



**Pupil of the Week Awards**

	Betty Bee	Wilbur Woodpecker	Olive Owl	Samuel Squirrel
<b>Kingfishers</b>	~	Florence	Freddie G & Maeve	Marla
<b>Jackdaws</b>	Lucas	Fraizer	Phia	Pamela
<b>Ospreys</b>	Oscar B	Zac	Hollie	Ava

Dear parents

We are coming to the end of yet another successful term and it looks like we may well have nice weather for the upcoming holidays. One to watch out for is that the clocks change this weekend. This certainly surprised me as we are usually off school when this happens, so please remember this change otherwise you will all be late for school on Monday!

Last day of term is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April when we will have our end-of-term Easter Egg Hunt. Children can wear non-uniform on the last day. We will then have a couple of weeks off to recharge ready for the hopefully gorgeous summer term. We have already been to the field once so far for lunch play and will look forward to this being a regular occurrence. Children return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, so please remember that school meals need to be ordered by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Summer uniform can be worn from whenever you feel the weather is suitable but could we please ask that lightweight coats are still brought in as it can still be very changeable for several weeks into the summer term!

**LAST SWIMMING & TENNIS**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents to collect from the venue car park at

**REMINDER**

Spring term after school clubs and Outdoor Learning for Ospreys both finished this week.

**JACKDAWS OUTDOOR LEARNING – FIRST SESSION ON THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

**Diary Dates ..... March**

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect at 3.00pm
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pipits Class Posters on Display – Pipits Parents invited 3.00pm
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Easter Raffle Draw – after school</b>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Non-uniform day Easter Egg Hunt for the children

**Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.**

[Diary Dates website links](#)

[Term Dates website link](#)



## SCHOOL LUNCHES - SUMMER TERM

The new school lunches menus will be emailed home to parents next week, with the new menus starting from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Bookings will be live on ParentPay from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## PTFA RAFFLE – Reminder

The draw will take place next Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March after school. There is a fantastic selection of Easter prizes up for grabs! £1.00 per ticket. If you wish to be in the draw, please write your name and child's name on the back of the number of tickets you wish to purchase and return to the school office in an envelope **by MONDAY**. Thank you for your support

## LEGO CLUB

Lego Club was a great success, the children really developed their creativity and building skills.

In the final two weeks, we held a competition. Working in small groups of two or three, they had to build something-anything! Mrs Plunkett and Mrs Burleigh set four success criteria: They looked for creativity, team work, attention to detail and something eye catching.

Oh my goodness, it was so hard to judge! The models were all amazing and really creative. In the end, everyone got a mini prize and we awarded three main prizes.

A special mention goes to Eden who made a koala, but the winning groups were: Alma, Poppy and Amalou | : A luxury house and garden; Jaxon and Devrim: A landscape with dragon; Quin and Ollia: A base with lots of different land/sea and airborne vehicles and craft.



## CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

Year six have been taking part with a national Citizen Science project. They have been working for the Westcountry Rivers Trust, taking measurements of the stream next to the school. They have to observe the surroundings, noting litter and obvious signs of pollution and then measure the water temperature, quantity of dissolved solids, phosphate levels and turbidity. They work in pairs (with Mrs Burleigh's help,) making an assessment of the weather conditions and the safety of the bank and stream before taking readings once a month. They then enter the results on to Cartographer, the national data base, for use in research projects. There are definitely some budding ecologists amongst year six, well done.



## CLASS NEWS

### PIPITS

This term Pipit class has been thinking about "What it means to be famous?" They have talked about famous characters in books such as the Gruffalo, Supertato and Cinderella. Many of the children dressed as a famous character for world book day. We had lots of comic book heroes and some princesses, as well as six dinner Sid and the very hungry caterpillar.

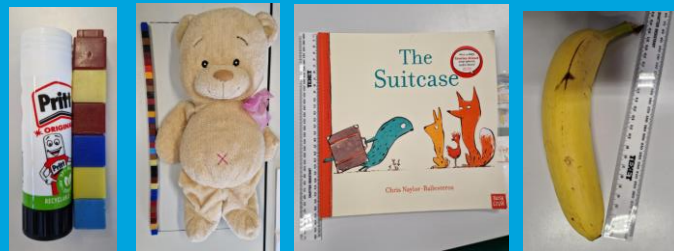
The children have also learnt about some famous historical figures. They heard the story of Rosa Parks and learnt how she made a difference by saying "No" when she was told to give up her seat. Some children enjoyed building the bus and acting out the story. They have also learnt about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing.

The children have also learnt the famous Ghanian story of Anansi and his six sons. The children have been captivated by this traditional tale and they can recount the story using props. Each son has a different talent which they use to help their father Anansi. The children have been thinking about their talents and how they can help their families. In RE the class has been learning about Easter and they made a beautiful Easter garden.



### KINGFISHERS

Kingfisher class have been learning about measure in Maths. We have measured the length of different objects around the classroom in cubes and in cms using a ruler.



In English, we are reading, learning, practising and performing poems from a book looked 'Zim Zam Zoom!' The children have learnt poems by heart and performed them to the class. We have noticed that some of the poems have verses, rhyming and repetition.

In Art we have been looking at contrasting colours. Our paintings are being inspired by an artist called Ted Harrison.



In Science we have been learning about the importance of a healthy diet, exercise and good hygiene. The children have taken their pulse rate after different activities such as sitting, star jumps and running. The children have also designed posters to put up around school, reminding others how important it is to wash your hands.



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## JACKDAWS

As we near the end of the term, Jackdaws class are still very busy with their learning. In Maths, we are currently learning about 'Mass and Capacity' and will soon be moving onto 'Fractions' once again.

In Science, we have been learning about Forces and Magnets. This topic has been a hands on experience for the children and they have enjoyed using magnets in a range of investigations and observations.

In English this half term, we have concluded our unit on Meerkat Mail and are currently working on our newest book 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World'. The children have enjoyed learning about people such as Amelia Earhart who was an aviation pioneer as well as a more local historical figure, Mary Anning.

RE this term has also been very well received by the children. We have been learning about Holy Week, which in Christianity is the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The children have asked amazing questions and have been incredibly interested in the different stories we have studied.

Our Computing learning has also been enjoyed this half term. We have been learning how to edit digital images for different purposes. The children have enjoyed altering the colours in an image, cropping and resizing as well as editing items out of pictures!

We hope you have a lovely Easter break when it arrives.

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## OSPREYS

A study of the narrative poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes set in the 18th Century provided inspiration and a model for our own narrative poems based on the video – The Alchemist's Letter. This was a very challenging learning experience as we had to follow the structure of the Highwayman but create our own figurative language and rhyming to match a futuristic tale. The children worked incredibly hard experimenting with ideas, word choices and rhymes; we certainly have lots of creative talent in Ospreys.

In maths, we have been learning about area, perimeter and volume. We are continuing to explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and moving onto percentages. It is so very rewarding when children see and understand these connections across maths and bring previous skills and knowledge to new learning.

We have thoroughly enjoyed making automata toys which involves using cams, followers and axles to create movement. This activity builds on the skills of measuring, sawing and gluing wood together to construct a frame that houses the cam mechanism. They have worked very well together, solving problems and sharing ideas.

We are coming to the end of our geography topic – How Sustainable is the UK Economy. This has been a valuable learning experience for the children as it affects their futures; we have had many discussions about all sorts of issues from how easy it is to get chocolate chips out of a cookie (to represent extracting rare Earth elements from the Earth) to the current situation in The Strait of Hormuz.

In science we started by looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and found ways to dramatise how they behave. Then we had fun recognising that materials have a range of properties and that materials are chosen for the combination of their properties rather than just for one property. Next we investigated which cups were the best at insulating hot drinks. We will soon be learning about dissolving substances and separating materials including by evaporation.

Outdoor learning has been a feature of the last few weeks and we have been in awe of how quickly the woodland area is coming back to life. We can literally see the growth week by week. We have played lots of cooperative games but the highlight has been designing and building scenes from our class book: "The Railway Children" and scenes from other stories.

