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NEWSLETTER: Friday 9th May 2025





Welcome to this week's newsletter! It has been a shorter week than normal but a lot has happened. Yesterday, we marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day by dressing in red, white and blue. We also observed the two minutes silence at midday and then enjoyed a picnic on the field afterwards. The children were very respectful during the two minutes silence and it was lovely seeing them all enjoying their lunch on the field. Last year, we did allow our packed lunches to eat on the school field most days and I know the children are keen to do this again. Therefore, we will consider whether this can happen more often over the remainder of the term. It was very sunny out there so please remember to put sun cream on the children and provide them with sun hats where possible.

Communication

As you know, Sally Wyatt, our school business manager, has partially retired and so, until our new business manager starts later this term, we are down a member of staff. Therefore, please be aware that communication may take longer than usual at the moment as myself and the office pick up this role.

Toys and Equipment coming into School

Please remember that the children are not allowed to bring items such as toys, slime, cuddly toys and fidgets into school unless their year group is having a special event, such as 'bring your teddy to school day.' The reasons for this are to a) avoid the children being distracted in their learning and b) to avoid arguments and issues on the playground when the children swap and share their possessions. The children do not need to bring anything into school each day other than their reading books, water bottles, lunches and sun cream or hat. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 6

Next week, our Year 6s will sit their statutory assessments (or SATS). Although the Year 6 team here work very hard to support the children and ensure they are alright, this can be a very worrying time for them. If you have a child in Year 6, please do use the My Happy Minds app this weekend to help the children relax, if needed, and ensure they have a fun, relaxing weekend if possible - they have all worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of the efforts they have made with their learning and revision. They will be brilliant!

Summer Fair and Circus Event

The time until our Summer Fair and Circus Event is going quickly, please add this date to your diary and check out the poster at the end of this newsletter for more information.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend. See you bright and early on Monday morning.

Rebecca Mitchell
Headteacher

Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Florence Osipova	Florence, you have demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards learning this half term. You have shown great determination and perseverance – well done!
Hedgehogs	Amaury Huet-Martin	Amaury, you have tried so hard with your phonics, especially when writing. We are very proud of you - well done!
Squirrels	Torsten Glaves	Torsten, you have shown such perseverance with your reading and writing recently and we are so proud of. Well done!
Rabbits	Dylan Thorsby	Dylan, thank you for the positive attitude you've brought to the classroom this week. We have loved sharing your enjoyment for learning, especially on our trip!
Puffins	Finn Gradidge	Finn, you are always so enthusiastic about your learning and you always try your best. Keep it up!
Penguins	Enya Wellham	Enya, you created a creative minibeast poem with an exciting use of adjectives, verbs and prepositions. Well done!
Lions	Logan Merry-Race	Logan, you have tried really hard with your learning this week. We love how much better your handwriting and spelling is getting. Well done and keep it up!
Tigers	Lenny Pullinger	Lenny, you have focussed really well this week and have persevered with all your learning. Well done!
Kangaroos	Finn Larkin	Finn, you have amazed us this week with your imaginative and expressive writing. You will always do your best to succeed and truly shine.
Koalas	Freddie Dalton	Freddie, your kindness, respect, and joyful attitude brightens our classroom every day. You share your smile and make others feel great!
Owls	Tommy Creamer	Tommy, we are so impressed with your maturing attitude towards school life. You are contributing your ideas more regularly in class and are making good choices throughout the school day. Well done!
Otters	Luca Conroy	Luca, you take responsibility for your actions, showing kindness and respect through manners and always being ready to lend a helping hand—your positivity lights up our classroom! I am super proud of you.
Flamingos	Marlee Masson	Marlee, you have demonstrated excellent effort over the last few weeks and made great progress in reading and maths. Well done!
Toucans	Dolcie Lennon	Dolcie, you have been working incredibly hard all year but you have been especially focused in the last few weeks. It has been wonderful to witness you gaining in confidence and we are all very proud of you and the progress you have made this year.

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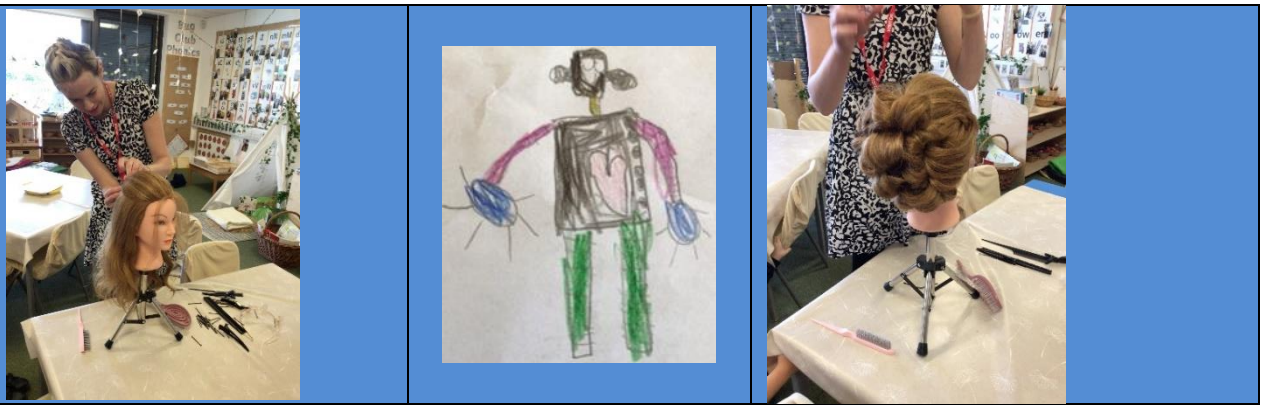
Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	Soraya Goodall – 2/05/25	Soraya is a model pupil who could receive the award each week. She works hard in lessons, is a great role model for others and displays genuine care and kindness to everyone. This is noticed by all who come into contact with Soraya and we are very proud of her. Well done!
Headteacher's Award	Ruby – 9/05/25	Ruby is a wonderful example to everyone, she demonstrates the school values every day, especially enjoy, and she is an absolute joy to be around. Ruby has recently taken a leading role in the school's push to recycle more paper and she works hard each day to help look after our planet more! Thank you and well done!
Attendance Award	Lions	100%
Winning House	Fowley	All the children in this house worked hard with their learning and following the school rules this week and earnt more house points than any other house. Well done everyone!



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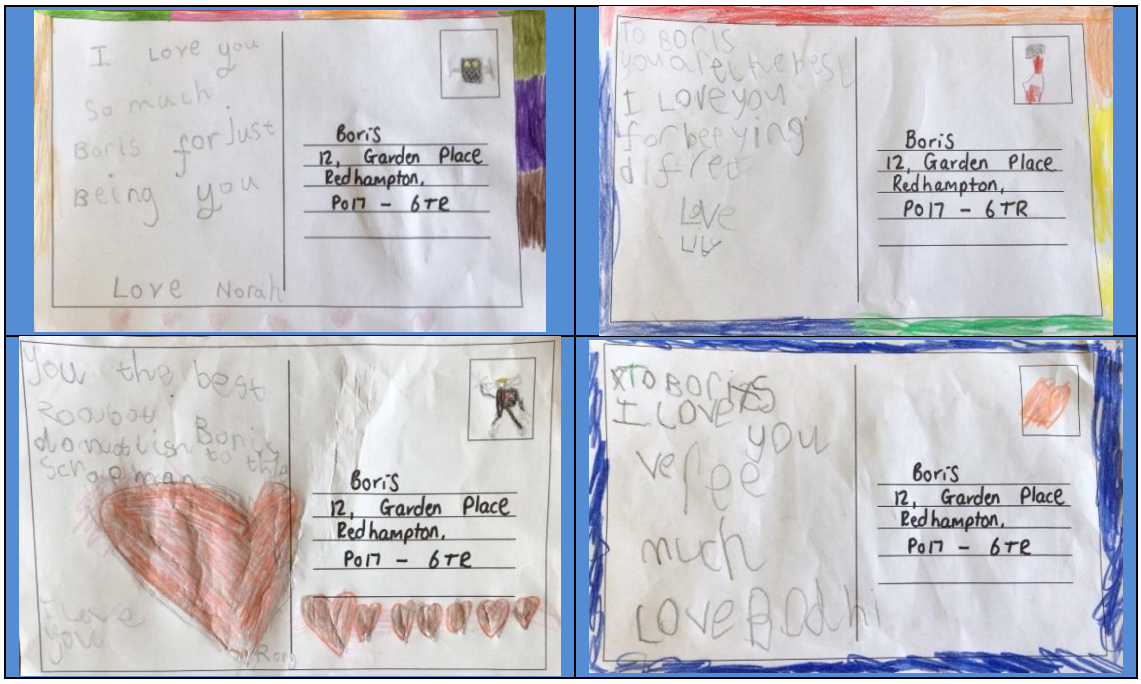


Early Years (EYFS)

Our HeartSmart theme at the moment is 'Fake is a Mistake!' and last week our lesson was all about telling the truth. The aim of the lesson was to think of encouraging and kind words to say to Boris. The Scrapman is often unkind to him and says hurtful words saying that he is just junk and worthless. We were blown away by the response of the children who really showed how they understand what kindness is and how to make someone feel special with words.

Thank you to Harmony's Mummy for coming in to do a demonstration for our hairdressers role play-a lovely up-do!

Below, and on the following page, are some of the postcards that they wrote to Boris and examples of some of our children's wonderful home learning!



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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

Year 1 have had another enjoyable and eventful week. On Wednesday, they went on their final beach trip where they collected colourful flowers and used them to create beautiful natural collages. We are incredibly proud of how sensibly they behaved, showing care for the environment and staying safe while walking and crossing roads.
In maths, the children have been learning to sort objects into equal and unequal groups. Meanwhile, in English, they've been working with the text *The Tale of the Whale*, enjoying activities such as sequencing the story and role-playing different characters.
To top off the week, the children had great fun celebrating VE Day by coming to school dressed in red, white, and blue, and enjoying a sunny picnic on the field.

Year 2 have become gardeners this week! In science, they have been investigating how much water a plant needs to grow healthily. They have decided on amounts of water, measured carefully and will be observing the seeds as they germinate and grow. They have carried on this theme into their dance unit, using unison and canon to create sequences and perform to each other. In English, the children have written their own bug poems, using expanded noun phrases, verbs and prepositions. The children have published their work, using their excellent handwriting skills. We will be learning about time in the next maths unit, so could you please help your child/children at home to learn o'clock, half past, quarter past / to and 5-minute intervals.



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

In Year 3 this week, we have continued with our book 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have linked all our learning from previous weeks and written a beautiful setting description of Pompeii, using prepositions, different word classes and speech. In maths, we have continued with our topic Mass and Capacity. We have started looking at, and working out, equivalent capacities as well as adding and subtracting masses.
In science, we continue looking at plants, what componants they are made off and how they reproduce. In PE, we have started rounders, practising our catching and throwing, as well as our batting skills. Luckily, the weather has played along nicely and we are fully enjoying the outdoor games.

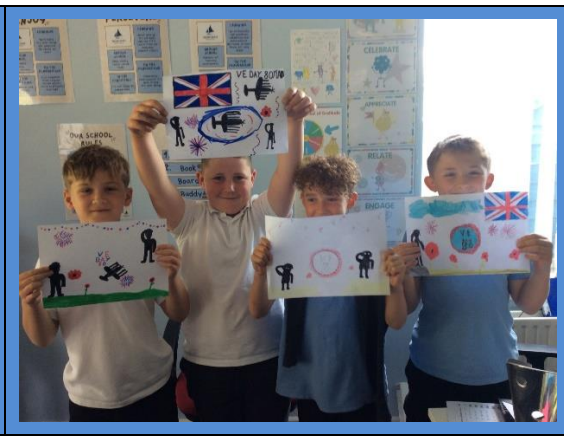
Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning across the curriculum! In music, we explored the exciting rhythms of samba music and had great fun learning about syncopation. In English, we proudly finished our fabulous internal monologues as Varjak Paw and have now begun exploring modal verbs, sentence structure, and preparing for a lively class debate on whether cats should be allowed outside. In PE, we were lucky enough to enjoy the sunshine while practising our running technique and having a go at shot put. We have some budding athletes in the making! In geography, we continued our work on earthquakes and mountains, focusing this week on how mountains are formed. We looked closely at three different types of mountain formation and were amazed by the power of nature.



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week in Year 5, the children have been enjoying our new text 'Cloud Busters'. We have been practising a variety of grammatical and literary devices such as speech, personal poetry and Haikus – they children have loved it! In maths, we have been focusing on position and direction. We have been using coordinates to plot and identify, mapping translations and looking at lines of symmetry. In PE, we learnt how to execute a crouching/sprint start. The children identified their strongest foot before following a procedure based on an Olympic-technique!
On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating the wonderful men and women who played their part in WWII – we learnt about VE day and how the war affected children, particularly evacuees, enjoyed lunch al-fresco and then created artwork based on spitfires, a traditional English tea party and poppies. We were very proud of how respectful and curious the children were.

This week, the children have been busy revising for their upcoming SATs assessments, which will take place next week. One activity they particularly enjoyed was the *Unfair Arithmetic* game. This fun and engaging game allowed them to practise typical SATs-style questions, all while earning—or even stealing—points from other pairs. It was a great way to reinforce their learning in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.
As the assessments approach, it is natural that some children may be feeling a little nervous. We hope they can take some time this weekend to rest and recharge. They have all worked incredibly hard and should feel proud of the progress they have made. Thanks to their continued effort, we are confident they will approach the tests feeling well-prepared.
We are also looking forward to welcoming many of them to the SATs Breakfast each morning from 8:00 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for the children to relax with friends while enjoying some delicious and nutritious breakfast treats. A huge thank you to our wonderful EPSA team for generously giving their time to make this happen again this year.

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SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

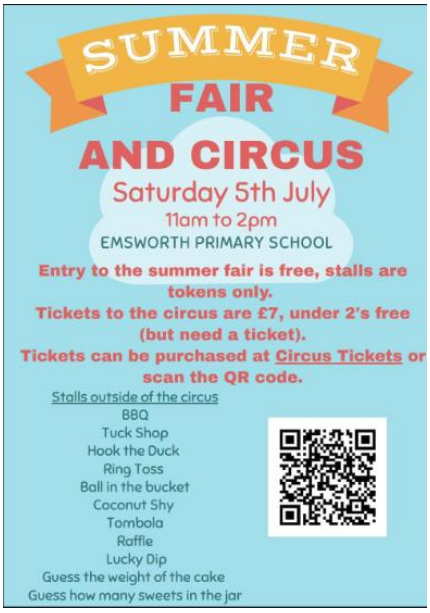
SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!

ROLL UP ROLL UP! Tickets available here!





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