



WEEKLY

Week 4 – 20th March 2026

newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

What a fantastic week we've had celebrating **British Science Week**, centred around this year's theme: "*Curiosity – what's your question?*"

Across the school, children have been asking big questions, exploring ideas, and carrying out exciting hands-on experiments to deepen their understanding of the world around them.

🚩 What each class has been exploring

- **EYFS** learned about reptiles and enjoyed a special tortoise visit
- **Year 1** explored fire and fire safety
- **Year 2** investigated melting ice and climate change
- **Year 3** created erupting volcanoes
- **Year 4** experimented with how water behaves
- **Year 5** explored how plants grow and the importance of soil
- **Year 6** investigated the science of snow and ice

👨👩👧👦 Sharing our learning

To round off the week, we were delighted to invite parents in to see the children's work and experiments in action.

★ Final thoughts

This week has been a brilliant reminder that science starts with a question. The children have shown enthusiasm, creativity and a real love of learning, truly bringing our vision of *turning curiosity into lifelong discovery* to life through their **brave hearts, motivated minds, proud voices and supportive connections**. We have definitely got some future scientists in the making!

Book Fair

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting our recent Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your enthusiasm, parents spent an amazing **£913.33** on books!

This has earned the school a significant amount in Scholastic Rewards, which we will use to purchase new books and resources for our classrooms and library. Every purchase helps us continue to develop a love of reading across the school.

We are very grateful for your continued support. Thank you for helping us put even more great books into children's hands.

PTA Sports Kit

We are delighted to share that our PTA has generously funded a set of new sports kits for pupils to wear at sporting events, including athletics and cross country competitions.

The new kits will help our children feel part of a team and represent the school with pride when competing against others. We are incredibly grateful to the PTA for their continued support in enhancing opportunities and experiences for all pupils.

Thank you, as always, for making such a positive difference to our school community.



Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Ekam and Sonia

Kingfishers – Dani and Lulu

Robins – Wilfred and Arlie

Swifts – Halile and Kyle

Skylarks – Roha and Mia

Jays – Noah and Amber

Owls – Rogan and Amara

Kestrels – Bridget and Maxwell

The winning house this week is...



CHAMPIONS!

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners this week. Our winners are...

Kingfishers – Finley and Harriet

Robins – Nahla and Alexander

Swifts – Theo and Miles

Skylarks – Grace and Kira

Jays – Shivani and Janice

Owls – Ruby and Brody

Kestrels – Oscar B and Laura





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Parent Kind

We would like to highlight **Parentkind**, the national charity that supports PTAs and helps parents engage in their children's education.

They are offering a range of **free online webinars for parents in 2026**, covering topics such as wellbeing, behaviour and supporting learning at home. Some upcoming include:

- A parent's guide to understanding autism and ADHD
- From meltdowns to mindfulness: practical tools for peaceful parenting

To find out more and book a place, visit:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

PE Days

Mondays –
Tuesday – Kestrels / Kingfishers
Wednesday – Jays / Robins
Thursdays – Owls / Swifts
Fridays – Skylarks



Eid Mubarak!

We would like to wish all of our Muslim families a very happy **Eid al-Fitr**.

Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating today! May this special time be filled with joy, peace, and time spent with loved ones.

We hope you have a wonderful celebration.



PTA Socials

Our wonderful PTA have a Facebook group and social media accounts. Please follow along as they update it regularly and you can get in touch directly with them if needed. They're always looking for volunteers so get in touch: pta@bitternemanor.net

Office Hours

The school office is open 8:30-4:30.

Upcoming Dates

- ~~6th March – Lower School Cross Country Championships (4pm)~~
- ~~13th March – Upper School Cross Country Championships (4pm) Cancelled due to Disco~~
- ~~13th March – PTA Disco~~
- ~~16th March – Science Week~~
- ~~20th March – Science Fair for Parents 2:50pm~~
- ~~20th March – Red Nose Day (Wear your PJs to school day for £1 donation!)~~
- 24th March – Swifts RE Day with City Mission
- 24th March – City Mission Easter Assembly
- 25th March – Owls RE Day with City Mission
- **27th March – End of Term**
- 13th April – Start of Summer Term
- 21st April – Owls Class Assembly
- 22nd April – Class Photos
- 28th April – Jays Class Assembly
- 30th April – See and Celebrate Book Look (2:45pm)
- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 5th May – Skylarks Class Assembly
- 11th May – SATs Week
- 18th May – Shakespeare Festival / Walk to School Week
- 19th May – Swifts Class Assembly
- 21st May – Parents invited to Shakespeare Festival (afternoon – time TBC)
- **22nd May – End of Term**
- 1st June – Start of term and Gardening Week

