

Dates for your diary

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
Move Up day

30th June

MERL in to celebrate GRT Month
Move Up Day

w/c 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

18th July

Y2 Leavers Event

19th July

Y2 Leavers Assembly

19th July

End of Summer Term 1.45pm

School News

This week we have celebrated our armed forces as it is Armed Forces Day on 25th June. We have learned about what each of the armed forces does to protect us and our country. Thank you, armed forces!

As part of the celebration, we were very lucky to have a flypast from an RAF chinook! The children spelt out the letters of 'Forces Day 2023' to write a message that could be seen from the sky. It was very exciting and a lovely experience for the children.



Year 2 had an amazing time on their educational visit to Bristol and learned so much! Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers – you were brilliant!

Next week

Looking ahead to next week, Year 1 have the final trip of this term to London for a river boat cruise and a ride on the London Eye as part of their topic this term. The children are very excited, and we can't wait to hear about it when they return.

All year groups will move up to their new classes next week on the 29th and 30th June. Year R and Year 1 children should be dropped off at their normal entrance and they will be taken to their new classes after registration. They can all be collected for the Key Stage 1 Playground at the end of the day. Our Year 2 parents should have been sent a letter from Garland Junior School advising them of the drop off and collection times for those children moving up to Year 3. If your child normally attends Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees then we will take them to Garland and collect them again at the end of the school day.

Exciting times ahead!

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

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Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Class

This week in Little Acorns, we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and re-telling the story using puppets and props to our friends. It has reminded us of the 'Days of the Week' song and some of us recalled the 'Tiny Caterpillar' song from last term. There has been lots of mark making on special 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' paper and lovely caterpillar playdough creations developing fine motor skills.

Our song of the week was 'I hear Thunder' and we have learnt actions to go with the words as well as two verses to the song. We have talked about using our senses to hear, see, feel and smell different weather phenomenon. We have seen lots of different weather this week to talk about in Little Acorns as well!

In Maths, the children have been starting to learn that the number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle') and to link numbers and amounts, for example, showing the right number of objects to match the number.

To celebrate Armed Forces Day, the children have enjoyed finding out about lots of different occupations all week. They have role-played using fancy dress, props and their imaginations: hospitals, fire stations, delivery services, schools and even 'superhero' world.

Outside, the children have had endless fun in a ball pit paddling pool, remembering to take it in turns and tidy up after themselves (motivated by team building, competitions, and counting)! They have also washed the baby dolls in the water tray, played with the giant dolls house and created a wonder wall of waterfalls.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns we have read the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have been learning actions to the story from Pie Corbett, which helps us to remember the sequence of the story. The children have been enjoying the cottage in the role play area, pretending to be the different characters and changing their voices!

In maths we have been looking at positional language. The children played a game to ask their friend to stand in front, behind, next to each other.

In outdoor learning we have been making pictures with different media that we have found outside. The children put their picture in a frame and we think they looked fantastic.

We have been caring for our vegetables and are very excited to see how much they are all growing!

In PE we have been practising ready for our Sports Day. The children have been working very hard and we are looking forward to next Wednesday. Please remember to arrive before 9.30am and sign in at the main office. You will be shown to the field where the children will come out at 9.30am. During the Sports Day, the children will be under the care of the nursery staff- including any first aid. For the day to run smoothly we please ask for your support to not encourage your child to come over if they become upset. The nursery staff will comfort your child as they would in the nursery and encourage them to compete in the races. At the end of 5 races the children will be allowed to come to parents and they will have a treat of an ice lolly. We will gather the children back together at 10.25am to come back into nursery and parents will leave through the main office. If your child does not attend a Wednesday session, please bring them to nursery at 9.00am for us to register them and get them ready with their peers.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been creating storyboards for the RE stories we have learnt, 'Jonah and the Whale' and 'Noah's Ark'. We have also written about what we did at Mudeford beach.

In phonics we have been revising ai, igh, oa digraphs and focusing on spelling tricky words.

In Maths we have been identifying, sorting and playing with odd and even numbers.

In Science we looked at different objects and predicted if we thought they would float or sink. Then we tested out our theories and some of the results were surprising!

In PSED we have been talking about transitions. We had a look around Year 1 and spent some time in the Year 1 outside areas and had the opportunity to play in the KS1 playground. We also talked to some Year 1 children about what it is like in Year 1 and what they could look forward to.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in English, Year 1 have done lots of writing. They completed their stories based on The Great Fire of London, wrote facts about the event and then applied their learnt skills to create their own disaster story set at the Oxford dinosaur museum. We have been really impressed with the children's improved writing stamina and use of descriptive vocabulary.

In maths this week, the children have worked hard to answer the questions in the end of year assessment papers. One paper focussed on additions and subtractions within 20, the other had a mixture of number, geometry, and measurement questions to assess their problem solving and reasoning skills. There were some common confusions, partly due to the way the questions were presented, so here are some of the trickier style questions to work on at home:

1. $? = 7 + 3$ 2. $8 - ? = 5$ 3. $5 + 5 + 5 = ?$ 4. $13 = ? - 6$ 5. $8 + 4 = ? + 10$

For science, the children worked in groups this week to create posters about the four seasons. They focussed on the changes that have occurred to our class trees over the year. They visited our trees in the school grounds to observe their features in summer. Birch Class had support to identify the 'catkins' on their Silver Birch tree.

In R.E. this week, the children have learnt about the Jewish new year celebration of Rosh Hashanah. See if your child can remember the sweet food that Jewish people enjoy, symbolising their hopes for a sweet new year. Can they also remember the name of the horn that is blown?

Our PSHE discussions have been centred around preparing the children for their move up to Year 2. They have had the opportunity to share their feelings, to raise any concerns and to ask questions. The Year 2 children have helped to answer their questions and alleviate their fears.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What an exciting week it has been for year 2!

We started our history topic this week, learning all about significant people throughout history, focusing on great explorers. First, we recapped some learning that the children did in Reception and Year 1 about Ernest Shackleton and Neil Armstrong. Next, we introduced Christopher Columbus. We discussed the journey he took to the Americas (not Asia as he intended!) and why he made this journey in the first place. We also thought about the impact he has had on the world, both good and bad. Why not ask your child about some of the things that Columbus did?

In English we are preparing to write an informative leaflet about oceans and marine creatures. We have learned about the five different layers of the ocean and found out that oceans cover up to 71% of the Earth's surface! Next, we researched some ocean creatures such as dolphins, sharks and octopuses, recording our favourite facts to use in our own writing. Next week we will be organising our ideas into detailed paragraphs and creating an informative leaflet. Ask your child what their favourite fact about ocean creatures is.

In maths we have been learning to use positional and directional language. We have used words such as left, right, forwards, and backwards to describe movements and full turn, half turn, quarter turn and three-quarter turn to describe turns. We even put our knowledge to the test in outdoor learning when we blindfolded our partner and used the language we had learned to guide them around obstacles. As a challenge, why not ask your child to guide you around your house...if you're feeling brave of course!

Finally, we had a fantastic time on our trip to Bristol this week, the children were amazing and so well behaved. Once in Bristol, we visited the aquarium where we were able to spot some of the animals we have been learning about in English. The children especially enjoyed seeing the sharks and sting rays! We also visited The Matthew - a replica of the ship used by John Cabot to sail the Atlantic in 1497. It was so exciting to board this historical ship and even sail it along the docks.

We are incredibly proud of the children for their wonderful behaviour (as always) and would like to say a huge thank you to our parent helpers - we couldn't do these amazing trips without you.



Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees



This week the children have been enjoying playing turn taking games. The older children show great patience with the younger bees and are very good at explaining the rules to support another child! The children have enjoyed the sylvanian family characters this week, creating stories and using their imaginations.

Friend



Meleka - Yr 2

Dinner Star



Orla - Yr 2

Playtime



Seb - Yr 2

Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



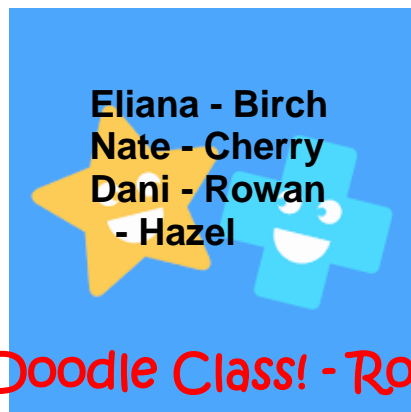
Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Top Maths Doodlers



Top Doodle Class! - Rowan

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The PTA

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