



# Weekly News

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another positive and purposeful week in school, and I would like to begin by thanking you for your support with our new PE kit policy. Children have reported that they feel comfortable wearing their kit throughout the day, and staff have noticed that PE time is now used far more efficiently without the need for changing. We are delighted that this adjustment is already having such a positive impact on both wellbeing and learning time.

Our spotlight this week is on Year 5, who enjoyed a fantastic experience at the Wonderdome yesterday. The children were captivated by the immersive environment and returned buzzing with curiosity and new learning. Do take a moment to read their section of the newsletter.

Following feedback from families, we will be offering a face-to-face Parents' Evening on Wednesday 11th February. The sessions on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February will remain online, giving you a greater range of options to suit your schedules. Further information on how to book appointments will be shared shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by all members of our school community.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Egan

## Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January:

### 96.3%

Chestnut: 98.5% Oak: 97.3%  
Beech: 96.8% Maple: 96.4%  
Sycamore: 96.2% Elm: 95.3%  
Rowan 95.7% Hazel: 94.3%

## Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Year 6 Bollywood Dance Workshop  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Year 3 Coffee Morning  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Young Voices Concert

## Looking ahead:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Year 3 Spirit of the Wild Workshop  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - SATS practice week  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 to Henley Fort  
10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultations

## Wow work winners

**Elm:** Hannah  
**Oak:** Jaxon  
**Maple:** Charlie  
**Chestnut:** Antiopi  
**Hazel:** Willow  
**Rowan:** Maddie  
**Sycamore:** Hayden  
**Beech:** Serena



## Year 6 Bollywood Dance Workshop

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January as part of Year 6 studies into Hindu faith, their Dance Curriculum this term will be based around dance with an Indian influence. We have therefore arranged for The Theatre exchange to come into school on Monday and lead a half day workshop on Indian Dance for the year group.

## Young Voices

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January our Year 5/6 Young Voices choir will be performing at the O2 Arena in London.

This is an exciting and unforgettable experience for the children, and we hope they have the best time!

# Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 have made a very positive start back to school after the Christmas break, and it has been wonderful to see the children settle back into their learning so enthusiastically.

In English, we have begun our new topic based on the story *Coming Home* by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been immersing themselves in the text and exploring a range of figurative language, demonstrating thoughtful discussion.

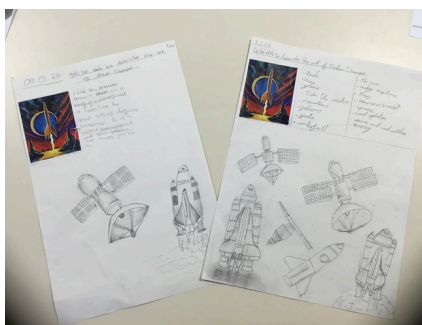
In maths we have returned to our work on fractions. The children have made a strong start to the unit, focusing on multiplying unit fractions by an integer, and have shown good understanding.

Our new history topic on the Vikings has also begun this week, we have looked at why the Vikings invaded and where they settled. In science, we have started our space topic; looking at the order of the planets. In art, the children have been sketching rockets and satellites inspired by the work of Peter Thorpe. On Thursday, we were fortunate to have a visit from a planetarium, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We were very impressed by their existing knowledge and the thoughtful questions they asked during the session.

During forest school, the children worked collaboratively to make Tudor pottage, showcasing excellent teamwork as well as their DT skills.

Thank you for ensuring that the children have come to school prepared with their PE kits and forest school clothing this week. This has been extremely helpful and has allowed us to maximise learning time. In PE, we have started our net and wall games unit, which the children have really enjoyed. They have made a great start with racket skills, focusing on balance and coordination. The children have also been reminded to bring in shorts every Wednesday for their gymnastics lessons.

It has been a brilliant start to the term for Year 5. Keep up the excellent work!



## Housepoint totals this week



**660**



**624**



**617**



**537**