



Newsletter - 24th April 2026

Top News

Respect Rangers of the Week

This week, our Respect Rangers have been nominated for showing excellent manners while moving around the school corridors and not coming in during .

They have demonstrated kindness, consideration, and respect for others—setting a fantastic example for everyone in our school community. Well done to all of you for making our school a calm and friendly place to be!

3G	3Q	3S	4A	4D	4R
Maisie	Ava	Tobias	Sara	Jacopo	Kendra
5C	5S	5V	6D	6G	6M
Lottie	Charlie W	Thomas	Martha	Henry	Elsie-Mae

House Points Update

This week, our Green Dragons have soared into the lead, knocking the Red Griffins off top spot! With Sports Day coming soon, every point counts more than ever.

Keep pushing, keep competing, and most importantly—keep up the fantastic work!

Green Dragons	Red Griffins	Yellow Phoenixes	Blue Hippogriffs
8880	8810	8750	7530

School Fun

A Big Thank You from the Attenborough Garden

A big thank you to all the parents and children who came along on Monday to help tidy up our Attenborough Garden. Your time and effort have made a real difference, and it's already looking much neater as we prepare the garden in time for Sir David Attenborough's birthday!

There's still more to be done, and we would love a few extra pairs of hands. If you're available on **Monday 27th April at 3:30pm**, please do come and join Mrs Crosby in the garden for a spot of digging and helping us continue the transformation.

 **What to bring:**

- Gardening gloves
- Any tools you can spare
- Plenty of enthusiasm!

(All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)

Pedal Power! Year 4 Earn Their Bikeability Badges

This week, our Year 4 children have done a fantastic job achieving their Level 1 Bikeability certificates—well done to you all!

Throughout the week, they have been learning and practising important cycling skills, including how to carry out safety checks on their bikes, start and stop with control, and ride confidently while maintaining good balance and awareness of others around them. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow with each session.

Congratulations to all of our brilliant cyclists for their hard work, enthusiasm, and determination—what a great achievement! Keep on pedalling and staying safe!



Important Messages

Important Safety Notice: Water Beads (“Orbeez”) and Bunchems



We would like to draw parents’ and carers’ attention to important safety warnings regarding toys commonly known as *water beads* (often sold as “Orbies”, jelly balls, or sensory beads) and products such as Bunchems.

Water beads may appear harmless, but they can pose a serious risk to young children. When exposed to liquid, these beads can expand to many times their original size. UK safety bodies, including the Office for Product Safety and Standards, have issued guidance following reports of harm. If swallowed, the beads can continue to grow up to 400 times their original size, inside the body, potentially causing choking or dangerous internal blockages, sometimes requiring urgent medical treatment. They can also be difficult to detect on scans, which may delay diagnosis.

Products such as Bunchems, while designed for creative play, can also present risks. These small, hook-and-loop balls are known to become easily tangled in hair, often requiring significant effort to remove and, in some cases, needing to be cut out.

What parents can do:

- Avoid purchasing water beads for young children
- Keep any existing beads securely out of reach
- Supervise older children closely when using similar products
- Take care when using toys like Bunchems, especially around hair
- Seek urgent medical advice if you suspect a child has swallowed any small object

We kindly ask all families to remain vigilant and to regularly check toys at home for potential hazards. By working together, we can help ensure all children remain safe both at school and at home.

Working Together for Great School Attendance

Don’t forget... children who meet their attendance targets will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher, with one winner in each year group.

Golden Ticket Celebration Day – Friday 1st May!

We’re excited to announce that the special day for our Golden Ticket winners has been set for **Friday 1st May!**

Children who have won the prizes “Wear mufti for the day (for you and a friend)” and “Come to school with crazy hair for the day” can enjoy their reward on this day.

We can't wait to see your fantastic outfits and creative hairstyles – it's going to be a fun and memorable day for everyone involved!

Other prize dates will be announced next week in an email.

A Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our parent volunteers. Without your help, many of our larger school trips simply wouldn't be possible.

Our reader and classroom volunteers also play a vital role in supporting the children's learning and development—it truly makes a difference.

If you are able to volunteer your time, whether to support trips beyond your own child's year group or to spend some time reading with children, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you again for all that you do!

Get Ready for Class Photos!

Class photos will be taking place on **Tuesday 5th May**. Please ensure that all children come to school dressed in full summer uniform, including jumpers or cardigans.

For children in Year 3 and Year 5 who have PE on this day, please come to school in full uniform and bring your PE kit in a bag to change into later in the day.

Thank you for your support.

Curriculum Highlights

Discovering the Wonders of India

Year 3 had some very exciting special visitors this week—and they took us on an incredible journey all the way to India!

We're now busy becoming expert fact-finders as we create our own non-chronological reports about this amazing country. And wow, did we learn some fascinating things! Did you know that India once made a *chapati weighing a whopping 65kg*? That's heavier than most of us in the class! 😲

But the fun didn't stop there... our visitors brought along a treasure trove of beautiful items for us to explore. We got to see colourful traditional clothing, sparkling jewellery, and stunning artwork up close—it felt like stepping into another world!

It was a fantastic experience that sparked our curiosity and filled our heads with brilliant ideas. We can't wait to share everything we've discovered!



Planning Ahead

Coming up:

30th April - Class 5C Thames Explorer Trip

1st May - Class 3S Assembly (3pm)

4th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

5th May - Class Photos



Keep up-to-date with all school events on our School Calendar [here!](#)

Local News

All news and information on local activities can be found on the Noticeboard of our website [here.](#)

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