



WEEKLY

Week 2 – 24th April 2026

newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

What a fantastic week it's been! The sunshine has been treating us kindly every single day – what a joy and such a lift for everyone's spirits. It's been lovely to see the children making the most of it.

A huge thank you to our **amazing PTA**, who have been out in full force with "**Penny Power**" – and what a success it's been! Lots of money raised and a great sense of community as always.

Owls' class assembly on Tuesday was absolutely brilliant. We were treated to a confident solo song and a guitar solo – we have some real stars in the making!

Wednesday was a busy one! **Class photos** saw everyone looking incredibly smart and proud. Later in the day, we enjoyed a **special afternoon tea party for our Dojo Champions**. Such a lovely way to celebrate the children's efforts and achievements.

Year 6 took part in an **exam stress workshop** on Thursday as they prepare for their SATs. It was a really valuable session to help them feel calm, confident, and ready.

Behind the scenes, staff have been just as busy. In our staff meeting, teachers began planning for our upcoming **Shakespeare Festival** before half term, as well as an exciting **Gardening Week** after the holiday. We also all took part in training with an educational psychologist, focusing on working memory and how best to support children with cognitive load. Lots of useful ideas to take forward into the classroom.

All in all, another great week.

Have a wonderful weekend, Amy

Lockdown Drills

Later this term, we'll be carrying out a simple lockdown practice as part of how we keep children safe in school. The children are already very familiar with fire drills and handle them brilliantly. This is a similar type of practice, although it will be new to them.

The practice helps everyone know what to do if we ever needed to secure the building (for example, if there were an animal on the playground or an unexpected visitor). A whistle will be blown five times as the signal to come inside and lock doors. Children may sit quietly in class or move calmly to the hall.

We want to reassure you that this will be kept very simple and age-appropriate. It won't involve anything that might worry children, such as hiding under tables. Staff will talk it through with them in a calm and supportive way so they feel safe and confident throughout.

We'll complete this in the final week of term. Please be reassured there is no increased risk or specific concern. This is simply part of updated Department for Education guidance, including Martyn's Law, and all schools are now required to have a lockdown procedure.

Dojo Champions

Ducklings – Lola and Albie

Kingfishers – Mia and Jayden-James

Robins – Abdul and Avayah

Swifts – Lily-Rose and Elif

Skylarks – Mia and Maria

Jays – Tobias and Bella

Owls – Finn and Amelie

Kestrels – Raya and Bridget

The winning house this week is...

SUPERSTARS!



Golden Book

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

Kingfishers – Doni and Dani

Robins – Amirah and Yugan

Swifts – Savannah and Hunter

Skylarks – Jasmine and Ana

Jays – Ashlee and Ralph

Owls – Jessica and Finn

Kestrels – Ryan and Jadon





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Uniform Reminders

Wearing our uniform helps build a sense of pride, unity, and belonging in our school community. Please remember, children need:

- a white shirt or blouse or polo shirt
- grey or black trousers
- grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- bottle green jumper or cardigan
- brown or black shoes (These can be trainers, but must be plain black or plain brown).
- No jewellery except stud earrings or a watch.
- No make up or nail varnish
- **No branded logos on PE kit / jumpers / hoodies / cropped tops**

Please ensure that all uniform is named.



Staff Update

Mrs Robinson has been a valued member of our school community since 2018, teaching our lower year groups and supporting phonics interventions. Charlotte is leaving the school and we would like to thank her for the care and commitment she has shown to the children during her time with us. We wish her every success for the future.

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PE Days

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



Upcoming Dates

- 13th April-24th April – PTA Penny Power
- 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
- 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
- 1st June – Start of Y4's Multiplication Check
- 2nd June – Owls on class trip
- 3rd June – Swifts to Portchester Castle
- 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
- 23rd June – City Mission in Y6
- 26th June – Non-uniform day for PTA Tombola prize
- 1st July – City Wide Transition Day (TBC)

