



Fleet News

Friday 31st January 2025

Message from the Head...

I've been especially impressed this week with the writing the children have been doing in class. We've had a steady stream of children from many of the classes coming down to my office to share their writing successes with Becca and I - I've picked up a few new facts along the way too - shout out to Year 5 in this respect and their writing about the Curiosity Mars Rover - even if it did make me feel very old realising it launched over 10 years ago! The way the teachers are able to weave in their Topic themes into all the subjects, but especially when they are then able to use this in writing, really highlights the power of this approach to learning and the enthusiasm and interest it sparks in the children. This half term has flown by and we only have two more weeks left before the half term break, so a good time to remind those in Year 2 - Year 6 about the half term home learning projects. I always love seeing the areas of the topics that has elicited the most interest and is what they chose to focus on in their projects. Make a note of the 4th March as this is the day when we will exhibit all the projects in the Hall after school for you to come along and help us celebrate. If your children need any resources - paper etc. for what they want to do and you don't have it, please do come and see us and we can make sure to send materials home. We want all the children from Y2-Y6 to be able to create something.

Big thank you to all who were able to come along to the Maths open mornings this morning - I hope you left with some fun maths games ideas to try at home. If you weren't able to make it, and we understand that during school day events can be difficult for many, ask your children about the games they played. You can check in with the class teacher too who can share what they played.

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued efforts in getting the children to school daily and on time. After a good Autumn term, attendance and punctuality continues to be better than this point last year, ensuring your children are able to maximise their learning opportunities. Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.





General Health & Safety Reminders...

- If your child is going on a playdate with another parent after school please make sure to let the teacher know directly. Do not rely on the other parent to tell us.
- If you change phone numbers or addresses please let us know immediately. We need your current contact details.
- 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 cubs 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. 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

Punctuality Matters – Let's Improve Lates! Lates have gone up this week, from **18** to **22**, and we need to work together to improve this and stay consistent. Being on time is so important for a smooth start to the school day!

Here's how each year group did this week:

- **Year 6, Year 4 & Reception:** Great effort with just **2 lates** each – keep it up!
- **Year 3 & Year 1:** Each had **3 lates**. For Year 3, that's an increase of **3**, and Year 1 has stayed the same as last week. Let's aim to improve here!
- **Year 5:** Had **4 lates**, which is an increase of **1**.
- **Year 2:** Recorded **6 lates**, an increase of **1**.

While we've been heading in the right direction, the number of lates has increased slightly. If your child has been repeatedly late this week, you will receive a message letting you know how often this has happened.

Struggling to Arrive on Time?

If mornings are a bit tricky, try reviewing your routine to see if small changes could make a big difference. Here are some tips to help:

- Prepare school bags and clothes the night before with your child.
- Set alarms a bit earlier to allow time for a calmer start.
- Have breakfast ready or quick to prepare for a smooth morning and remember, they can always have their morning bagel at school.

If you need any support or advice, we're here to help – just let us know!

Reminder

- Classrooms open at **8:45am**, so children and adults don't have to wait outside in the cold or rain.
- The **QUBE** in the Junior playground opens from **8am** for **Breakfast Club**, providing a warm and welcoming start to the day.

Thank you to all the families who are making punctuality a priority – we really appreciate your efforts in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn! Let's aim for fewer lates next week!

Class	Lates
Y6/Y4 & Rec	2
Y3 & Y1	3
Y5	4
Y2	6
Total	22

Weekly Attendance Award

Attendance Update – Well Done Year 4! A huge congratulations to **Year 4**, who topped the attendance chart this week with an impressive **98.7%** – that's a **3% increase** on last week! Keep up the fantastic work!

Here's how the other classes did:

- **Year 1:** In second place with **97.4%** – a great **2.9% improvement** from last week!
- **Year 5:** In third place with **97%** – a solid **0.8% increase**. Great job heading in the right direction!
- **Year 2:** Had a fantastic jump from **91.8%** to **96%** this week – that's a **4.2% rise** and they've reached our **96% target!**
- **Reception:** Had a slight dip of **0.4%**, bringing them down to **93.5%**. Let's aim higher next week!
- **Year 6:** Dropped from last week's top spot and are now at **91.8%** – down **7.4%**.
- **Year 3:** Fell by **2.4%**, now at **90.2%**.

Most Improved Class

A special mention to **Year 2** for their **amazing improvement** this week – a **4.2% increase!** You've gone above and beyond to reach our **96% target** and we couldn't be more proud. Well done, Year 2!

Our overall school attendance for the week is **95%**, a small rise of **0.2%**. While we're just below our target of **96%**, we're getting closer every week! Our overall attendance this year has gone up by **0.1%**, now standing at **95%**. Let's keep pushing toward that goal!

Attendance Spotlight

Shout-out to all the children (and parents!) showing great resilience through this chilly season and when bugs are going around. Keep up the effort, we're getting closer to our target!

A Few Reminders

- If your child is unable to attend school, please call us by **9am** each day on **0207 485 2028**.
- Make sure your child is prepared for the weather – warm coats, hats, gloves, and waterproofs if needed.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Let's aim for that **96%** target next week!

Class	% this week	% last week
Y4	98.7%	95.7%
Y1	97.4%	94.5%
Y5	97%	96.2%
Y2	96%	91.8%
REC	93.5%	93.9%
Y6	91.8%	99.2%
Y3	90.2%	92.6%
Average for the week	95%	94.8%
Overall for the year so far	95%	94.9%

Meet the staff...



Name: Amber

Role: Y3 Teacher & PE Lead

How long worked at Fleet:
first year!

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 love so many different types of food but my favourite is definitely Japanese food! I like sushi and I always like having a noodle soup on a cold day.

Favourite Book as a child...

I loved reading as a child. When I was little I liked the Rainbow Fish as I liked all the ways my friends and I were different and I thought it celebrated that nicely. I also loved the Wind Singer by William Nicolson and still read dystopian/sci-fi and fantasy books now!

Hidden Talent...

I play guitar and sing! I was in lots of bands as a child and teenager. One of them was a metal band! Now I just write my own songs and play guitar.

Favourite thing about school as a child...

My favourite thing about school as a child was being creative! I enjoyed creating stories and performances and always loved putting on a show!

Dream destination...

I would visit Japan because I love the food and culture! I like learning new things and visiting what I have read and learnt about. As we are doing ancient Greeks now, I would love to go to Greece!

Surprise fact about you...

I used to be in the Sussex County cross country team!

Any other jobs...

I studied contemporary art theory and fine art and I have also been a photographer!

Favourite Film...

My Neighbour Totoro is my absolute favourite film! I have watched almost all of the studio Ghibli film. I think the art and stories are beautiful.

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

A teacher (so that worked out!) and a Rock Star!

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

When I am not at Fleet, I have quite a few hobbies that I enjoy! I play football, bake, do yoga, read and play my guitar!

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

3rd-7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
7th February	Parent Coffee Morning - with a focus on sleep QUBE: 9-10am
11th-12th February	Internet Safety Day Events/Workshops/Assemblies
13th February	Parent First Aid Course - sign up for a place (see Wednesday Community Notices Newsletter)
13th February	Whole School Tea in the hall after school. - Class Reps and PTa organising - donations requested
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 - spend world book day token and buy a book
4th March	Spring Term Home Learning Project Exhibition - come along to the hall to see the fantastic projects
5th March	Dr Bike - Places limited (book via the office)
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

13th February	Whole School Tea in the hall after school. - Class Reps and PTa organising - donations requested
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Exciting Changes to our Class Tea Events!

We're thrilled to announce some exciting updates to our much-loved class tea events! Going forward, instead of weekly gatherings, we'll be hosting a **Whole School Tea Event** towards the end of each term.

This new format will allow us to bring together families from all year groups for a truly inclusive and social occasion. To add to the fun, we'll be introducing **games and activities** for everyone to enjoy!

The event will be led by the PTA and class representatives, and we'll need your help to make it a success. We're welcoming **donations and volunteers** from across the school community – your support will make all the difference.

The date of the first Whole School Tea Event will be after school on:

Thursday 13th February.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this a great opportunity for socialising and fun, whilst continuing to raise funds for the school!

From the PTA



Lunch Menu: 3rd - 7th February

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

Meat/Halal:
Battered Fish
Vegetarian:
Spanish Omelette

Chips & New
Potatoes
Veg of the day

Cinnamon Cookie

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: Akram, Andraa, Aria, Blu, Charlie, Dayaan, Emir, Logan, Sabia, Stejsi, Valentina

Year 3: Rron, Robin, Yaseen, Salamah

Year 4: Aahil, Afreen, Andrew, Jannah, Jasmine, Joanne, Lorel, Mahir, Mariam, Mo, Noel, Tallulah, Yahya C, Yahya H, Zara

Year 5: Ausar, Kimberley

Year 6: Daniel, Mason, Amreen, Saaimah, Shajai

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: **Zaina**



Year 4: **Zara**

Year 5: **Leo**

Year 6: **Lena**

Numbots Stars of the Week!

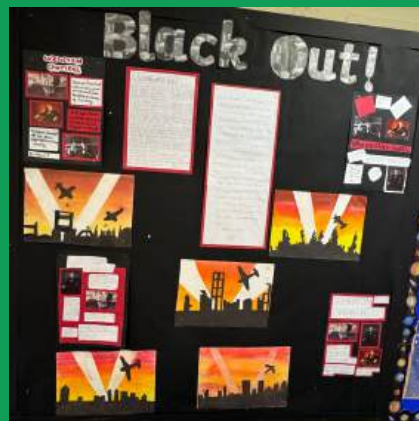
Year 1: **Leo**

Year 2: **Charlie**

THE FLEET CREATIVE CURRICULUM - SPRING TERM TOPICS...

Topic Letters and Snapshots were sent home via ParentHub (and a hard copy of the snapshot for yr1-6 should have come home with your child too to refer to at home and practice/learn the key factual information. These are also on the website and can be found here:

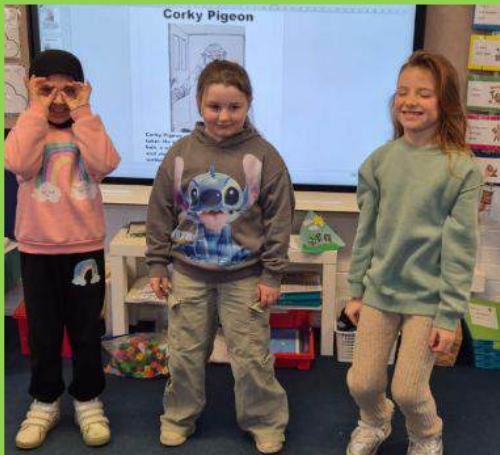
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Year 6: Black Out
Year 5: Reach for the Stars
Year 4: Hopes and Heroes
Year 3: Glorious Greeks
Year 2: Seeds and Threeds
Year 1: Wild Things
Reception: When I Grow Up
Nursery: Three is the Magic Number

This week at Fleet...

Another super busy week at Fleet - trips to the Heath, the Science Museum, Talacre, occupation dressing up day in Reception - it's all been happening across the school. Back in Fleet it's been full steam ahead with topics as well as some brilliant writing and maths taking place. Well done to all the children for their continued hard work and application to their learning. Keep it up!



Dodgeball at Talacre

After the Y5 and Y6 boys team recently clinching their Camden League this week we've had other Fleet teams representing us at a Camden Schools Sports Association events.

Last week it was year 3 Dodgeball event at Talacre. Well done to all the children who went along and enjoyed themselves.

This is an event where the teams are mixed up so they get to play with children from lots of different schools. As you can see from the picture some our children were lucky enough (and skilled enough!) to be in the winning team and get medals which they proudly showed off back in school.

Big thanks to them all for their efforts.

This week it was the year 5 dodgeball team who represented us and in the Year 5 competition and the team performed well achieving a 5th place finish out of 10 teams (many of them 2 form entry school with twice as many children).



Dodgeball at Talacre



Meet Lady...

Last Friday we were visited by a very special guest, Lady. Lady is a specially trained dog to be in schools and around children from the organisation 'Underdog International'.

Animal-assisted projects have a body of research that shows they have a positive impact on the happiness, emotional well-being and brain functionality of children. Being around animals can also help promote kindness and empathy in children which are key qualities we foster and promote here at Fleet.

Lady will be visiting us regularly over the coming months and introducing herself to many of the children across the school.



Star of the week!



Nursery

For being such a wonderful, kind friend, an eager learner and thoughtful member of Nursery. We are really going to miss you!



Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2024-25

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
27th March	Trip to Kentish Town City Farm - pm
28th March	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am



...Nursery!



Star of the week!



Reception

For your engagement during carpet time. You are working hard on writing independently and are always listening carefully. Keep it up you star!

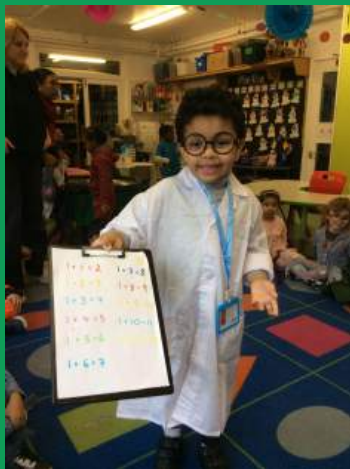


Dates for your diary...

RECEPTION 2024-25

6th February	Stay and Play @ 9am
25th February	Children Measurement Programme
26th February	Trip to the Zoo
19th March	Trip to Hampstead Heath





Star of the week!



Year 1

You have been putting in so much effort with your writing this week, especially by remembering to add spaces between your words. This makes your writing so much clearer and easier to read. Well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 1 2024-25

24th February	Trip to Wac Arts (packed lunch needed)
24th February	In school VR workshop PM (date change)
5th March	In school theatre workshop
20th March	Trip to the Zoo - (packed lunch needed)
28th March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start





Star of the week!



Year 2

You always try your best and have a very positive attitude to your learning. This week we've been super impressed with your fabulous writing. Well done Super star!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 2 2024-25

11th February	Trip to Keats Library
5th March	In school theatre workshop
21st March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start
26th March	Trip to Hampstead Heath - Super Spring
29th April	Trip to Waitrose for cooking session



...Year 2!



Star of the week!



Year 3

This week you have made a huge effort to work on your resilience when it comes to your writing and taking part in games. It has been fantastic to see you enjoy the sentences you have made. It has also been great to see you try your best and enjoy taking part! Well done!



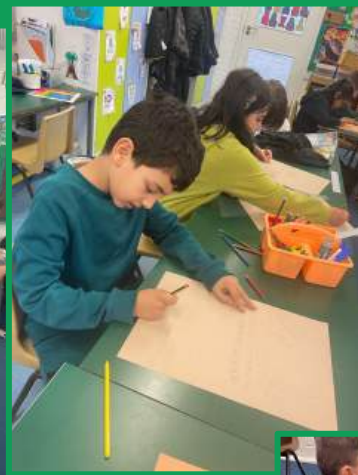
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 3 2024-25

6th February	Sports morning at Talacre
11th February	Trip to the British Museum
13th February	Sports morning at Talacre
7th March	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start



...Year 3!



Star of the week!



Year 4

You've been working really hard and showing excellent resilience lately! I was especially impressed with your progress in column multiplication and the creative character description you wrote in English. Keep up the fantastic work!



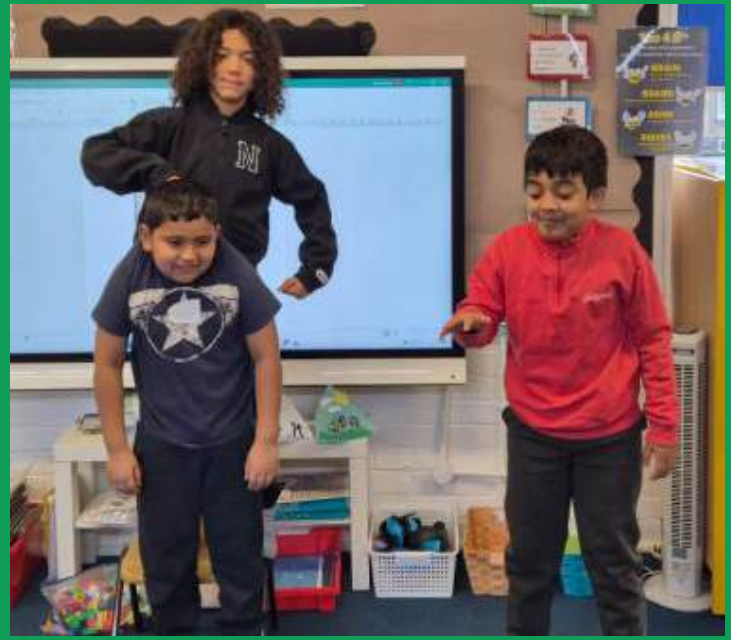
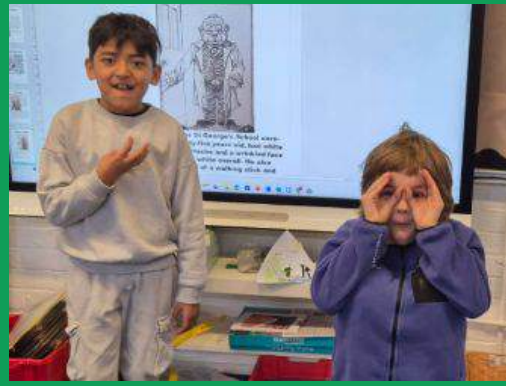
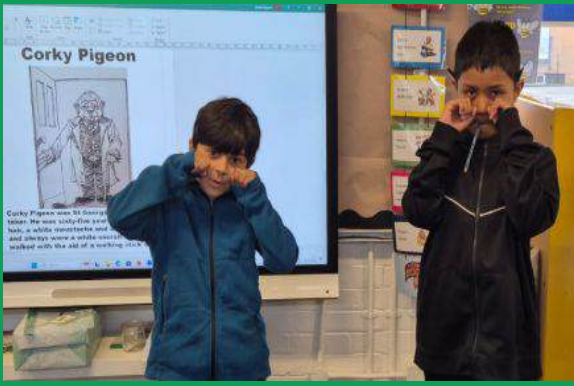
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 4 2024-25

11th February	Trip to the Hindu Temple
24th Feb-7th Mar	Intensive Swimming Block - swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool
14th 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

Always coming in with such a positive attitude and putting a smile on everyone's face. You work really hard every day and you were an absolute superstar on the trip to the Science Museum this week. Keep up the resilience and positivity - Well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 5 2024-25

12th February	Defibrillator and First Training
28th February	Class Assembly - Parent/Carers Welcome - 10am start
17th March	Trip to the CLC
24th February	VR Workshop
25th March	Cinema Trip



...Year 5!



Star of the week!



Year 6

For always being 100% focussed. I can always count on you to be doing the right thing! You are a fantastic role model to your peers and have a superb attitude to learning. Betsy was also so impressed with your creative writing this week. Keep being brilliant!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 6 2024-25

5th February	Team of 4 to Camden Maths Challenge @ Rosary School
7th February	Trip to the RAF Museum
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



...Year 6!

