

Dates for your diary

(Amended/new dates are highlighted in yellow)

26th May

End of Summer Term 1

5th June

Start of Summer Term 2 & Science Week

8th June

Y2 Sports Afternoon at Garland with Y5 (PE kits required in school)

9th June

Governor Visit Day

9th June

School photographer – class photos only

12th June

Y1 Phonics Screening (all week)

16th June

YR visit to Mudeford Beach

22nd June

Y2 Educational Visit to Bristol

23rd June

Armed Forces Celebration Day

27th June

Y1 Educational Visit – London Eye/Thames River Cruise

28th June

Acorns Nursery Sports day

29th June

Storyteller – GRT month

30th June

MERL in to celebrate GRT Month

5th July

School Sports Day

10th July

School Reports sent home

12th July

Open Afternoon (parents to have appointments to come and view their child's work)

14th July

3.30pm-5.00pm PTA Summer Fayre

19th July

Y2 Leavers Assembly

19th July

End of Summer Term 1.45pm

School News

We have reached the end of Summer Term 1 and what a great term it has been! The highlights have definitely been our Educational visits, which prove to be invaluable in cementing the children's learning of their topic. The King's Coronation celebrations were also brilliant, and created wonderful memories of this historical event that your children will be able to share with their own families in the future.

Looking ahead to next term, we are pleased to see that we have received lots of bookings for lunch with your children. Depending on which year your child in, will depend on the time you should arrive for your booking:

Reception – 11.45am

Year 1 – 12.00 noon

Year 2 – 12.00pm (to eat at 12.30pm)

As well as having lunch with your child, you will be invited to stay and play with them in the playground for the remainder of their lunch break.

We have planned some inspirational educational visits for the children next term too. Please do ensure that you complete the payment for each visit as well as booking their lunch etc. on Parentmail.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone that worked so hard alongside the PTA last weekend at the May Fayre. The Bland's Bottle Tombola was a roaring success as always and the teddy sale went down a treat too! The amount raised at this event was **£846.94** and we couldn't have raised that without your donations. Thank you all so much!

Doodle Maths

Since Christmas we have been lucky enough to have had access to Doodlemaths across all of key stage 1 (Y1 and Y2). It has been wonderful to see more and more children getting involved and racking up their doodle maths stars! From now on, each week we will announce one child as Top Doodler for the week - this will be the child who has earned the most stars for the week. We will also announce the Top Doodle Class - this will be awarded to the class who has earned the most stars collectively. The total will be counted each Wednesday so that it can be included as part of the newsletter each week.

Summer Term clothing/reminders

Next term, please can you ensure that your child comes to school each day with a named sun hat and water bottle. We would also ask that you provide a named bottle of sun cream that the children can apply themselves when required. Thank you!

Children will also need their PE kits (shorts and team t-shirt) every day as we practise for sports day.

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Class

In Little Acorns this week, the children have been going “Mad about Minibeasts” in sync with our book of the week and topic of the term. They have been able to tell each other all about the different minibeasts in the book and all around the Little Acorns classroom. They have been little designers and architects all week constructing ‘bug hotels’ using lots of different coloured and shaped blocks.

Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed learning the words and actions for the song of the term ‘Animal Fair’ and has done well to earn their Rhyme Time certificates. The children have also been busy decorating elephants and monkeys in celebration of the song for their artwork this week.

In Maths, the children have been learning about weighing objects using scales – balanced, heavier, and lighter. They have continued to learn about time by making clock ‘hands’ for an analogue clock using play-dough and making it read different times.

The letters of the alphabet have been all around the Little Acorns nursery this week – inside and outside – the children have been singing the alphabet song, learning to recognise the letters, and practised writing them on paper using pens and on chalkboards.

In the Little Acorns Garden this week we have enjoyed the nicer weather wearing our sunhats. We have made different marks in the sandpit using various tools, looked after the garden and built towers and walls from big coloured blocks as well as an outdoor duplo world.

Acorns Class

This week in nursery the children have been reading the story of ‘What the Ladybird Heard’. The children enjoyed the story, and we talked about rhyming words. The children tried hard to continue the rhyming string... dog, hog, bog, log etc. We also looked at how to draw maps like the robbers did in the story. We drew a map of our classroom and then asked our friends to follow the map to a destination. The children then tried to draw their own maps of the outside area.

In Maths we have been trying hard to write our numbers. We have been looking at one more than a number and writing the answer using our maths board to help us.

In PE we have been enjoying cosmic yoga in the hall. The children are very good at holding their poses and showed great determination to make the poses- some are very tricky! We have been practising some of our races ready for sports day next term, learning how to stay in a team and being a good sport during the races.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in phonics we continued to revise our tricky words from phase 2, 3, 4 and some children have brought home flashcards to practise: please put these up around the house and whenever you walk past them ask them what it says!

We have been writing sentences using the previous words learnt and remembering to say the sentence out loud first and including finger spaces between words.

In Literacy, we have read the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We have practised saying sentences including who, doing what and with what using our colourful semantic cards.

In Maths, we have continued to make up Maths stories using the mathematical language: First, Then and Now but for taking away problems. We have also practised counting back from any number and recording our answers on whiteboards.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In Year One, we have had a fun and productive last week of the half-term. We enjoyed a special art lesson at the Willink School, where we learnt how to make some clay dinosaurs. We look forward to painting our creations after they have baked in the kiln. The children were all brilliantly behaved and the staff at the Willink were most impressed with the children's knowledge of dinosaurs and skills with the clay.

In maths this week, we have focussed on the language of position, direction and movement. We engaged in lots of practical activities to demonstrate our understanding of 'left and right', 'forwards and backwards' and 'above and below'. We used these words to describe where objects were positioned in relation to others. We also learnt the words: quarter, half, three-quarters and whole to describe rotations and practised turning and drawing shapes after they had been rotated. See if you can play some movement games during the holiday to test and consolidate this knowledge. E.g. "Simon says make a quarter turn to the left...Simon says walk backwards and put your arms above your head".

We have had a non-fiction focus for our writing this week. We chose to write factual sentences about a Velociraptor, Spinosaurus or Stegosaurus using a labelled diagram for support. It was great to see so many of the children extending their sentences with words like 'and', 'but' 'so' or 'because'.

In Geography, to revise our knowledge of the continents, we mapped where dinosaur remains have been found in the world. See if your child can remember where the Muttaborrasaurus and Cryolophosaurus were found.

We hope you all have a lovely half-term break. Do remember to keep practising your phonics; revising phase 3 and 5 sounds and reading both real and alien words. The phonics screening test is fast approaching! Sounds and word card resources can be found on PurpleMash and could be displayed on a screen instead of printing.

There are also some great free phonic reading games available at the following websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk and www.phonicsbloom.com

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

This week the children worked hard on a DT project.... We had to design and make a smoothie that our Reception children might like. We first discussed fruits and vegetables and were surprised to learn that some items, like butternut squash and peppers are actually fruits! Next, we investigated where the fruit and vegetables are grown. Then we designed and made our smoothies and took them down to the Reception classes to try.

In maths, we have been learning more about time. We focussed on recognising, quarter past and quarter to as well as counting in 5 minute intervals around the clock to tell different times. Please practise with your children at home and encourage them to read the time.

In English, we have been studying and reading different minibeasts poems and have continued to write our own. We found learning about minibeast Kenning poems interesting and here is the Hazel Class version-



Pollen – licker
Magnificent - flyer
Bush - sleeper
Symmetry - expert
Beautiful - dresser

The children have enjoyed gymnastics again and learning how to play cricket with Danny.



This week in Bumblebees we have finished our scarecrow! We will be putting 'Her' out on Friday. We hope that you all join in the scarecrow hunt around the village. The children have enjoyed the outside area this week, playing Jenga and decorating the playground with chalks. The children have been showing great concentration inside this week using the dominoes. It takes a lot of patience to set up all the dominoes and restart when they fall over! We hope you have a lovely half term.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend

Dinner Star

Playtime

 **This week ALL of you have been superstars! Well done!**  

Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Top Maths Doodlers



Top Doodle Class - Rowan

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Please click on the link below to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise. Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>