



# ★ Newsletter ★

6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. The children have been full of news and stories about what they got up to over the week!

For Year 2, we have spent the last couple of weeks preparing the children for their SATs, which have now become optional for all Year 2 children. The decision was made that all schools in the Aspire Trust would go ahead with these assessments, as it was felt that the outcomes would provide us with useful information moving forward. We completed the first two assessments this week. We have tried to keep the assessments as low-key and relaxed as possible for the children — they may not even realise they've completed them! I am very proud of each and every child in my class; they all performed to the very best of their ability, which is all we can ask! There will be two more assessments next week alongside the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. This will be carried out one-to-one with me in a quiet space, where they will read a range of real and non-real words. I know I will be equally proud of the Year 1 children.

As we have been focusing on reading comprehension and phonics revision, the children will not be bring a book home this week as we have not read it in class together.

In R.E., our new topic is based around symbols and signs. The children discussed the meaning of some of the signs and symbols around us, including learning what our school badge means. They also felt that the most important symbol is a heart, focusing on love and kindness for others.

In science, we have been finishing our unit about animals. The children discussed the pets they have at home and found out more about how to look after them. Pets in our class included dogs, cats, fish, and even horses!

The children have loved our history learning and seeing how the world has changed since the Victorian era. We had a Victorian lesson this week where they had to curtsy or bow to the teacher, repeat everything twice, and have a go at Victorian handwriting.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and sign it in the diary pages of their planner – I really appreciate your support with this, and the children love earning their bookmarks.

Additional Information

- P.E. – Children will need an indoor kit for Wednesday and an outdoor kit for Friday sessions.
- Please ensure your child has a sunhat and suncream as we move into the summer months.

Dates for Your Diary

- Friday, 13th June 2025 – PTFA Father's Day/Someone Special Pop-up Shop
- Friday, 13th June 2025 – Non-school uniform day – in exchange for a chocolate or any kind of bottle tombola donation
- Wednesday, 18th to Friday, 20th June 2025 – Year 4 Dukes Barn Residential (Miss Fisher to be covered by Mrs Gilbert)
- Wednesday, 25th June 2025 (afternoon) – Key Stage 1 Sports Day
- Thursday, 26th June 2025 – PTFA BBQ
- Friday, 27th June 2025 – INSET Day – School Closed
- Saturday, 28th June 2025 – Village Show
- Friday, 11th July 2025 – Open Afternoon, 1:30–4:30pm
- Monday, 14th July 2025 – Children's class swap, 9:00–10:30am
- Monday, 21st July 2025 (morning) – Potted Sports (if we have sufficient parent helpers!)
- Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 – Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Fisher