

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been our Work and Enterprise week. We have been encouraging children to explore the world of work and to think about and develop their own aspirations for their future careers. Different year groups have experienced either a visit to a work place or a visitor to the school to speak about the job that they do. All year groups have taken part in the Enterprise Fayre, designing and making a product to sell. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. Enterprise education helps children to develop specific skills in negotiating, influencing, innovating, and problem solving. Although we do not have room to show photographs of all of the events here, please do look at our website, Twitter and Facebook page to see what the children have been up to!

At the very beginning of each school day, children get straight to tasks whilst the teacher completes the register. These tasks often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they miss out on their own learning time and this is disruptive for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am so that they can come into school with their class. The school gates close at 9:00am and pupils may be classed as late if they arrive after this time.

You will have noticed that the weather has been colder recently, although we did manage to avoid the worst of Storm Eowyn. We are keen that children get fresh air by playing outside every day, so please make sure that children bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt, plain green shorts or black (or grey) jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Many thanks for all of your support.

**Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher**

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### Reminders

#### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



#### PE Kits

Please make sure children have the correct PE kit to comfortably take part in lessons.



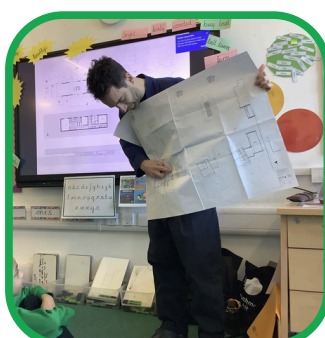
### Green Grocers

To celebrate Work and Enterprise week, Sapling Class took a trip to the local green grocers. Whilst shopping, children were very curious and asked the shop keeper many questions. They loved paying with coins and getting the receipt and change.



### Architect Visit

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Johan, an architect as part of Work and Enterprise Week. They had the opportunity to look at the detailed plans and loved how architecture combines both artistic and mathematical elements!



### Growing Yeast

This week, Year 6 investigated the conditions for the growth of yeast. They mixed sugar, water and yeast together. They were correct when they predicted that, without oxygen and with room-temperature water, yeast would thrive!





## Enterprise Fayre

Our Enterprise Fayre was a huge success! Our talented pupils sold handmade keyrings, bracelets, squishes and salt dough coasters which they crafted themselves, showcasing their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. We are proud of all the hard work they put in as part of Work Week!



## Eco Team

This week, the Eco Team enjoyed a birdwatch as part of the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch. They were very interested to see how this would help the charity track the UK's bird population. They spotted gulls, magpies, pigeons, a great tit and even a few parakeets!



## Key Dates

**Children's Mental Health Week**  
w/b Monday 3rd February

**Laurel Class Assembly**  
Thursday 6th February at 11am

**Safer Internet Day**  
Tuesday 11th February

**Children break up for half term**  
Friday 14th February at 3:30pm

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 14th February	<u>Online Safety</u> : How can I support my child to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively? (Safer Internet Day parent workshop)

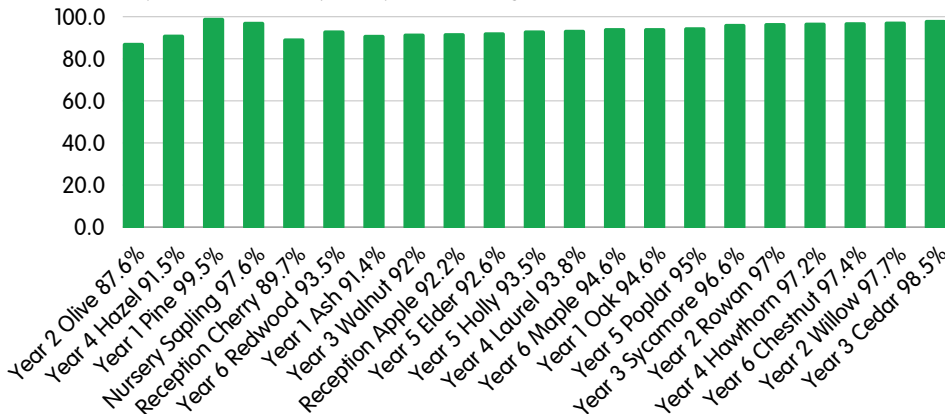
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.5%.

Well done to Year 1 Pine Class, last week's winners with 99.5% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



## Term End and Start

The first half of the spring term ends on Friday 14th February 2025 at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



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