



NEWSLETTER 26
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"Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life"

Welcome Back to Term 5



We do hope that everyone has had a lovely Easter break! It has been great to return to school with the sun shining and it seems

that spring has finally arrived. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming terms so don't forget to check the diary dates and class newsletters.

Warm Weather Reminders



As the weather is getting warmer and we are able to enjoy our outside space more, please can you ensure that children come to school with sun hats, water bottles and sun cream. Please note that staff are not able to apply sun cream to the children so it will need to be applied in the morning. Children are welcome to bring a small bottle in their book bags to apply further cream themselves at lunchtime if required.

Next Week's Birthdays

Happy Birthday to
 Archie P on 22nd April!



Chiddingly Ground Force Day

There will be a mid-year Ground Force day on Sunday 29th April from 10.00am until 1.00pm. We would like to complete the following tasks:

- ◆ Paint the Forest School shed
- ◆ Paint the playground fence panels
- ◆ Paint the Oak Class undercover area

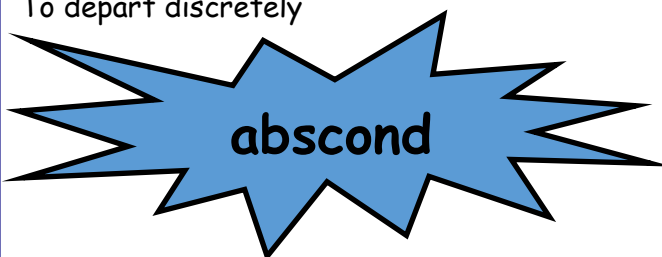
Many hands make light work so we really need lots of volunteers! Please let us know if you can help. If anyone can bring extra dust-sheets and paint brushes that would also be very useful. Hope to see you there!



INTERESTING, USEFUL AND UNUSUAL WORDS

Definition of abscond (verb) in English:

To depart discretely



Learning Powers Certificate

On Friday 27th April at 9.25am the following children will be celebrating their achievements. Please come along if you are free.

Oak - Olly Banfield-Giggs

Beech - Noah Greenwood

Willow - Henry Champion

Sycamore - Joshua Mendes

St Mary's Partnership News



We are excited to announce that some of our children from Chiddingly and East Hoathly Schools will be visiting St Mary's School to model the new game of 4 square.

British Values Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is:

Kodie Bishop

for

Always being polite to adults
and children in school.



Amended Behaviour Policy

Our behaviour policy has been amended to include the following changes:

- * If a child receives 3 Rainclouds in one week, they will go on the Thundercloud.
- * If a child receives 3 Thunderclouds in one long term (ie Sept-Dec; Jan-April; April- July), they will automatically go on report.

A copy of the amended Behaviour Policy is being sent home via Parentmail.

Diner of the Week:

Ryan Matthews

for

having excellent manners
and being very helpful.



Growth Mindset

Tough Turtle of the Week

George Stonestreet

for

persevering with his work and
ensuring he completed his tasks.

*If you've never failed, you've
never tried anything new*



Parent Forums

Term	Date	Content
5	1st May	Thrive Review Mindfulness Review inc Golden Mile
6	13th June	Parentview Review SDP and plans for 18/19

Top Table winners:

Japan (27 points)

Conner

Michael

Archie S

Kayley

Ruby

Madison

This Week's House Points:



Big Ben 100



London Eye 72



Buckingham
Palace 92

This week's winners are:

Big Ben

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is 95.33%.

This week's attendance: 97.75%

Oak - 100%

Beech - 97.58%

Willow - 97.22%

Sycamore - 97.22%

Well done to **Oak class** for having the highest attendance this week!

We publish the weekly attendance figure for each class using a colour coded "traffic light" system:

100% - gold

96.5 to 99.9% - green

95 to 96.4% - amber

Less than 94.9% - red

Forest School

Sycamore had their final Forest School session on Wednesday 28th March and, although the weather was not its best, had a brilliant afternoon in the school grounds. Using their bows and arrows that they'd cleverly made in the previous weeks, they were given the challenge of 'catching their food' - an easter egg balanced on a table! The children had some target practice to start with and perfected their techniques with their bows and arrows and then lined up to take a shot! Amy Farrell and Ashten were very quick to win their eggs and Mr Procter managed to win one too - using Kai's bow! The children were so resilient in their efforts to hit their eggs and didn't give up easily!

While they weren't using their bows and arrows, they played on the trim trail, made dens or finished off their arrows in the hall with Mrs Filkin and Mr Ottaway.

At the end, the children discovered the Easter Bunny had visited the trim trail and had to hunt down the Haribo he had dropped...

It's been such a great term of Forest school and Sycamore have behaved brilliantly meaning we were able to get a lot done!

Thank you so much to Mr Ottaway, Mr Groves and Ms James for coming to help us this week - and all the other parents who have helped out so much this term. You've made it possible to get so much out of each session for the children.

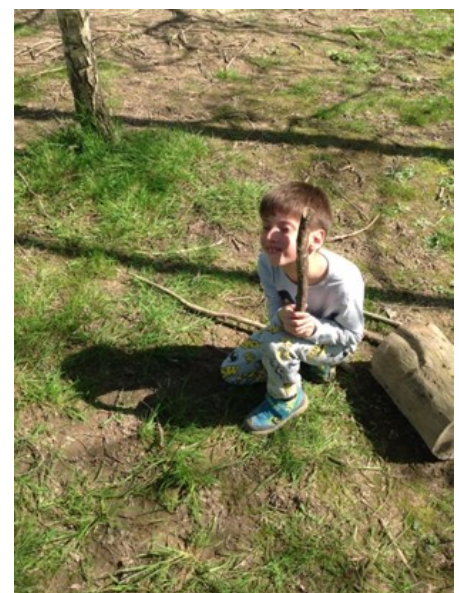


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Beech Class had a fantastic time in their first Forest School session this week! We began by playing some games, and then the children were given a secret challenge: they had to create something and the rest of the class would try to guess what it was! We had a fantastic range of houses for animals, bug hotels, and even a throne for a fairy king!

After that, the children broke into different groups and explored the orchard and field. They could find bugs, or just let their creativity take over and build anything they wanted. Some children made ponds for frogs, others found string and designed their own bows and arrows!

All in all, a fantastic start to our adventures outdoors!



Dates for your diary 2017/2018

April 2018

16th — Term 5 begins

29th — Ground Force Day at 10.00am—
1.00pm

May 2018

1st — Parent Forum at 9.00am to
9.25am

4th — Reception class vision and
hearing tests

7th— May Bank Holiday

21st — Enterprise week

23rd — Awe & Wonder Day and
celebration at 2.30pm

25th — Last day of term

June 2018

4th — INSET day

5th — Term 6 begins

13th — Parent Forum at 9.00am to
9.25am

29th — Table Tennis Tournament at
12.30pm at East Hoathly

July 2018

3rd — Sports Day at 9.30am & picnic at
12.00pm with parents

6th — Reports home to parents

11th — Summer Production at 2.00pm
and 6.30pm

19th — Last day of term and Leavers
Service at 2.00pm

20th — INSET day

21st — Ground Force Day in afternoon

Information for parents:

2018 national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2



Standards
& Testing
Agency

Key stage 1 tests – year 2 pupils

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, maths and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and maths, commonly called SATs. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Subject	Test paper
English reading	Short text and questions Long text with separate questions
Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
English grammar, punctuation and spelling (optional test)	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.

These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

Key stage 2 tests – year 6 pupils

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, they will take national curriculum tests in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics.

The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

Date	Subject	Test paper
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
Tuesday 15 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics	Mathematical reasoning

At the end of the summer term you should receive test results for:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- mathematics

Teacher assessment

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 2. You will also receive teacher assessment judgements for English reading, mathematics and science.



How can you help your child to prepare?

Teachers will make sure all pupils in their class are prepared for the tests. There's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child.

You should follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year.

What do the tests look like?

You can look at [past papers](#) by clicking on the hyperlink or searching online at www.gov.uk/STA.

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions you may have about the tests and teacher assessment judgements.

For more details you can visit www.gov.uk/STA or watch our [short videos](#) for parents about the tests at key stage 1 and key stage 2.

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