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Week 5 – 27th March 2026

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Message from Miss Hughes

This term has been one of my favourites. It has been packed with memorable moments and a real sense of energy and enthusiasm across the school. Our **Book Week** was a real highlight, celebrating a love of reading and bringing our whole school together through our shared text, *Peace on Earth*. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and inspired. We also enjoyed an amazing **Science Week**, where curiosity was at the heart of everything. The children embraced opportunities to explore, question and investigate, and it was fantastic to see such excitement for learning. The term began with **parents' evening**, followed by a very positive parent survey. Thank you for your continued support - it makes a real difference. We are also incredibly **proud** of the children. **Assessments** this term have been strong and children have made very good progress. Our PTA have also organised lovely events, including the disco this term. They are always on the look out for volunteers (including any dads/uncles!).

As we look ahead to the summer term, there is lots to look forward to. We have more **class assemblies**, some excellent **PTA events**, **Gardening Week**, **Sports Days** and key milestones such as **KS2 SATs**, the **Year 4 Multiplication Check** and the **Year 1 Phonics Screening**. There are also residential trips planned for Year 4 and Year 5, which we know will be fantastic experiences for the children.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to another busy and enjoyable term ahead. Have a wonderful holiday.

Mobile Phones

The government has recently made it compulsory for all schools to have a mobile devices policy and so to support a safe, calm and focused learning environment, our school operates a clear policy on mobile phones and other personal electronic devices.

Key points for families:

- **No use during the school day:** Children are not allowed to use mobile phones or any personal electronic devices at any time in school, including break and lunch times.
- **Devices must be handed in:** If a child brings a device to school, it must be switched off and handed into the school office at the start of the day, then collected at the end.
- **No devices on site:** Parent/child mobile devices must not be seen, heard or used anywhere on school grounds during the school day.
- **No photos or recordings:** Children/parents must not take photos, videos or audio recordings on school premises or share images of others without permission.
- **Search and confiscation:** If a device is used or suspected to be in school, staff may search for and confiscate it.
- **Sanctions:** Misuse of devices will result in consequences in line with the school's behaviour policy.
- **School is not responsible for devices:** Any devices brought into school are at the owner's risk.

We understand that some children may need a phone for safety when travelling to and from school. However, once on site, all devices must follow the procedures above.

Dojo Champions

Ducklings – River and Hadya

Kingfishers – Leon and Henry

Robins – Marley and Remi

Swifts – Haya and Flora

Skylarks – Lida and Roha

Jays – Blaire and Lucie

Owls – George and Oluchi

Kestrels – Bridget and Honour

The winning house this week is...



SUPERSTARS!

Golden Book

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

Kingfishers – Rose and Ala

Robins – Sienna and Musa

Swifts – Naomi and Elif

Skylarks – Olivia H and Ibrahim

Jays – Hope and Amelia

Owls – Olek and Sahar

Kestrels – Zeenat and Jade





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PTA Penny Wars



After the holiday, our two-week PTA Penny Wars will begin! Each class will have a jar for any loose change, with all money raised going to the PTA. The class that collects the most will win a prize - so start saving those pennies!

PE Days

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



Farewell to Mrs Southwick

We would like to wish Mrs Southwick all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care and hard work she has shown this year, both in developing the curriculum and in her work with the Kestrels class. Mrs Southwick will be greatly missed by both children and staff, and especially by the Kestrels, who have benefited so much from her enthusiasm and support.

We send her our warmest wishes, lots of love, and every happiness for this exciting new chapter. She is hugely grateful for all the lovely presents that families have given her today. We'll share some lovely photos when we hear about the new arrival...!

Upcoming Dates

- **27th March – End of Term**
- 13th April – Start of Summer Term
- 13th April-24th April – PTA Penny Wars
- 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
- 8th May – PTA Cake Sale for VE Day
- 11th May – SATs Week
- 15th May – PTA Disco (TBC) / Break the Rules Day for Charity
- 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 Summer Term 2
- 1st June - Gardening Week
- 4th June – Y5/6 Cricket Tournament (TBC)
- 8th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Week
- 9th June – Primary Track and Field Event
- 10th June – Welcome Event for New Reception Parents
- 17th June – Y5 to Tile Barn
- 18th June – Y4 to Fairthorne
- 19th June – Y4 and Y5 return

Help in the Holidays

If you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child during the holidays, call 999.

If you are looking for help, call the Children's Resource Service on 02380 83 3004 or 02380 23 3344

