



Weekly Newsletter – 24th April 2026

This is the first weekly newsletter of the summer term and the beautiful sunshine rally makes it feel like summer is here – long may it last! As usual we have a lot of children to celebrate as well as a few events and information to pass on.

Stars of the Week

This week our stars are:

Y1: Zac Sherwood, Charlie Pretty, Lilly Gutteridge, Ida Spencer-Davies

Y2: Oliver Boyle, April Cranney

Y3: Kai Sherwood, Tilly Harris, Lyla Padginton, Layla Bayly

Y4: Violet Harher, Immy Smith, Hattie Hambridge, Georgina Bradley

Y5: Addison Osborne, Iris Ansell

Y6: Esme Gutteridge, Sienna Richards, Harry Cairns



The following children received their bronze values award: Amber Mitchell (Y2), Jacob Davis (Y4), Jayden Bayly (Y6), Esme Gutteridge (Y6), Conor O'Toole (Y6)

Well done to George Glover in Year 6 who received his silver values award.

Congratulations to Phoebe Weare in Year 6 for achieving her gold values award.

The following children received their bronze reading award this week: Freddie Gauld (Y1), Peter Mongan (Y2), John Mongan (Y2)

Congratulations to these children who have now achieved their silver award: Lyla Gutteridge (Y4), Rory Osborne (Y4)

Huge congratulations to Jessica Kelly (Y2) who has achieved her gold reading award.



Congratulation to these children for receiving their Golden Pencils for improved handwriting: In Year 4 well done to Hugh Greaves and Arthur Trafford.

Well done to these children in Year 4 who have achieved the pen licence: Jacob Davis, Immy Smith, Rex Allison, Isla Mawdsley, Hattie Hambridge.

We would also like to congratulate Molly Turney in Year 5 for moving up a level in her piano lessons.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 5th May: Jungle Book performance for whole school
Wednesday 6th May: 9.15am School May Day celebrations
Thursday 7th May: Year 2 & 4 trip to Oxford
Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May: Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 13th May: 7pm New Reception parents meeting
Tuesday 19th May: Year 6 IMPS workshop
Wednesday 20th May to Friday 22nd May: Year 4 camp out
Friday 22nd May: Last day of term

Smartphone Free School

The KS2 children had an interesting workshop from the Papaya charity where they explored the advantages and disadvantages of using technology and the impact it has on their wellbeing. Having been with the Year 6 children during the workshop, it was interesting to hear how many were rushing to the skate park at the end of the day rather than to go online and play games. It has been great to see so many children using the skate park both before and after school.
We have now completed all our activities based around moving to a 'smartphone free' school. As a school, we have decided that children will no longer be able to bring smartphones to school from September 2026.

Forest School

We were devastated to find the damage caused by intruders over the easter holiday to the forest school area but the support from both the school and wider community has been amazing. Thank you to everyone who donated equipment and money to replace everything that was lost. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Early Years & Year 1 Playground Development

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation to the creation of a new outdoor area for the Early Years and Year 1 classes. If you would still like to make a donation you can use the link below to do so:
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/early-years-outdoor-area-3>
Mrs Hardstaff is busily planning a music festival that will raise money for the project. It will take place on Saturday 11th July 2pm – 8pm. More information will follow as plans are finalised.

After School Club Survey

This is just a reminder that if you use the after school club, could you please take the time to complete the survey by following the link below:
<https://forms.gle/bwpM8nRjXY87Kno69>