

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Start of Summer Term 2

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Yr R Education Visit to  
Mudeford Beach

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Summer Fayre! 3.30 –  
5.00pm

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Yr 1 Educational Visit to  
London Eye and Boat Trip

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Birch Class Open  
Afternoon

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Day (whole school)  
and Open Afternoon (all  
except Birch Class)

### **School News**

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

Well done to all of the children in Year 1 who completed the Phonics Screening this week! Thank you for helping the children to prepare for this during the half term break, the results will be included within the end of year school report.

We are very pleased to announce that following the recent parent governor election, Mrs Sarah Wilkins and Miss Rebecca Evans have been duly elected as parent governors to the Board of Mrs Blands. We are sure you will join us in congratulating them and we look forward to working alongside you both.

### **Rainbow Tombola**

As you all know, we will be running our very popular 'Rainbow Tombola' at this years' Summer Fayre (Friday 24th June). Please can we ask that you continue to bring in new or nearly new items in the colour of your child's class:

Nursery (Acorns and Little Acorns classes) - pink  
Beech Class – violet/purple  
Maple Class – red  
Birch Class – indigo and blue (light and dark blue)  
Cherry Class – green  
Hazel Class – yellow  
Rowan Class – orange

Perhaps you could add a small item to your weekly shop?

### **Health and Safety**

Please can we ask that, if at all possible, you walk to and from school tomorrow and the first part of next week rather than take the car? We are having repairs to our playground that will restrict parking in and around school.

As always, we ask that you ensure for the health and safety of the children that they are kept with you at all times.

Any questions please do contact the school office.

## **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 –**

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**or catch someone on the playground –**

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,  
Sian Killen, Charmaine  
Kelly**

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

What a lovely week it's been returning to nursery. The children were very excited to tell us of their adventures over the half-term break.

Our topic this term is, 'How does that building stay up?' – This week, the children have enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and have been exploring in the Three Little Pigs small world where some children were able to retell large parts of the story independently. During this topic, we will be talking about our village of Burghfield and what buildings we might see. We will be looking at different types of homes and thinking about ways to describe our own homes.

During this last term, we will be focusing on becoming 'big nursery' ready for those children moving up this September. To enable the children to feel happy and confident in their transition, we will enjoy more trips to the main school and take weekly trips into the big nursery garden.

We have been reminding ourselves how to share with others using a sand timer, use our kind words when talking to others and having kind hands.

Please can we ask that named water bottles be brought to every session and spare named clothing? Thank you

## **Acorn (Nursery am and pm)**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term. It was lovely to see so many children celebrating the Queen's Jubilee over the weekend and to see your photos on Seesaw. The children have come back into school full of enthusiasm with stories to share.

This week we have been learning lots of information about the Queen and the Royal Family. The children have been having their own Royal Tea Party in our role play and writing about the Queen.

In outdoor learning, we have worked together to make different castles for a Queen which leads us nicely onto the start of our topic next week which is, 'How does that building stay up?'

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we read the story of the 'Rainbow Fish.' We researched fish using Google safe search on the iPads and drew and painted our own fish. We wrote sentences describing our fish. We also thought about what makes a good friend and labelled pictures of our friends.

In maths we have been learning about doubles to 10. We used paint on butterflies and fish to make doubles. We played dice and domino games to spot doubles as well.

In science we explored floating and sinking. We made predictions and tested our ideas about what would float or sink. We made our own paper boats and watched them slowly sink in the water.

In outdoor learning we tried to make our own dens using sticks and pieces of fabric. We tested these to see how waterproof they were.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year 1 the children have started to learn about their new topic of London. They looked at pictures of the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben and learnt about the role of Parliament and the government. In art, they compared two styles of artwork depicting London. One style was the ink line drawings of London buildings by Julia Gash and the other was the Romantic London landscapes painted by JMW Turner. Next week they will be creating their own line drawings of London landmarks.

The English focus this week has been to develop the children's speaking and listening and performance skills. They have learnt several rhymes and songs about London. See if your child can perform any for you!

This week the children have also been introduced to a simple programming app on the iPads, called ScratchJr. They learnt to select a series of visual commands to make a 'Sprite' (the object) move. The children enjoyed seeing the result of their actions!

In maths, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 100. They have counted forwards and back, compared numbers using the language of more than/less than and partitioned numbers into hundreds, tens, and ones. See if your child can answer some place value questions, e.g. How many tens in 62? If I have 3 tens and add 7 ones, what number have I made?

The children will be making models of London buildings this term so if anybody has any small cardboard boxes, kitchen rolls or other suitable items for junk modelling we would be happy to take them off your hands. Thank you for your continued support and a special well done to all the children this week for coping so well with their phonics screening test.

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

It's been another busy week in Year 2! We have begun our new topic, 'The Age of Discovery' and we're looking forward to learning all about different explorers this term. In English, we started the week using homophones to write our own jokes and silly sentences – ask your child if they can explain to you how to use homophones in jokes! We finished the week by writing letters about items which are important to us which have been washed away at sea! The children have thought hard about what they need to include in a letter.

In maths, we have continued to look at positional directions. The children have been thinking about how to turn shapes either clockwise or anti-clockwise and have done a super job at rotating shapes to make patterns in a sequence.

In ICT this week, we recapped how to stay safe online and in science we investigated the difference between living and non-living things.

We've been revisiting some of the earlier bundles with Sir Linkalot this week, and focusing on some of the Year 2 common exception words.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

Welcome back! It has been lovely to hear the children talking about the scarecrow hunt and how much they enjoyed it.

This week we have continued to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have made cupcakes and paperchains – all in red, white and blue.

### Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Natalia Yr 1

Dinner Star



Emily Yr 1

Playtime



Xaiver SM Acorns

## Whole School Stars

### Star of the Week



Harrison - Acorns  
Youssef - Beech  
Ted - Maple  
Meleka - Birch  
Hanna - Cherry  
Saffron - Hazel  
Chloe - Rowan

### Friendship Star



Willow - Acorns  
Jahnia - Beech  
Bradley - Maple  
Daryna - Birch  
Charlotte - Cherry  
Blnd - Hazel  
Isla - Rowan

### Playtime Star



Lacey-Rose - Acorns  
Teresamarie - Beech  
Louie - Maple  
Sammy - Birch  
Dani - Cherry  
Hobie - Hazel  
Leo - Rowan

## **Help us to Raise Funds for the School:**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and it's free! Go to...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.

## **School Lottery**

**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>



Mrs Blands is now registered with Amazon's 'smile' charity programme!

If you select Mrs Bland's as your selected charity, 0.5% of eligible spend will go straight back to the PTA.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050019-0>