



# Weekly News

Friday 23rd January 2026

## Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible experience it was to take our Young Voices choir from Years 5 and 6 to the O2 Arena yesterday. The children performed with such enthusiasm and confidence, and their behaviour throughout the day was truly exemplary; they were a real credit to our school. Thank you to our families for your continued support, and for helping to make the day so special. It was particularly lovely to see the cluster of Crawley Ridge parents' glow sticks shining across the arena! We hope you all enjoyed being part of this truly fantastic experience.

A huge thank you to Miss Gomm, Miss Smart and Mrs Athwal for accompanying the children on what was a very long but incredibly rewarding trip. I would also like to thank Miss O'Connor, who ran the Young Voices club alongside Miss Gomm and Miss Smart, and supported the children so well in preparing for this unforgettable event.

Finally, we are extremely proud to share that our school has become a Kindness Ambassador School. This reflects our ongoing commitment to nurturing empathy, respect, and positive relationships across our community. Over the coming weeks, children will be taking part in activities that celebrate and promote everyday acts of kindness, both in and out of the classroom.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Egan

## Attendance

Whole School Attendance for w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January:

**95.8%**

Maple: 99.3% Chestnut: 99.2%  
Oak: 98.7% Elm: 97.3%  
Beech: 96.5% Sycamore: 94.1%  
Rowan 91.7% Hazel: 90.3%

## Diary Dates for next week:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Year 3 Parent Maths Workshop

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Year 3 Spirit of the Wild Workshop

## Looking ahead:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - SATS practice week

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - SEN Coffee Morning (please contact the school office to confirm your attendance)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 to Henley Fort

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Consultations

## Wow work winners

**Elm:** Harrison

**Oak:** Henry

**Maple:** Freya

**Chestnut:** Siana

**Hazel:** Shah Jahan

**Rowan:** Otto

**Sycamore:** Frankie

**Beech:** Arjun



## Parent Consultations

Bookings for the upcoming parent consultations will open via the Arbor parent portal this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

To book an appointment to see your class teacher click into the Guardian Consultation section on the portal/app and select the date and time you wish to book. Please note that appointments booked on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** will take place **online via Teams**. Appointments booked for **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** will take place **in person** at the school (school hall).

Please note that if your child has an ILP or EHCP you will be contacted separately by your child's class teacher to arrange a longer in-person appointment on an alternative date - you will therefore not receive an invitation to book an appointment for the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> February.

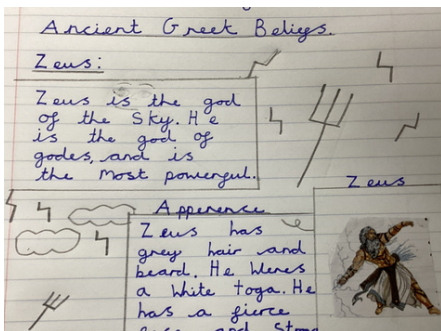
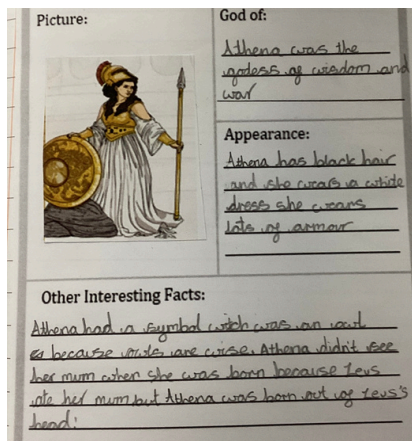
# Spotlight on Year 4

Year 4 have begun their studies about the fascinating ancient Greek civilisation. Already, we have immersed ourselves into the world of Greek myths. Using Theseus and the Minotaur, the children are currently writing their own adaptations. We have also enjoyed acting out the story in our drama lessons. The children explored what is meant by democracy and are keen to learn more about how this ancient civilisation has shaped the world we know today. We have studied the Greek Gods and created a fact file identifying special features and interesting facts.

Our music lessons have been very active as we have been learning to play the djembe African drums. We have learned how to hold the drum properly and experimented with making three distinct sounds using the techniques of bass, tone and slap. The African theme continues into our PE dance lessons as we have been studying different African dances and coordinating our movements to the beat of the drums. In gymnastics we have been focussed on our core strength. We have worked on the apparatus to develop the skills of balance and movement.

The science topic for this term is 'states of matter'. We have examined water as ice and steam and looked at how liquids change shape according to their container. We have acted out how the particles behave in a solid, liquid and a gas.

In French, we have been learning the vocabulary for fruit and vegetables. We have used this vocabulary to create sentences stating what we like and dislike.



## Housepoint totals this week



613



528



481



449