



## Weekly Newsletter: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems a bit strange to start this week's newsletter by referring to news from last week.

Last Friday, FOAS held their Easter Bake Off. From speaking to the judges, they were very impressed with the high quality of the entries which made their job really tough when it came to choosing the winners. Congratulations to our three winning entries (pictured below) and thank you to our FOAS team for organising the event.



This week, the Easter celebrations continued as we all walked through the village and squeezed into All Saints Church for our Easter Service. Rev. Faith took us through the Easter story, we sang about Spring Chickens and Lily (in Caterpillars) got to pull an Easter Cracker with Rev. Faith. The service was completed by readings from a number of children across Key Stage 2. Thank you to those parents who were able to support by walking with the children.



It wouldn't be the end of term if we didn't enjoy rocking out on a Thursday afternoon and yesterday was no different. We were treated to an amazing RockSteady concert with the Bacon Biscuit Lords, the Loyal Leopard Legends and 6 Shades of Awesome all performing. It was a show of the ages as each bands performed with confidence and showed their talents off. The Year 1 band was a particular highlight as they had all of the rock star moves on display.



During my assembly on Monday, I spoke to the children about how the Easter holidays are my favourite due to the weather being better and that it feels like the first holiday of the school year when the children (and staff) get to unwind before the marathon Summer term begins.

I hope that you have a great Easter and find time to be outdoors in the fresh air making memories with family and friends.

Kind regards  
Jonathan Gray  
Headteacher

## House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
187	165	228	222

## Accelerated Reader Targets

Congratulations to all of the children who have achieved either Bronze or Silver Accelerated Reader target this term. Well done to [Freya](#), [Mya](#) and [Aurora](#) for achieving their Millionaire Badge for reading over 1,000,000 words this year so far.

Bronze award	
Year 2	Sophia, Olivia
Year 3	Anesui, Hunter, Kieran
Year 4	Alice
Year 5	Bailey, Emily, Eric, Ellie, Izzy

Silver award	
Year 2	Phoebe, Lula-Mae, Peggy, Nina, Elodie, Esme, Arabella, Isla, Lily

Year 3	Jack, Lucas, George, Marley, Phoenix, Bella, James M, Rishaani, Kira, Reuben, Harvey, Jacob, Nancy
Year 4	Lula, Poppy, Corinne, Zara, Ruby, Phoebe, Ava, Theo, Lilly, Albie, Lincoln
Year 5	Olivia, Evie, Jude, Rosie, Luna, Amelia, Oscar, Nyla, Daisy R, Azalea, Caleb, Miguel, Albert, Freddie T, Kit, Annabelle
Year 6	Ted, Alissa, Sophia, Archie, Peaches, Oscar, Bethany Cl, Alfie, Harry, Bethany Cu, Amelie, Lottie-Beau, Bonnie, Ivy, Freya, Jack, Hannah, Max, Finlay, Isabella, Mya, Billie-Mae, Annabell, Owen, Aurora, Charlie, Frankie, Charlotte

## Summer Term Dates

- PD Day: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Children return to school: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Y5 Residential to Aylmerton: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Y6 'Breakfast Week': w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Y6 trip to High Lodge: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Half term: w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May
- Children return to school: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Y6 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- FOAS Summer Fayre: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Y6 RSC Performance at the Mercury Theatre: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Last day of the year: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

More dates to be added as the term goes on. Details about events and trips to be shared nearer the time.



## Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Ted S	Ada	Mati
Leopards	Peter	Corey-Hunter	Indie
Pandas	Harvisha	Matilda	Abel
Llamas	Stanley	Olivia	Bobby
Orcas	Dexter	Poppy	Beau
Penguins	Daisy R	Azalea	Olivia
Wolves	Jacob	Aurora	Hannah

## Class News

### Caterpillars

This week in Drawing Club, we have enjoyed sharing the story, 'The Girl and the Dinosaur'. The children have been busy drawing the characters from the story and have written some fantastic sentences about what happens to the little girl and her dinosaur. Continuing with our dinosaur theme, the children have been busy painting dinosaurs and using a variety of dinosaurs and materials in our Small World area. In Phonics, we have revisited lots of the diagraphs learnt this half term, as well as looking at reading longer words. Our Maths learning has been focused around 3D shapes. We have been naming and describing a selection of 3D shapes, the children

have also enjoyed hunting for shapes and building with them. On Wednesday, the class joined the whole school at church for our Easter Service. They walked brilliantly alongside our Year 6 children and joined in well with our favourite Easter hymns. We hope you all have a lovely Easter Holiday.

### **Leopards**

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the Spring term already! Nonetheless, we have had a busy last week in Leopard Class. In English, we wrote non-fiction reports about the weather. In Maths, we learnt to use a number line to 50 and find one more and one less than a given number. In RE, we learnt about the Hindi festival of Holi and, in Geography, we learnt about hot and cold areas of the world. We then used the knowledge we had gained to sort pictures into hot places, cold places and hot and cold places. This concluded our Geography topic about weather. This week also saw us visit the church for our Easter service. Thank you to the parents who came with us. On another note, we have an update for you about our letter to King Charles. Miss Bickmore has posted the letter and it is on its way to Buckingham Palace. We will continue to keep you updated about our progress. Next half term, our big question is 'What made Thomas Gainsborough a significant individual?' In English, we will learn about fairy tales and, in Maths, we will begin the term learning about measurement. Have a lovely Easter break.

### **Pandas**

This week in Year 2, we have concluded our diary writing unit in English. We wrote some spectacular diary entries from the point of view of different animals. We used the past tense, adventurous verbs and noun phrases to really add detail to our work. In Maths this week, we continued with our times tables and divisions. We linked the 5 and 10 times tables as well as recapping arrays and how they can support our understanding. Also this week, we had a fantastic time gardening and clearing the school grounds in PSHE with Mrs Fisher- this was a real highlight of our week. On Wednesday, we headed to Church and enjoyed the Easter songs as well as recapping the Easter story with Rev. Faith. On Thursday, we enjoyed the Rocksteady concert in the afternoon and supported our friends from across the school by clapping and singing along. In RE, we finished our unit about why Christians follow and trust Jesus and shared loads of ideas about this. In History, this week we got quite arty and created fantastic collages inspired by the Great Fire of London. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back in the Summer Term. After Easter, we will be exploring the continents and oceans of the world in Geography; writing dragon stories in English and learning all about fractions in Maths.

### **Llamas**

In English this week, we have researched an endangered animal to write our own poem about. Using our learning about poem rules, adverbs and expanded noun phrases, we have created an amazing variety of poems with some very descriptive and emotive language. In Maths, we have continued working on worded problems to put our arithmetic skills to the test. After half term, we will be starting our fractions unit! In Geography, we consolidated our learning about the UK and showed off our recall skills in our hot task. In gymnastics, we put all our skills to the test by using trampettes to bring our jumps to a new level and we even practised our cartwheels on a bench. In PSHE, we discussed how people earn money and whether everyone earns the same money. We then worked in teams to decide which jobs we thought should be paid more than others. We also headed down to church on Wednesday morning - we did a brilliant job at representing our school and sang beautifully. Well done Llamas, we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

### **Orcas**

The daffodils are blooming, the sun is shining, and we have finished our final week of the Spring Term in Orca Class. We have had a really lovely week, squeezing in lots of last-minute work before the break. In English, we wrote our incredible Hogwarts school inspection reports. The children had to scrutinise the teachers, the accommodation and environment, and even the health and safety of pupils at Hogwarts. They did a superb job, and I think I only spotted three missing capital letters in the whole class! In Maths, we have just begun to touch on our new unit, which we will delve into after the holidays: measurement. In Science this week, we tested a range of different materials to see whether they are conductors or insulators (i.e. whether they lit

a bulb or not). All sorts of items were tested, including glue sticks, toy cars and even earrings! In PE this week, the class had fun playing golf with Dan on the field (in the hail!), and then created their final alien/astronaut dance sequences on Thursday. In RE, we have been discussing why Christians believe they are on a mission and what sort of mission we think we are on in life. The children's responses were fantastic and showed an incredibly caring side to the class. As a class, we have been enjoying group reading 'The Philosopher's Stone' – thank you to everyone who donated a book! Then, on Friday, we finally got to watch Harry Potter in full (instead of lots of mini clips) to enjoy the film after all our hard work. Well done, Orcas, for a super Spring Term. Have a lovely holiday!

### **Penguins**

It's Bolognese Week! Many thanks to Mrs Fisher, Miss P and Mrs Ridgeon for all their work on our superb food project in DT - all the Penguins are very appreciative! As well as making our own recipes, we put together informative nutritional labels and ensured our packaging was as tempting as possible. In English, we completed our homophones focus in spelling, published our cold writing on the topic "School uniform should be banned" and finally completed our class story 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. In Maths, we honed our area, perimeter and volume skills, which included lots of silly songs and measurement practice. In PE, we shared our final dance routines and thanked Coach Hannah for all the fabulous gymnastics instruction. In French with Mrs Fisher, we finished our unit all about the Olympics Games and, in Music, we similarly finished our study of Hip Hop, bringing all of our topics to a close. It's been a packed term and all the Penguins deserve a good, restorative break - we wish you all a very happy Easter!

### **Wolves**

Well, we've finally made it! This term has flown by and we've crammed a lot in! This week was no different with a visit to church and a Rocksteady concert as well as all our learning. With Mrs Fielder, we completed a comprehension, described the planets in French and finished our RE unit by using Bibles to find verses about being thankful. In English, we spent time focusing on our flashback story and the results have been incredible. The emotion shown in our writing has really impressed Mrs Clow and all our hard work is beginning to pay off. In Maths, we reflected shapes in a mirror line and continued interpreting pie charts as well as recapping over some of the trickier arithmetic concepts. All term we have been working on the text, 'The Railway Children', in Guided Reading, completing comprehensions and making predictions. It has been really interesting learning how children lived in the 1800s and even the differences in vocabulary. With Miss P, we completed our collages in Art and evaluated them and we also had our final gymnastics session with Coach Hannah and handball session with Coach Dan. Have a wonderful Easter break, Wolves.



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# Support and Advice

## School's Early Help Webpage

A range of websites and sources of advice on Emotional Wellbeing, Health, Sleep and Parenting Support can be found [here](#).



### Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Emetophobia
- Tourette's Symptoms/Tics
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Access here: <https://nsft.uk/Workshops>




## Free NHS Virtual workshops – Supporting Young People's Mental Health

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60 minutes long.

**To book onto a workshop visit [nsft.uk/workshops](https://nsft.uk/workshops) or scan the QR code**




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