working together and half term is just around the corner.



## Living Church Links

Splash! – We welcomed Splash! to our worship this morning and learnt how to say 'thank you' in many different languages. We talked about saying 'thank you' – we learnt about the scientific research and how important it is to say 'thank you' to people who have helped us.

We watched the Lego Bible story of The Thankful Leper. We sang together and finished with a Splash! prayer. We love it when Splash! comes to lead our worship

– THANK YOU, SPLASH





# News



## Attendance

This weeks attendance was 94.6% - our target is 96.4%

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## Parent Tea & Chat Sessions

**Reading** - Miss Callender is running a reading tea and chat on Tuesday 27th January at 9am. Come and find out more about reading in school, book types and how to help your child with reading.

TALK!

CHAT



**Maths** - Miss Heasman is also running a session about visual images in maths and sharing our calculation policy on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm.

Please let the office staff know if you would like to attend either of these sessions.

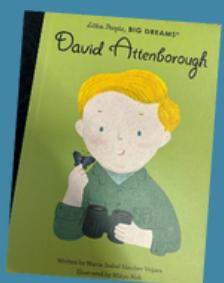
## Late Arrivals

On the odd occasion that you may be running late and you miss the gate closing at 8.50am, please ensure that you bring your child into school via the office to sign them in - children should not be entering on their own via the car park please.

## Anchorage - musical visit



This week a small group of children visited The Anchorage Care Home to play their musical instruments to the residents. It is a great opportunity to perform to an audience and practise these pieces. Well done to Amelie, Violet, Oliver, Ella and Lucas. This keeps the profile of music high as well and gives these children an opportunity to excel. The Anchorage had also kindly donated a copy of 'David Attenborough' for Y6 Explorer Say. It is so lovely that we can work with our community.





# Things to know...

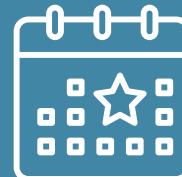
## Meal Ordering

Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

### Feb cut off dates

Thurs 29/01 for w/c 09/02  
HALF TERM  
Thurs 12/02 for w/c 23/02

## Dates for your diary Spring Term 2026



- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> January – Hawking About Y3/4
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February – African drumming workshop – China, Mex, Jap & SA
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> February – Network Rail assembly
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> February – Weald & Downland Museum trip – Italy, India & Australia classes
- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March – Class photos
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – see separate email
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> / Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science days
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> / Weds 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March – Easter play 2pm
- Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March – Lions book giveaway
- Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter disco 5-6pm EYFS / KS1 – 6.15 – 7.30 – KS2
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Eucharist – parents welcome
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Eggstravaganza – bonnets competition
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March – INSET DAY

## Celebration Assemblies

- China - 28th Jan
- USA - 29th Jan
- Thailand - 4th February
- UK - 5th February
- New Zealand - 11th Feb
- Japan - 12th Feb
- Sierra Leone - 25th February
- Italy - 26th February
- India - 11th Mar
- Mexico - 12th Mar
- Australia - 18th Mar
- South Africa - 19th Mar



# Curriculum

## Learning



## Topic



Japan and SA Class had their superstarter activity with 'Explorer Day'. The children started the text Brightstorm and made predictions about what might happen. They also made skyships in DT and maps of fantasy lands. If you were an explorer which lands would you go to?



## English

Thailand Class have been impressing us with their writing. The children are using their phonic knowledge to construct sentences.



## Bikeability

The children in Mexico and China Class have been working on their Level 1 Bikeability award. This is about control of a bicycle and the children worked on a variety of games to show and develop their skills.





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## Reading Buddies



Reading Buddies is a program that pairs our older children with younger readers to share stories and build a love of reading together. During Reading Buddy time, children read aloud, talk about books and support one another in a relaxed, encouraging setting. Most importantly, Reading Buddies helps create positive connections across year groups and makes reading fun for everyone. This week, **Mexico** and **Italy Class** paired up and **South Africa** and **Thailand Class** spent some time together.



## Reading

Well done to Emily P (Jap), Bea (SA), Bowie (Chi), Mattie (Mex), Isabella (Mex), Ella S (SA), Ayden (Jap), Flora (Mex), Victoria (SA) and Peter (Jap).

for being the 'Top 10' readers in our school currently. The reading standards are going from strength to strength and this is shown in their reading outcomes.



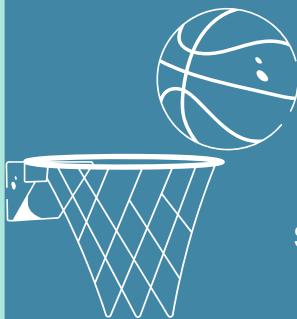
## RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch



UK and Thailand class are continuing to get ready for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch next week - they've been busy making more feeders, painting colourful pictures and practicing bird spotting!



# Sport



## Talented Athlete

Some Y5/Y6 children headed to The Weald to take part in their Talented Athlete programme. The children used their throwing and catching skills in games of netball and basketball. They also looked at fitness activities and bouldering. They had to use a range of skills and collaborate with children from other locality schools.



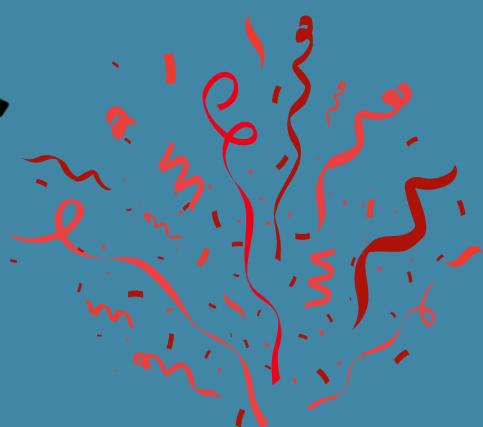


# Celebrations

## Loving House Cup

The children have collected Class Dojo points all week and this week's winners are - St Matthew's (Red Team) but it was incredibly close this week!

Dojo's can be awarded for reading at home, kindness, politeness, upholding our school values, supporting our Christian ethos and extra curricular contributions to our school.



# Celebrations

## Vine Leaves

Vinnie (Mex) - **Compassion** - for being very kind and being extremely supportive of a friend who was having a difficult time. Marnie (Thai) - **Friendship** - for noticing a friend who was stuck with their phonics and helping them out. Victoria (SA) - **Kindness** - for using her initiative and going out of her way to help others with their Maths learning. Lucy (SA) - **Perseverance** - for trying so hard in our Maths learning on fractions - you should be so proud of the progress you have made! Theo (Ita) - **Service** - for acting as a brilliant role model for others to aspire to be like. Raphie (NZ) - **Friendship & Compassion** - for offering a spare PE kit to another child Nancy (SL) - **Perseverance** - for having such a positive attitude towards her times tables this week

## Achievements



Lyla (UK) - won three trophies at a dance competition



Ada (USA) - came 2nd in slow & 2nd in pairs dance competition



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Sienna (USA) - came 3rd in slow, 5th in solo & 2nd in pairs dance competition