

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 18th September**
Current Topic: **'Hello'** Current Value: **Resilience**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS — Chicks 100%

KS1— Doves 96%

LKS2— Penguins 98%

UKS2— Toucans 100%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 230

Lancaster — 186

Hurricane — 226

Wellington — 183

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
Xander (Parrots) Henry (Eagles)
Esmee (Eagles) Isla (Robins)
Seren (Eagles) Harley (Eagles)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

Class Dojo – Keeping Connected

Class Dojo is a fantastic way for us to keep families connected with what is happening in school. It gives parents and carers a window into children's learning, celebrations and experiences, and provides an easy way for teachers to share important class updates and reminders.



We love the positive communication that Class Dojo enables, and we know that many families enjoy seeing what their children have been learning and getting involved in at home.

A gentle reminder, however, that teachers are not expected to monitor or respond to Class Dojo messages outside of their normal working hours. Please be mindful that teachers may receive a continuous stream of messages throughout the day and that responding to these can take valuable time away from planning, preparation and, most importantly, teaching the children.

Please also remember that Class Dojo should not be used to report pupil absences. All absence, including messages about illness or appointments, must be reported directly to the school office using the usual attendance reporting procedures.

Thank you for helping us to make Class Dojo a positive and manageable way of keeping our school and families connected.

An update from Mrs Gardner

This week, we have sent a letter to all families reminding everyone about the importance of children attending school every day. Regular attendance is essential in supporting children's learning, wellbeing, friendships and progress.



As outlined in our Attendance Policy, holidays during term time will not be authorised. Where unauthorised absence meets the required threshold, we will make a referral to the Local Authority for consideration of a Penalty Notice. There are a small number of exceptional circumstances where absence during term time may be authorised, and these are detailed within our policy.

We also want attendance to be something we celebrate! Each week in our Celebration Assembly, we award an Attendance Trophy to the class with the highest attendance in each phase. This helps us reinforce with the children how important coming to school regularly and on time is.

An update from Mrs Summers

We are really fortunate to be able to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club. A reminder that bookings need to be made by midnight the Thursday before. Please be aware that ParentPay doesn't have the option of giving a record of what you have booked, so I would suggest recording dates as you select the dates required.



We try to accommodate emergency bookings but it helps with staffing if we have more notice. If possible, please can you let us know if your child will not be attending the session booked to help staff collecting from class. If for any reason you are going to be late collecting or if the pedestrian gate has already closed in the morning can you please call The Mess directly: 01993 684716.

EYFS

On Friday of last week (after the newsletter was published) we had an exciting session with the author of the new Gruffalo story. We joined Julia Donaldson as she read The Gruffalos Granny during an online session.

This week we have all had our first ever PE lesson. We went into the hall, worked on moving in different ways and played some games together. We all had rosy cheeks at the end of the session having had lots of fun.

In class this week we have been sharing more information about us. We have been talking about what we like and what we aren't so keen on. We have painted our favourite meals.

We have been very busy writing our names. listening to more stories, practising our Corefulness and sorting during our maths sessions.

Next week as we move into our We are Conservationists, Me and My World topic we are going to be thinking about the people who live in our houses with us.

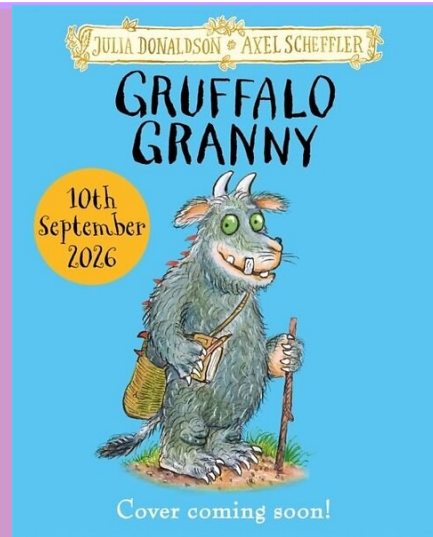
Stars of the Week

Rebekah - for working really hard when name writing.

Teddy - for some amazing construction work.

Darcey - for working really hard in PE. Darcey did lots of great moving in different ways and stopping.

Noah - for amazing instruction following. Noah is getting to grips with lots of routines.



Year 1 and 2

We've had a lovely last week of our Hello topic! In English, we have finished writing our instructions about how to be super Robin, Parrot or Penguin. We worked hard to use time adverbials and imperative verbs to make our writing interesting. In Science, we have completed an experiment all about the senses. We enjoyed being detectives using our sense of smell, sight, taste and touch! In PE we have played team games and in Time to Talk we have carefully thought about how we are each unique and special. Lastly, in Art we have finished our portraits! Our mark making using natural resources in the style of Lorna Crane has worked beautifully to create very expressive and textural portraits. Next week we start our new topic, We Are Conservationists. Please keep an eye out for information regarding an exciting trip coming up! Have a great weekend!



Year 3 and 4



This week, Year 3 and 4 explored the school grounds and visited the park to support our writing linked to Voices in the Park. We have been recounting what we saw and heard; any unusual things we could see and what we did on the park itself. In maths we have begun looking the composition of 100 and playing games to reinforce our understanding. In art we have been continuing with our portrait paintings by sketching and then practising different paint strokes. We have also learnt how to create different skin tones and hair colours using acrylic. Finally we have been using the information gathered in topic homework to plot the special places around the world to us. We are looking forward to starting our next topic on conservationists next week.



Year 5 and 6

A really amazing week finishing our Hello Topic across 5/6. All children have had the opportunity to finalise their anecdotal writing, who knew so many funny things had happened to us all. We then began exploring our new English learning journey based on the text Moth by Isabel Thomas. Children have been able to explore the journey of the peppered moth over time including making cross curricular links to key scientific vocabulary such as evolution, survival and adaptation. Whilst doing this the children explored the idea of cause and effect, linking the events which made the biggest impact to the peppered moth.

In maths, children have begun to explore the concept of hundredths and how this connects to last weeks learning on tenths. Children have been brilliant at expanding their mathematical vocabulary and putting their learning into their own stories.

In afternoon learning, children have continued to explore the idea of family history, understanding why families might move and why preserving family history is important. In art, children have drawn their own expressionism portraits of their friends, thinking about expressing their friend's mood through colour.



Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 16th September — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Monday 21st September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

Tuesday 22nd September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

Monday 28th September — Friday 2nd October — Year 6 Yenworthy

Tuesday 13th October — Individual School Photos (Year Groups TBC)

Wednesday 14th October — Individual School Photos (Year Groups TBC)

Wednesday 14th October — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Friday 16th October — Parent Book Look 8:30 — 9:00am

Wednesday 21st October — EYFS Open Day

Friday 23rd October — Inset Day—School Closed

Monday 26th — Friday 30th October — October Half Term

Monday 2nd November — Start of Term 2

Wednesday 11th November — Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th November — Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd December — Flu Vaccination In School

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January — Start of Term 3



October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

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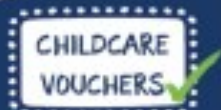
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Farmor's School

Open Evening

Thursday 24th September

4 : 00 pm - 7 : 00 pm

Headteacher talks throughout the
evening by Mark Surowiec.
School tours with our Prefects.
No booking required.



FAMILY SHOWS AUTUMN 2026

TINY IDEAS FESTIVAL

Page One Theatre presents

RISE AND FALL

Saturday 26 September 11am and 2pm

Meet all manner of balloons from small floating moons to vast bouncing orbs! Forever expanding and contracting, balloons are free to float, fly and sway. Hold your breath and go sailing away.

Rise and Fall is a poetic and intriguing performance for young audiences about holding on and letting go. Performed by one dancer, Rise and Fall has toured internationally and at UK venues including The Royal Opera House.

AGES 2+



The Last Baguette presents

BIN RAT

Sunday 27 September 11am and 2pm

A rat-astic and realistic look into refuse and recycling. Rummage through the rubble with Bin Rat to discover where all the junk goes!

Scrape scraps off the streets in this interactive puppetry show, & find out what literally happens to litter.

The Last Baguette presents an entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences.

AGES 3-8



TICKETS: £12 (£8 children, under 2s go free)

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