



Fleet News

Friday 10th January 2025

Message from the Head...

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you were all able to spend some quality time with friends and family over the winter break. It has been a very positive start back with new topics well underway and the children seeming focussed and keen to be back. Look out for the new Topic letters and snapshots coming home via ParentHub next Tuesday. They will include all the information you will need to know for the plans for your child's class this term along with the key factual knowledge we will be expecting them to learn through the course of their new topics.

We are always trying to improve the Fleet site and looking at ways we can get additional funding to make improvements so that your children have the best possible learning environment that we can provide. Some examples of this from the last few years are the improvements in the Junior Playground, the building of the Astroturf Pitch and the new POD building with sensory room. All of these were made possible by securing additional funding from a variety of sources as well as professional advice along the way. We are currently looking at other areas of the school site we would like to make changes to and improve. While we might know what we would like to be able to do from an educational or community perspective, we often lack some of the technical skills necessary to know what is feasible or achievable. To determine if these ideas are possible and worth pursuing we need professional advice. This advice, be it conversations or site visits often comes with high fees making it impossible to pursue. I know a number of you parents and carers either have some of these skills through your own work or members of your family may have them. I'd like to make a plea to any builders, surveyors, architects, interior designers, structural engineers etc. out there in the Fleet community, if you are willing to donate some of your time when we need some advice, please let us know. At present, one of the ideas we have we need some structural engineering advice to look at a part of the school and let us know if our idea is possible or ridiculously complicated to achieve and therefore not worth pursuing. If any of you are structural engineers, or know one well enough to call in a favour, we'd love to hear from you - please let the office know and I will contact you.

I'm looking forward to the coming term, the days starting to get longer, signs of Spring coming along, and the children continuing their learning journeys - as always at Fleet it is going to be a very busy term! We have a new item in the newsletter from this week - meet the staff. Each week we will introduce another staff member to you and some facts about them you might not know - we're starting with me on page 4! Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday.





General Health & Safety Reminders...

- Please do not prop open the main gate to the school site either before or after school. If there is not a member of staff there, the gate should be kept closed.
- If adults need to use the toilet on the school premises, even if accompanying a child, they must use the staff toilets in the corridor.
- The site is open to parents from 8am for breakfast club, please wait until then, even if a member of staff is buzzed in whilst you're waiting (*some parents have been coming in before 8 and leaving their children in the qube unattended*)
- If you are in the junior playground after school, please supervise your children carefully and be mindful that the equipment in the junior playground is designed for older children and is unsafe for little ones (*someone hurt themselves last week*). Other playground equipment (balls etc) is not for use after school.
- If you need to walk between the main school and the Nursery please use the path rather than cutting through the hall or corridor.

Weekly Punctuality Award

Another week of positive news in terms of punctuality with only 16 across the whole school. Although no class achieved no lates, no class had a large number which meant only 16 across the week. Well done to Y6 - who have had a great year for punctuality - this week's winners with just one late.

Thank you to all of you for such a positive start to the term and continuing the great progress from the Autumn term.

If you are finding getting to school on time difficult and your child has arrived late on more than one occasion then you may need to think about your morning routine and what could be done to ensure this doesn't happen again. We are happy to help with this.

Remember, classrooms are open from 8.45am so children (and adults) do not need to wait in the cold or rain outside. The QUBE in the Junior playground is also open from 8am for breakfast club. Thank you for your continued support.

Class	Lates
Y6	1
REC, Y2, Y3	2
Y1, Y4, Y5	3
Total	16

Well done to Year 5 - top of the attendance tree this week (and not the first time this year!). For nearly all the year groups it has been a wonderful start to 2025 with 5 of the 7 classes all well above 95%. The overall for the week has been pulled down though (still just above 95%) by lower attendance in Year 2 and Reception. For the year we have dipped just below 95% for the first time. Still some way to go to get closer to the 96% target for the year.

We are confident though that the great start to 2025 by Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 can be continued and if Reception and Y2 can improve we can quickly get back up over 95% and towards the target level.

Y5 and Y6 are both still above 96% for the year with Y3 only 0.1% away. Y4 also close for the year with 95.3%.

Please remember to let us know each day a child is absent that they will not be in. Thank you to all those children (and parents) showing resilience at this time of year when there are a number of bugs floating around and the weather is often less than inviting when we step out of our doors in the morning. Remember to ensure that all children come in with warm coats, hats and gloves on these very cold days and that they have a waterproof coat if rain is forecast.

Thank you all for your continued support and the strong start to the year by so many of you.

Class	%
Y5	99.5%
Y1	96.7%
Y4	96.2%
Y3 & Y6	95.8%
Y2	91.9%
Rec	90.6%
Average for the week	95.2%
Overall for the year so far	94.9%

Weekly Attendance Award

Meet the staff...



Name: Don McGibbon

Role: Head Teacher

How long worked at Fleet:

Since Sept 2016 - 8 years

One of our aims is that our fabulous staff work in partnership with you, our parents and carers, to support your children on their journey through school laying strong foundations for resilience and future success. To help build this relationship each week we will be introducing different staff who looking after and work with your children. We want you to get to know the adults in school and some things about them over and above their school role.

Favourite Food...

I like lots of different types of food - from Chinese to Ethiopian, Japanese to Mexican, but Italian has to be my favourite - I love a Lasagne or a seafood Linguini (Pizza a favourite too!). Although is anything as tasty as Haggis?

Favourite Book as a child...

When very young I loved anything by Eric Carle and also 'Where the Wild things Are'. As I got older, my absolute favourite (and probably still is!) was Lord of the Rings - from the age of 13 to about 20 I read it at least once every year!

Hidden Talent...

Not sure it's a talent that would get me very far but I can do a lot of keepie-uppies and headers without dropping the ball - I can also spin a basketball on my finger for as long as I want - both products of my youth and the amount of time spent doing sport!

Favourite thing about school as a child...

I went to school in the Highlands of Scotland - my favourite days were snow days as there was a big hill that was part of the playground and we would sledge and slide on the ice down it. When there wasn't snow it was usually very windy so we would run down with our coats behind us like capes and jump trying to fly!

Dream destination...

When I was in my 20s I spent a few months travelling around India and Nepal. I would love to visit again, especially Nepal and perhaps go into Bhutan - I love the mountains - they remind me of home!

Surprise fact about you...

I played Basketball for Scotland at Under 17 level - I played in the a 4 nations tournament (Scotland/England/Ireland/Wales) and I was the shortest player in the tournament!

Any other jobs...

I worked part-time jobs since I was 13 - I didn't start training to be a teacher until my late 20s so have had many jobs: Paperboy, Heather Beater (anyone know what that is?), Potato Picker, Barman, Video Shop Assistant, Mental Health Support Worker, Electronic & Electrical Engineer, Behavioural Manager...

Favourite Film...

I love films so picking one is very difficult. One film I can watch over and over again though is Ferris Bueller's Day Off! I also remember as a child I spent one summer holiday where with my cousins we watched 'Bugsy Malone' every day! I love a sports movie too like 'Coach Carter' or 'Any Given Sunday'.

What did you want to be when you grew up...

My earliest hope was to be a footballer - I did make it to play for Ross County's second team when I was 15 but didn't make it any further - I left home for uni and didn't have the chance to keep playing. At one point I also considered joining the Air Force so I could get trained to be a pilot.

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

One of the things I enjoy doing the most is to be out exploring/travelling with my family - even better if it's on my bike and we are in the middle of nowhere! Another thing I love to do is to go to music concerts.

Dates for your diary...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub. Thank you.

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 17 th Feb – Friday 21 st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Last day of term	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
2 nd half term			Monday 2 nd June 2025

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

14th January	Author visit for KS2
23rd January	Camden Money and Advice Session for Parents in the POD: 9-11.30am
31st January	KS1 and KS2 Open Morning: Maths focus - 9-9.30am
3rd-7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
11th-12th February	Internet Safety Day Events/Workshops/Assemblies
17th-21st February	Half Term Week - School Closed
25th February	National Child Measurement Programme - Rec & Y6
26th February	Fluoride Varnish - Nursery to Year 2
3rd-7th March	Fleet Book Week
4th March	Book Fair in the Hall - Daunt Books - 2-4.30pm
6th March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character
26th-27th March	Parent—Teacher Meetings (note: most teachers will be doing these dates; due to working days some classes might do alternative evenings during this week—will confirm nearer the time)
31st March - 4th April	Wellbeing Week
4th April	Last day of term - close at 2pm

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

For individual class dates see class pages from Page 19 onwards...

Lunch Menu: 13th - 17th January

Meat Free Monday

Creamy Mac & Cheese
or
Veg Pasta Bake

Veg of the day

Yoghurt & Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Chilli Con Carne
Vegetarian:
Vegetable Fajitas

Rice
Veg of the day

Chocolate &
Mandarin Sponge
with Custard

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
Herby Roast
Chicken
Vegetarian:
Vegetable
Wellington

Roast or Mashed
Potatoes
Veg of the day

Fruit Medley

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken Sausages
Vegetarian:
Glamorgan
Sausages

Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy
Veg of the day

Peach Upside Down
Cake & Custard

Friday

Christmas Lunch

Meat/Halal:
Traditional Roast Turkey
Vegetarian:
Feta, Spinach & Cranberry
Puff Pastry Roll

Roast Potatoes, Chipolatas,
Stuffing, Carrots, Peas &
Gravy

Cranberry Bread

Chocolate Yule Log
Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream
Fresh Fruit Platter

Please remember to let the office know if you want to change your child to or from school lunches so that adequate amounts of food are produced and waste is reduced

Available Daily
Freshly Cooked Jacket Potato
Freshly Baked Bread
Salad



Fleet Facts!

Well done to all these children who have passed their Fleet Facts test this week!

Year 2: Aria, Charlie, Dayyan, Elijah, Enzo, Logan, Mollie, Rayyan, Riva, Sabia, Stejsi, Zaida, Zeinab

Year 3: Krena, Yusef, Robin, Ilyes, Aleeza

Year 4: Mahir, Mo, Yahya C, Yahya H, Zara

Year 5: Ausar

Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to all these children who have earned the most coins in their class on Times Table Rock Stars this week!



Year 3: Salamah—11,703 coins!

Year 4: Max—2,748 coins!

Year 5: Frankie—17,540 coins!

Year 6: Saaimah—7,622 coins!



Numbots Stars of the Week!

Year 1: Leo—1,191 coins!

Year 2: Charlie—2,308 coins!

THE FLEET CREATIVE CURRICULUM - SPRING TERM TOPICS...

The classes started their Spring Term Topics this week. The list is shown below. Next week the topic letter and snapshots will be sent home.

The corridor display in the Admin block will also be updated next week to show the first bits of work produced in the new topics and showcase the wonderful work of the children. Do pop along at pick up or drop off to have a look. We will share photos of these new displays next week. Make sure and check each class page for the date of their class assembly this term (Y1-6) so that you don't miss out on their topic showcase!

Year 6: Black Out

Year 5: Reach for the Stars

Year 4: Hopes and Heroes

Year 3: Glorious Greeks

Year 2: Seeds and Thneeds

Year 1: Wild Things

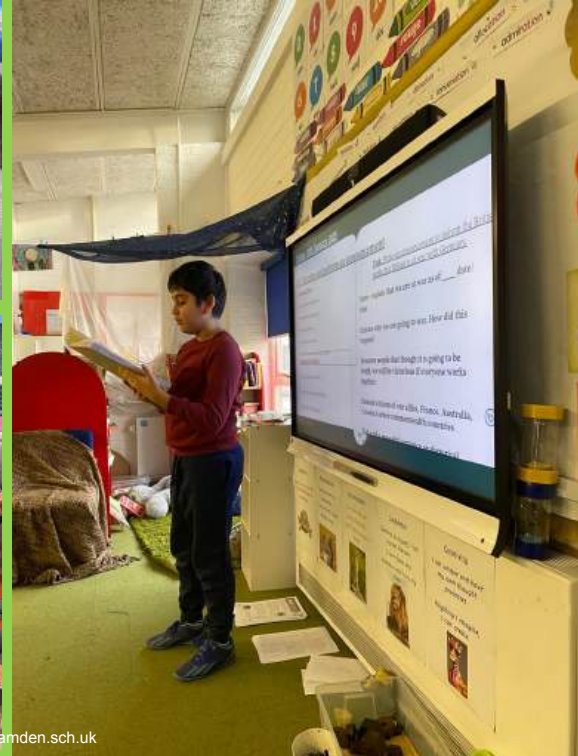
Reception: When I Grow Up

Nursery: Three is the Magic Number



This week at Fleet...

A busy first week back with new topics introduced and already well under way. Already we've seen some fabulous writing and interesting knowledge come up through our knowledge harvests and questions the children what to find answers to as they work through their topics. This term is shaping up to be another very successful one with a number of workshops and trips organised to support the in school learning. Well done to all the children for such a positive start to the new term.



Star of the week!



Nursery

For your amazing ideas and enthusiasm when we are talking about our learning and new activities. We are also so proud of you and the way you are joining in with carpet sessions and in singing assemblies. Great job!



Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2024-25

8th January	Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment workshop
24th January	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am
7th February	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am
28th February	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am
14th March	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am
28th March	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am



...Nursery!

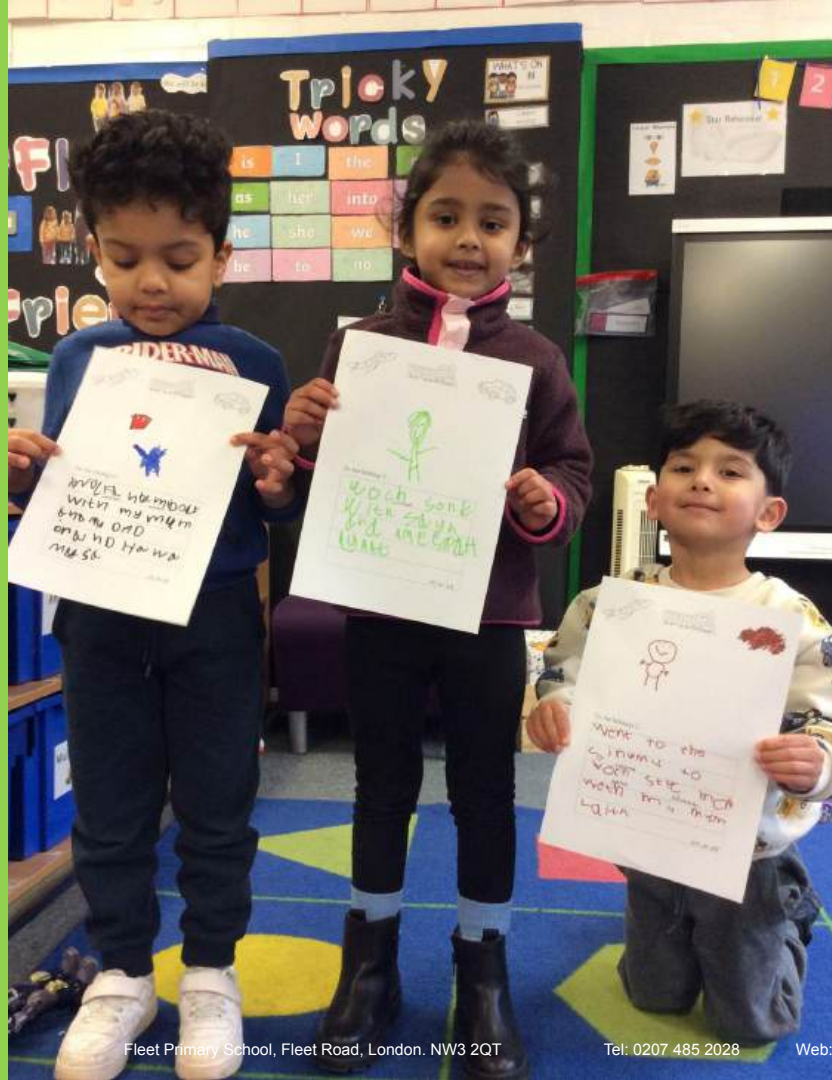


Star of the week!



Reception

For your focus and engagement during phonics. It's great to see you apply your knowledge to be able to write words independently. Keep up the work you phonics star!



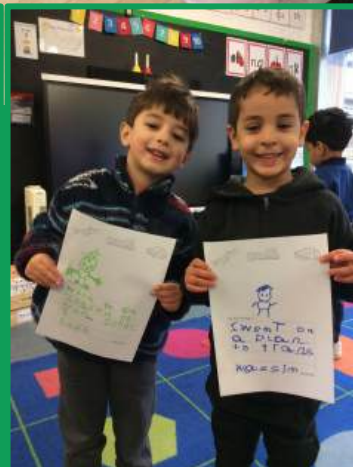
Dates for your diary...

RECEPTION 2024-25

8th January	Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment workshop
29th January	Reception Dress Up Day—theme Occupations
6th February	Stay and Play @ 9am
25th February	Children Measurement Programme
26th February	Trip to the Zoo
19th February	Trip to Hampstead Heath



...Reception!



Star of the week!



Year 1

For your positive attitude toward learning! You always approach new challenges with a big smile and lots of enthusiasm. Your creativity and curiosity make learning with you really fun. Well done!



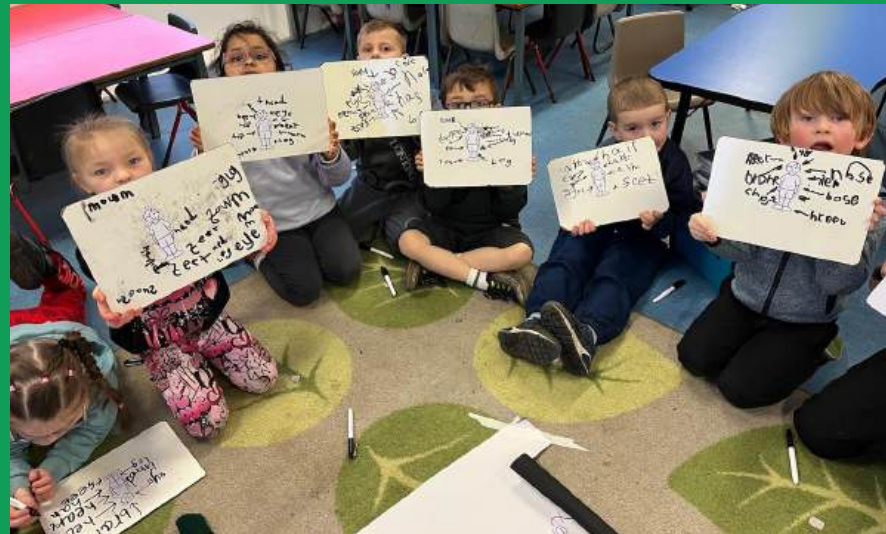
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 1 2024-25

24th February	Trip to WAC Arts
5th March	In school theatre workshop
20th March	Trip to the Zoo
27th March	Class Tea - Parents to organise after school
28th March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start



...Year 1!



Star of the week!



Year 2

We love the way you have been joining in during our carpet sessions with your fabulous ideas. It's such a great start to the term - well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 2 2024-25

11th February	Trip to Keats Library
5th March	In school theatre workshop
20th March	Class Tea - Parents to organise after school
21st March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start
29th April	Trip to Waitrose for cooking session



...Year 2!



Star of the week!



Year 3

You have been focused and ready to learn all week since we have been back. You have been a delight to teach and a great role model for your peers. Well done on your fantastic effort. Keep it up!



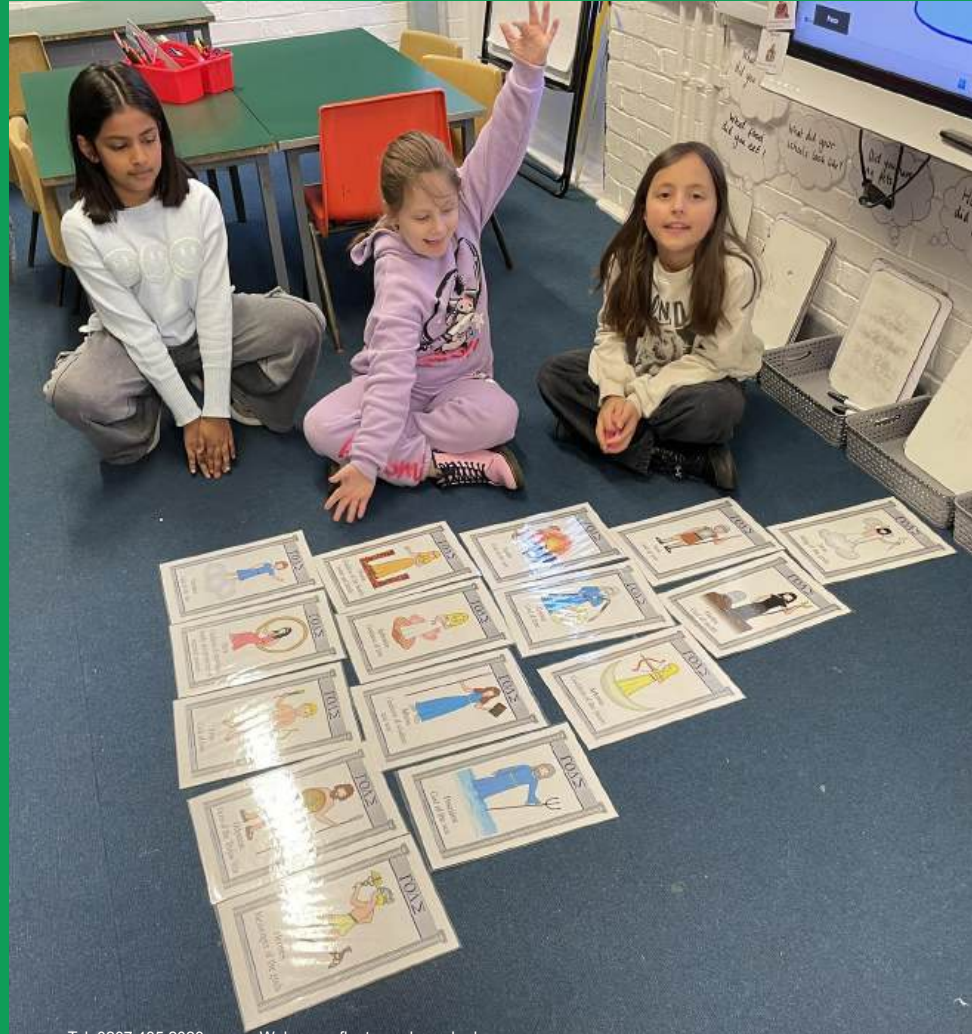
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 3 2024-25

15th January	After School Dodgeball competition @ Talacre - selected children
16th January	Sports morning at Talacre
20th January	Trip to the CLC
23rd January	Sports morning at Talacre
30th January	Sports morning at Talacre
6th February	Sports morning at Talacre
13th February	Sports morning at Talacre
13th March	Class Tea—Parents to organise after school
14th March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start



...Year 3!



Star of the week!



Year 4

You always impress me with your writing in English! You always try to meet the success criteria and thoughtfully incorporate all the different techniques we learn about. Your writing is always engaging and a treat to read. I was practically impressed with your diary entry and acrostic poem. You should be super proud!



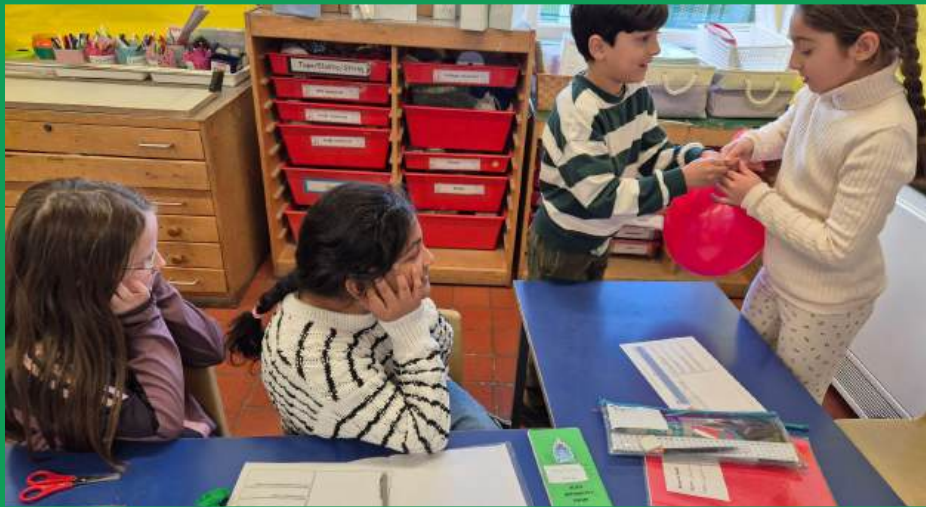
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 4 2024-25

15th January	Trip to Keats Library
15th January	After School Dodgeball competition @ Talacre - selected children
22nd January	Trip to the Science Museum
11th February	Trip to the Hindu Temple
24th Feb-7th Mar	Intensive Swimming Block - swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool
6th March	Class Tea—Parents to organise after school
7th March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start
21st March	Trip to the Centre of the Cell



...Year 4!



Star of the week!



Year 5

You are an enthusiastic learner who puts your all into every lesson. Your curiosity and eagerness to share with the rest of class is invaluable to us. You are always so helpful, without ever needing to be asked. Amina, you are an absolute superstar - well done!



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Dates for your diary...

YEAR 5 2024-25

27th January	Trip to the Science Museum
12th February	Defibrillator and First Training
27th February	Class Tea - parents to organise after school
28th February	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers Welcome - 10am start



...Year 5!



Star of the week!



Year 6

For increasing your independence with maths!
You have been working really hard and we are proud of you!



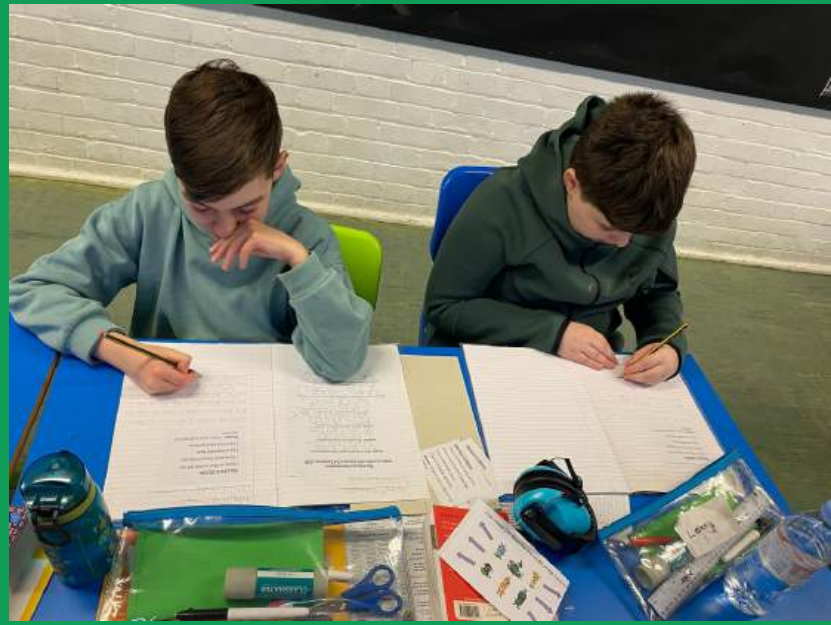
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 6 2024-25

16th January	Trip to CLC
22nd January	Trip to Theatre to see Matilda (late back to school - approx. 5.51pm)
5th February	Team of 4 to Camden Maths Challenge @ Rosary School
7th February	Trip to the RAF Museum
13th February	Class Tea - parents to organise after school
14th February	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers Welcome - 10am start
25th February	Children Measurement Programme
12th-15th May	KS2 SATs Week
9th-13th June	Residential Trip to Gower



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