

# Class Updates - 04.04.2025



## *Reception Butterflies update*

We've had a busy, creative and active week in Butterflies! We have loved getting outside and enjoying some Spring weather. We took PE onto the adventure playground, to work on our gross motor and core strength. The children showed great resilience and perseverance climbing, sliding, and pulling themselves along the ropes. They all tried their hardest to get around the equipment, even if it was a little scary for them.

We have been making Easter arts and crafts, decorating crosses in tissue paper collage and making Easter bunny portraits.

We have been amazed by the ingenuity of the children, using all the construction equipment and are very proud of how kind they are to each other and the team work they display.

Wishing you all a very happy, restful and safe Easter break!



**Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Marks and Miss Brighten**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Forest School was lots of fun in the sun, playing in the mud kitchen, climbing trees and enjoying the outdoors. Friday was a busy day! We had a brilliant time showing our dance to several other schools and presented our school incredibly well. In the afternoon, we enjoyed making toast in DT for our friend. We had to consider how brown our friend wanted their toast, the topping of their choice and how they would like it sliced. The best part was definitely eating it! We have had an amazing spring term and have all worked extremely hard. Have a restful easter break!!

**Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg**





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have had a fantastic time in Year 2 this week, working hard across all our subjects!

In **Maths**, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, exploring their sides, edges, faces, and vertices. The children have really enjoyed identifying shapes in the world around them and using mathematical language to describe them.

In **Writing**, we have been focusing on setting and character descriptions. The children have been using exciting adjectives, similes, and expanded noun phrases to bring their writing to life. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine!

In **Art**, we have finished our beautiful Kandinsky-inspired pictures. The children worked incredibly hard to use colour and shape in creative ways, and their final pieces are fantastic!

In **Computing**, we have continued to develop our programming skills using Beebots. The children have been following and creating specific codes to direct their Beebots accurately, learning all about sequencing and problem-solving along the way.

As we approach the Easter break, there will be no homework set for the holidays. However, I would very much appreciate it if the children could continue to read regularly and practice their **2, 5, and 10 times tables** to keep their skills sharp.

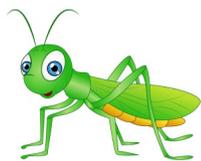
Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break!

Best wishes,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes.



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



What a busy term we have had! I hope you could all see from the Parent Presentation how hard the children have worked this term and the variety of work they have been producing.

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on revisiting place value and number. I have been impressed with what the children have retained. After Easter, we will be starting our measurement unit using the four operations to solve measure based problems.

In R.E, we have completed our Islam unit by creating prayer mats using geometric patterns to show the importance of Allah in the Muslim faith.

In Science, the class did an investigation using different rocks. The children had a list of properties and had to identify which the given rock had, for example, buoyancy, durability and hardness.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to the Parent Presentation. I was so proud of how they projected their voices and presented their work.

### Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye



## Year 4 Fireflies Update



What a fantastic week we've had in school! We are absolutely delighted with the great turnout we had for our parent presentation and are so impressed with the children's performance. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting their children's achievements, and the enthusiasm from both parents and students made the event truly special.



This term was long but successful for year 4. Year 4 has truly made me proud with their outstanding achievements across various areas, from learning to sports competitions. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork have shone brightly, and I couldn't be more impressed by their growth and progress.

The students have shown tremendous dedication and hard work. They have made excellent progress across the entire curriculum, putting in extra effort to improve their Maths and English skills. Their writing and comprehension have particularly flourished, with many students showing impressive growth in their ability to express themselves clearly



and confidently. It's been rewarding to watch their progress and see how they've been tackling more complex tasks with such enthusiasm. Their writing and comprehension have particularly flourished, with many students showing impressive growth in their ability to express themselves clearly and confidently.



Have a great Easter break!

**Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys**

## Year 5 Busybees Update



*It may be the last week of term but Year 5 have been working hard till the end! This week we have done a DT project focused around bread which culminated in the class making their own bread roll to enjoy in the sunshine - followed by a game of cricket—a wonderful way to spend the afternoon! We have also finished our geometry unit in maths and, in English, the children have been writing short suspense stories based on overcoming our fears. We also enjoyed lots of time in the sunshine; taking our books outside to read with each other. Well done, team, for another fantastic term—from dance shows, music projects, operas, baking and everything in between, you have been very busy and working very hard! Have a wonderful and relaxing break and see you soon—ready for the residential countdown!*

**Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten**





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

Year 6 have had a busy and brilliant week just before a well-earned Easter break!

In English, we've been diving into the passive voice and revisiting word classes. The children have been identifying different types of words in sentences and using them in their own writing with confidence. It's been so impressive seeing how well the children have learnt to identify the difference classes —how many can your child recall?

In Maths, we've been recapping our work on shape. The children reviewed the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals, focusing on their properties, before moving on to manipulating shapes through reflection, rotation and translation. We continued with our level-based challenges, and it was fantastic to see so many children eager to have another go at the trickier questions—they showed great resilience!

Science took centre stage with a double session this week, all focused on electrical circuits! The children got hands-on with a wide range of tasks, reading diagrams with circuit symbols to build their own. They were especially inventive when it came to designing their own switches and experimenting with parallel circuits.

And in PE, the excitement has begun... the first look at Year 6's talents in the lead-up to our legendary *Year 6 vs St Mary's Staff* rounders match! The staff have held the title for the last three years, but this group is already showing some serious potential—it might just be the most competitive match we've seen yet!

Have a great Easter everyone and a well-deserved break,

**Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll**

