



## Weekly Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

As always, this has been a very busy week, but the highlight was the spring concert on Thursday. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the progress made by our instrumentalists over the course of the last year. There is such a range of instruments being learnt by children across the school: guitar, piano, drums, ukelele, recorders. The choir also performed some of their favourite songs. A big thank you to all the children who performed and to all the parents who were able to come and watch.

### Stars of the Week

#### **This week our stars are:**

**Y1:** Jayden Kent, Grace Wood

**Y2:** Albie Smale, Poppy Rogers

**Y3:** Jacob White, Ruby Rae Wagerfield

**Y4:** Jude Parsler, Rory Osborne

**Y5:** Charlie Tucker, Miles Robinson

**Y6:** Conor O'Toole



**The following children received their bronze values award: Miabella Bygraves (Y1), Kira Wilson (Y5), Sophie Maxwell (Y6)**

**Well done to these children who received their silver values award: Zac Bradley (Y1), Leo Teixeira Palmer (Y1), Charlie Pretty (Y1).**

**The following children received their bronze reading award this week: Georgina Youngman Smith (Y1), Finley Steele (Y6).**

**Congratulations to these children who have now achieved their silver reading award: Eden Barrett (Y2), Lucy Milne (Y4).**

**Huge congratulations to Isla Thomas (Y2) who has achieved her gold reading award.**

**Congratulation to these children for receiving their Golden Pencils for improved handwriting: Arthur Proud, Kai Sherwood, Felicity Martin, Georgina Youngman Smith and Ruby Rae Wagerfield all Year 3 as well as Jude Parsler and Immy Thomas in Year 4.**

**Well done to these children who have received their pen licence for great handwriting: Ruby Jones (Y4), Kaylee Cheung (Y4).**



## Dates For Your Diary

WB Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 Kilvrough  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 7pm Smartphone Free Childhood meeting  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Comic Relief Mufti  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Report cards go out  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Rock Steady Concert  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: 3.15pm – 8.30pm Parents Evening  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 trip to Junior citizens  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: 1pm Family assembly. 1.45pm school closes for Easter holiday.

## Smartphone Free School

Don't forget we will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to listen to a talk from the Thame Smartphone Free Childhood team and to discuss the merits of becoming a smartphone free school. It would be lovely to have as many people at the meeting as possible and it is a chance for you as parents to have your say as to whether Mill Lane becomes a smartphone free school. Please could you use this link to indicate whether you will be attending the meeting:

<https://forms.gle/hj8saWGaEX8wD5k66>

## Year 6 Kilvrough Residential

The Year 6 children will be heading off to Kilvrough on Monday to spend a week on their residential trip. The children get a chance to participate in a range of outdoor activities such as orienteering, abseiling and kayaking. It is also a great opportunity to learn how to work as a team, develop communication skills and learn more about each others' strengths. Fingers crossed they get lovely weather and have a great time.

## Staffing

Unfortunately, I have to let you know about 2 staff members who will be leaving us. Mrs Zychowicz will be leaving at the end of this term to take a break from teaching. We wish her all the best for the future. We have been lucky enough to find replacements who are very experienced. Karen Foord and Lucy Horn will be joining the Mill Lane team until the end of the academic year. They will be coming in on Tuesday to meet the children and to talk with the Year 1 team.

In addition, Mrs Jackie Wingrove will be leaving Mill Lane after over 20 years at the school. Mrs Wingrove has been a valuable member of the SEND team and has supported many families in getting support. Her knowledge and experience will be missed but we wish her a relaxing and enjoyable retirement.

## A Big Thank You

Last week, there was the annual mother's day sale. Thank you for all the donations that were sent in. However, it could not have gone ahead without the hard work of the MLSA and those who volunteered to come and wrap the gifts on Wednesday and Friday afternoon.