



Issue 6

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 2!

I am delighted to share our Ofsted outcome from our recent inspection on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 2024. As many of you know Ofsted have made changes to the way they inspect and report; one of the big changes is moving away from a one word overall judgement, instead there are words used from all of the areas inspected in school. I am immensely proud of the staff and pupils and thank all parents who took time to complete questionnaires and speak to the inspectors. The report has been sent to all parents separately but the headlines from our report are:



**The quality of education - Good**

**Behaviour and attitudes - Good**

**Personal development - Good**

**Leadership and management - Good**

**Early years provision - Good**



Term 2 is always a busy term with lots of dates and exciting events. Please keep referring to the dates below and look out for a letter next week with some further details. The weather is certainly beginning to change so please ensure your child brings a coat to school, every day, even when it's not raining.

**September 2025 Reception parents:** We are looking forward to inviting prospective Reception parents to our open morning on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and our open evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm. If you, or anyone you know, has a child who will be ready to start school in September 2025, please pass on the times and dates, thank you.

**Forest School:** This term the Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will be participating in their Wednesday sessions. Please make sure they all have suitable outdoor clothing every Wednesday.

**Children in Need:** is next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We ask children to wear their own clothes with spots and stripes (if they have them). Children can have face paint on. In school we will be opening our new outdoor gym area on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, launching our Gladiator Children in Need Theme for the week, where all children will have time to use the, long awaited, gym area. On the Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) we ask children to make a donation for wearing their own clothes, School Council will host a cake sale at morning break and after school (please send in cakes on Friday morning). Cakes will be 50p each. School Council will also offer face painting during the school day for 50p. This will certainly be another busy but memorable week.





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The old millennium area is also starting to take shape. I would like to thank all who have helped so far, with special thanks extended to Elaine Chaplin, Jack Farley, Martin Barclay, and Tom Balcombe. I look forward to sharing more news over the next few weeks for this area.

**Little Punnetts:** Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful half-term break! The children have settled back in beautifully and are excited about the term ahead. This term, we will be exploring Space, and the children have already shown an amazing interest and enthusiasm for the topic. We've been blown away by their impressive knowledge and curiosity about the universe!

We also kicked off with the children's first Forest School session, which was a great success! It was wonderful to see their engagement and excitement as they explored and learned in the natural environment.



**Oak:** On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Oak class went on a welly walk with Rachel Bennington. We have been learning about the Vikings and then going on to learn about the Anglo Saxons that lived before them. It was great fun walking down roads, through leaves, a stream, and fields. We stopped at many places and looked at the trees and how these would have been used to feed pigs and people during the Anglo Saxon times. What they would have done with nettles and other leaves and things we could eat. We also looked for animal footprints and then nuts and acorns. We then choose 3 natural things to make a charm when we got back to school.

In the afternoon we had a handling session where we held animal skin that was used for paper, a coin and glass beads that Anglo Saxons would have.



We then used ink Rachel had made using Anglo Saxon ingredients to write using their letters.

Henry said "I liked making the lucky charms". "The messiest part was the walk, because we got really muddy" said Icarus. Arthur W enjoyed walking across the bridge as it was so slippery. Elle enjoyed learning about plants.

We had an amazing time and learnt a lot. Next week we will be turning this learning into fact files to show what we have learnt and remembered.

During class, Oak have also been very busy creating their own Frank Bowling inspired abstract artwork, with dripping paint and carefully created relief pictures. We have also received many delicious smoothie recipes which have been invented for homework this term!





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**Attendance:** Good attendance really helps the pupils in their social, emotional, and academic learning. Please prioritise attendance at school and talk to us if you or your child has any concerns. We ask Nursery parents to inform the school of any absence in line with school policy, to ensure the school attendance records are accurate. Our target as a school is 96%. We are currently 96.4%.

|        | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | School overall |
|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| Week 1 | 95%     | 93%       | 97%    | 100%   | 98%    | 98%    | 97%    | 95%    | 96.4%          |

## Achievements out of school:

Please send in any achievements that your child has achieved out of school, so we can celebrate their success.



Well done to Rhys who competed on his pony, Harry, at a Halloween competition, riding for the RDA. Rhys chose a Harry Potter theme. His pony became Harry Trotter and Rhys was Snape. They finished in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the competitions. Well done, Rhys and Harry!

## Stars of the week:

Each week the adults and children reflect on the week and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. These are presented in our celebration assembly every Monday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.

### Week 8:

Elm: Ayla Oak: Arthur W Hazel: Albie Beech: Arlo Little Punnetts: All of Little Punnetts class!

Well done everyone!

Thank you to everyone for being the best you can be!

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*

*All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. Yellow highlight will show new additions from the previous newsletter.*

| Term & Week | Date                                | Event   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| T2 W2       | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Cross County Final at Beacon Academy                                      |
|             | Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November  | 3.15pm Friends AGM – details to follow                                    |
|             | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Y6 visit to Young at Heart  |
|             | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Children in Need  |
|             | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  | Friends working party for outside grounds                                 |
| T2 W3       | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November    | Children (all year groups) to sing at Heathfield Christmas Lights evening |
| T2 W4       | Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November  | Decoration morning – details to follow                                    |
| T2 W5       | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December    | Y5/6 Christmas Carol Concert  |
|             | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert  |
|             | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December     | Elfridges – details to follow   |
| T2 W6       | Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Nursery & Reception Christmas performance – details to follow             |
|             | Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow              |
|             | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December    | Y1/2 Wellie walk – details to follow                                      |



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|   | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December                               | Friends Christmas Fun afternoon followed by Christmas Fair – details to follow |
| T2 W7   | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas performance – details to follow                      |
|   | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                            | Christmas lunch day – details to follow  |
|   | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Class Christmas parties – details to follow                                    |
|   | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                               | Last day of term   |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas holidays</b> |  |  |
| T3  | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                                 | First day of term 3  |
| T3  | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                             | <b>Last day of term 3</b>  |
| T3  | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                               | <b>INSET – school closed for children</b>                                      |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term</b>                 |  |  |
| T4  | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                               | <b>INSET – school closed for children</b>                                      |
| T4  | Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                              | <b>First day of term 4</b>   |
| T4  | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                                   | Last day of term 4   |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter holiday</b>                |  |  |
| T5  | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                                 | First day of term 5  |
| T5 W3   | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                                     | Bank Holiday – School closed   |
| T5 W4   | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May          | KS2 SATs week  |
| T5 W5   | Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May                                   | Class photographs  |
| T5  | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                                    | Last day of term 5   |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term</b>                      |  |  |
| T6  | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                                    | First day of term 6  |
| T6 W3   | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)  |
| T6 W6   | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Y5/6 Production  |
| T6 W7   | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Y6 Leavers Assembly  |
| T6  | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                  | Last day of term 6   |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Summer holidays</b> |  |  |
| T1  | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                             | First day of term 1  |