



# Weekly Newsletter

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### Reading At Home

A polite reminder of the importance of reading with your child at home at least four times a week, across every year group.

Reading at home allows children to practise the skills they learn in school 1:1 with an adult. Reading out loud for 5 mins four times a week, makes a huge difference to confidence, fluency and accuracy.

A letter was sent out this week asking for reading volunteers (parents, grandparents, friends) to help us provide additional reading support in school.

### Measles Update from the DFE

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles particularly around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to:

Reception: Alice

Year 1: Isaac

Year 2: Sofia

Year 3: Hayden

Year 4: Phoebe

Year 5: Isla

Year 6: Eve



# ATTENDANCE



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.9%	91.1%	93.1%	91.6%	94.6%	94.5%	97.3%



# OUR LEARNING

**In Reception...** Reception are fantastic musicians! We begin our music lessons by carefully listening to a piece of music and discussing the different instruments we can hear. We have been learning to play the glockenspiel to familiar nursery rhymes, maintaining a steady beat and hitting the 'G' note in time to the music.

**In Year 1...** Year 1 have had such a brilliant week! In Maths we have been placing teen numbers onto our own place value charts. In Science, we have been comparing similar objects made from different materials. We have also been working really hard on our handwriting and have been enjoying visiting other classes to show off our fantastic work!

**In Year 2...** In English, we have listened to two versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and made comparisons between characters from both stories. In Maths, we have solved addition and subtraction word problems. In History, we have learnt about the life of Walter Tull and created a time-line of his life events.

**In Year 3...** We have been continuing our work on addition and subtraction and how we can use exchanging to solve problems. Mrs Clarke is very proud of how resilient we have been not giving up and even practising at home! In English we have started a new text called 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. This week we have been describing the Iron Man and writing Hogarth's diary.



**In Year 4...** The children have enjoyed another forest school session. We learnt about problems facing native birds today and created bird hides and bird feeders that we could take home to help the wildlife in our garden.



**In Year 5...** This week Year 5 visited Safety Central; a realistic indoor village with special effects and technology to simulate a range of hazards & risks. They were immersed in a variety of scenarios including fire, road & online safety and enjoyed all the interactive activities throughout the themed zones.

**In Year 6...** This week Year 6 have continued learning about fractions and writing a character comparison between Frankenstein's monster and Dracula. We have also looked at Charles Darwin's finches observations and how and why they were different to each other.



# OTHER AWARDS



## Congratulations to:

- **Football Superstars; Heidi** who received Player of the Match from Whittle Hall JFC; **Logan** who was awarded Parent's Player of the Week from Whittle Hall Cosmos JFC and **Sophia** who was awarded Coaches Player of the Match from Matthiola Rockets.
- **Super Swimmers; Willow** who received Star of the Week for fantastic swimming.
- **Dance Stars; Lily, Lexi & Georgiana** who were awarded Star of the Week from Abigail Barlow Dance Academy & **Georgia** who was awarded Star of the Week from Sarah Royle School of Dance.
- **Super Gymnasts; Luke & Hayden** who received Gym Stars Level 8 certificates from Beth Tweddle Gymnastics Club.



# READERS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Willow

Year 1: Esme

Year 2: George

Year 3: Claire

Year 4: Owen

Year 5: Sumie

Year 6: Danny



## LUNCH MENU W/C 29/01/24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margarita Pizza	Chilli Beef & Rice	Chicken & Vegetable Savoury Rice	Oven Baked Fish or Chicken Goujons with Chips	Chicken Curry & Rice
Quorn Meatballs	Ham/Cheese Panini	Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese	Jacket Potato with various fillings	Selection of Wraps
Jacket Potato with various fillings	Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt	Jacket Potato with various fillings	Homemade Biscuit	Jacket Potato with various fillings
Ice Cream Roll		Jelly		Homemade Cake



## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 1st February:** Recycle 4 School to collect clothes bags.

**Monday 5th February:** Presto Music Assembly for the whole school.

**Tuesday 6th February:** Safer Internet Day.

**Wednesday 7th February:** Reception Aqualease Rock Pool Experience.

**Friday 9th February:** Chinese New Year Celebrations.

**Friday 9th February:** Reception Stay and Read session 2.30pm—3.15pm.

**Friday 9th February:** School closes 3.20pm.