



Fleet News

Friday 21st March 2025

Message from the Head...

It's been a lovely end to the week with the sun coming out and actually having a bit of heat with it after the chilly start to the week.

As a school, we do a lot of work promoting 'active travel' and our curriculum covers lots of the health and environmental benefits of this. You may have noticed in the bottom left corner of this page, and on certificates in the office, we have been recognised by TfL with the highest award - Gold certification - from their 'Travel For Life' scheme. In line with this, next week we will be recognising Sustrans 'Walk and Wheel' fortnight. This is an annual initiative to encourage active travel to school. At Fleet we are pretty good at this with the vast majority of our children (and staff!) walking, scooting or cycling to school. Last year, when compared to similar sized primary schools, we placed 69th out of 899 schools in England for the percentage of 'active' journeys. For the small number of you who drive or take public transport, please do consider adding an active element to your journey - maybe stopping 10 minutes from school to be able to walk that last bit. Daily physical activity is so important for children's (and adults!) health and wellbeing. An active journey for the purposes of is any that involves 10 minutes or more of either walking, scooting or cycling. Also as part of the week we are encouraging children to send in photos of themselves travelling 'actively' to school which we will share in the newsletter at the end of term. There is also an 'active travel' poster competition open to all children - design an A4 poster showcasing the benefits of active travel. A prize to the winning poster will be given out on the last day of term. Please do support your children to take part in these activities. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.





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General Health & Safety Reminders...

- Don't send in any snacks or food containing nuts - we are a nut free school.
- 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.

JOIN US FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF

EASTER SCHOOL TEA

3rd APRIL | 3.30-5pm

Donations needed !!!

SAVOURY/SWEET/FRUIT/DRINKS
GAMES/ARTS & CRAFTS
& MORE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Upcoming Events...

If you are able
support our next
Whole School Tea on
the 3rd April (see
poster to the left)
please do send in
donations, come on
the day to help serve,
and/or come along
with your children to
enjoy a snack, a drink,
a game and a fun time
socialising with other
families!

Easter Egg Decorating Competition - Friday 4th April



Every year we hold an Easter Egg decorating competition and we are all impressed and amused with the children's eggs-cellent decorated eggs and eggs-tremely funny egg scenes!

They have freedom to decorate their Easter Egg scene in any way they see fit – they **don't need to use real eggs** (they can craft egg shapes from anything they would like) it just has to have an element of a designed 'egg' shape in it.

The countdown is now on for this year's competition. Entries should be brought in on the last day of term, **Friday 4th April**. They will be judged that morning and then shared in the end of term assembly and prizes given out.

To submit your entry you need to:

- Decorate your egg/egg scene—special consideration for prizes given for creativity and imagination!
- Bring in your egg/scene on the morning of **Friday 5th April** for judging, with winners prizes in that morning's assembly/

We can't wait to see the fantastic entries this year.



Weekly Punctuality Award

Punctuality Matters! There was a very small (1!) improvement with punctuality this week down from last week's high of 26 to **25 this week**. We've made fantastic progress with punctuality this year and it is disappointing to see two weeks in a row over 20. There were a number of children with more than one day arriving late which means the vast majority are still managing to get here on time. If your child was late this week please endeavour to get them here on time. A child's morning is often dictated by how they have come into school - rushed and last minute does not set them up well for a productive morning. Leave 10 minutes earlier if you are finding you are getting here late to ensure that they have a calm and settled start to their day. Thank you for all those who are on time every day.

How Did Each Year Group Do?

Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6 - 1 late each. All improved on last week (Year 2 from worst to best in a week!) and only 1 late for the whole week is brilliant - keep it up. Can any of you do a week with none?

Year 3 – **3 lates** – same as last week. Still relatively low but we know you can do better and have done repeatedly this year

Year 1 – **4 lates** - up 1 on last week - sedona week in a row increased by 1. Let's change the direction and go down next week. We know you can do better!

Reception – **8 lates!** From best to worst in the space of a week. Come on Reception - you can do much better!

Arriving on time gives everyone the best start to the day. Let's keep working together to make sure every child is in class, ready to learn, right from the start. **Well done, everyone!**

Top Tips for a Smooth Morning

Mornings can be a rush, but small changes can make a big difference! Here are some simple ways to make getting to school on time easier:

Prep the night before – Lay out clothes, pack bags, and fill water bottles in advance.

Set alarms a little earlier – A calm morning sets the tone for the day.

Plan a quick and easy breakfast – Or remember, children can grab their **morning bagel at school!**

A Few Helpful Reminders

 **Classrooms open at 8:45am** – No need to wait outside in the cold or rain!

 **Breakfast Club at the QUBE starts at 8am** – A warm and friendly start to the day.

 **Bagels served from 8:30am in the outside area** – Fuel for a great day of learning!

If a child arrives in class after 9am they are late.

A huge **thank you** to all families for making punctuality a priority. Let's keep up the momentum and aim for even fewer lates after the half term break– we can do this!

Class	Lates
Y2, Y5 & Y6	1
Y3	3
Y1	4
Y4	7
Rec	8
Total	25

Weekly Attendance Award

Attendance Update – Well Done to Year 3! It's been another challenging week with the bugs from the last week still going round but from the attendance figures it's looking like, for most classes, we're coming out the other side. Please remember, in an effort to not spread this bug the guidance on vomiting and diarrhoea is that children should not be in school until they have had 24 hours free from these symptoms - call the office if you are unsure. Thank you for your continued support and hopefully as the bug continues to pass we will be back up to the high levels of attendance we have achieved this year moving forward but even with these challenges 5 of the 7 classes improved on last week. .

Attendance Summary:

- **Year 3:** 98.4% (up 9.8%) – huge improvement as those who had been ill returned - well done!
- **Year 5:** 96.7% (up 6%) – as above - good to have everyone back fit and healthy
- **Year 2:** 93.9% (up 1.5%) – moving in the right direction. Still a few to come back from illness
- **Year 1:** 91.9% (up 5.4%) - another big increase from very low last week. Hopefully that signals the end of the illnesses!
- **Year 4:** 91.6% (up 1.3%) – after two difficult weeks moving in the right direction. Still a way to go to match the 99.9% four weeks ago!
- **Year 6:** 91.1% (down 1.8%) – the circulating bugs have clearly made their way to year 6 - they're a resilient bunch though so hopefully all well soon
- **Reception:** 91% (down 0.5%) - continue to be affected by the bugs circulating. Hopefully coming through it soon and will get back up.

Overall School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance this week was **93.5%** up 3% from last week as classes Overall for the school year has stayed at **94.6%**. We're still close to our goal – let's keep going and work together to reach that **96%** each week and bring up the overall for the year.

Attendance Spotlight:

We held another set of **attendance meetings recently**. Alison, our **School Inclusion Officer from Camden**, came in to review attendance and met with parents. She will be visiting again in April.

A Few Friendly Reminders:

- **If your child is unwell** and can't attend school, please call us by **9am each day** on **0207 485 2028**.
- **Free breakfast!** Bagels are available in the playground from **8:30am every morning** – a great way to start the day!

Thank you for your support in making sure **every child attends school every day they can!**

Class	% this week	% last week
Y3	98.4%	88.6%
Y5	96.7%	90.7%
Y2	93.9%	92.4%
Y1	91.9%	86.4%
Y4	91.6%	90.3%
Y6	91.1%	93.9%
Rec	91.0%	91.5%
Average for the week	93.5%	90.5%
Overall for the year so far	94.6%	94.6%

Meet the staff...



Name: Becca Wall
Role: Deputy Head Teacher
How long worked at Fleet: 18 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...

Pasta - especially lasagna, I also love a good Sunday roast and both Turkish and Japanese food.

Favourite Book as a child...

The Animals of Farthing Wood series

Hidden Talent...

I can shuffle cards pretty well!

Favourite thing about school as a child...

Mostly hanging out with my friends but my favourite subjects were PE and maths.

Dream destination...

Next on my list are Sri Lanka & Bali for the landscape and Argentina for the red wine and steak.

Surprise fact about you...

I used to play rugby (for England at Under 18 level)

Any other jobs...

I had lots of part time jobs whilst at school and university - I was a waitress, worked in WH Smith, worked in admin, did lots of babysitting and worked in a pub.

Favourite Film...

I love films and can't pick one favourite - top five include: In the Name of the Father; A League of Their Own (me and my sister used to love this); Home Alone 1&2; CODA; This is England

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

I went through phases. They included architect, lawyer, journalist, athlete. I didn't think about teaching until after I'd been travelling and realised how important education is.

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

Catch up with friends, swim, go out for dinner, read, cook, watch a boxset, sleep! And travel in the holidays.

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

25 th -27 th March	KS1 & KS2 Parent—Teacher Meetings (note: most teachers will be doing these dates; due to working days some classes might do alternative evenings during this week—see below for detail of each years groups meetings)
31 st March - 4 th April	Wellbeing Week
4 th April	Last day of term - close at 2pm

SPRING TERM PARENT - TEACHER MEETINGS:

Sign up to a meeting slot on the days indicated for your child's class using the link sent home via parent hub

Monday 24 th & Thursday 27 th March	Nursery Parent Meetings
Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th March	Year 1 Parent Meetings
Tuesday 25 th & Thursday 27 th March	Year 2 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th March	Year 3 Parent Meetings
Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th	Year 4 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th March	Year 5 Parent Meetings
Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th March	Year 6 Parent Meetings

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

3 rd April	Whole School After School Tea Party - donations and volunteers needed - see class reps and PTA (see poster page 3)
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Lunch Menu: 24th - 28th March

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

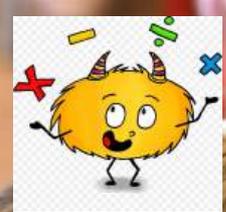
Meat/Halal:
Battered Fish
Vegetarian:
Spanish Omelette

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: Abdullahi, Aqsa, Blu, Ezekiel

Year 3: Robin, Leo, Yusuf

**Year 4: Camden Spring Slam Season - no mistakes:
Afreen, Albie, Mahir, Max, Musa, Tymur, Yahya C, Yahya H**

Year 5: Amine, Michelle

Year 6: Amreen, Mickey, Faisa, Mickey, Arafat, Fatma, Sidrah

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 2: **Aqsa**



Year 3: **Zaina**

Year 4: **Yahya C**

Year 5: **Leo**

Year 6: **Jake Sullivan**

Numbots Stars of the Week!

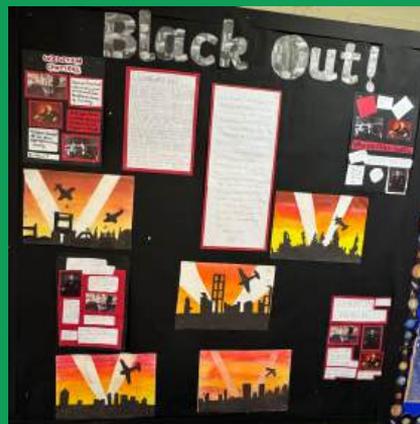
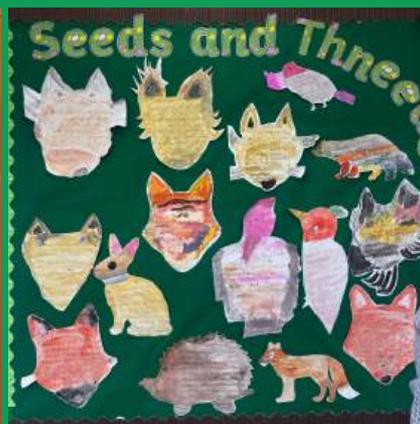
Year 1: **Elise**

Year 2: **Aqsa**

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:

<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/topic-overviews>



- 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...

Another busy week as you'll see from the next few pages. The week included trips to the Heath, Keats Library and London Zoo as well as lots happening back here in school. The term is flying by and there is a lot still to be fitted in before the end of the term. Today we had a lovely Class Assembly from Year 2 - one more to go this term, Year 1 next Friday. A big thank you too to the ambassadors for organising this afternoon's 'Do something for money' special event to mark Red nose Day. It comes too late for photos for this week's newsletter - look out for them next week.



Star of the week!



Nursery

We are so proud of how independent you are becoming. You will now have a go at putting on the dressing up clothes by yourself. What a superstar!



Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2024-25

24th March	Parent Meetings
27th March	Trip to Kentish Town City Farm - pm Parent Meetings
28th March	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play @ 9am





Thank you to all the parents who came to our Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play.



Star of the week!



Reception

You have been making great choices this week in and outside the classroom. It's lovely to see you settled during carpet time and giving everything your best go.



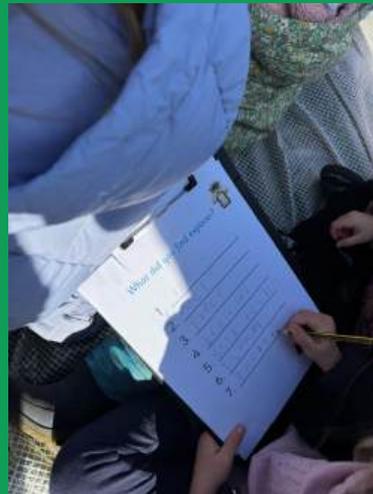
Dates for your diary...

RECEPTION 2024-25

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...Reception!



Star of the week!



Year 1

For your focus and effort in reading this week. I was so impressed with how carefully you bended sounds to read words. Well done superstar!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 1 2024-25

**25th, 26th & 27th
March**

Parent Meetings - sign up using link sent home via parent hub

28th March

Class Assembly - Parent/Carers welcome - 10am start



Star of the week!



Year 2

What a superstar you have been learning your lines this week. You are a fabulous swan in our assembly and say your lines clearly and slowly. Well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 2 2024-25

25th March	Parent Meetings - sign up using link sent home via parent hub
26th March	Trip to Hampstead Heath - Super Spring
27th March	Sports morning at Talacre
27th March	Parent Meetings - sign up using link sent home via parent hub
29th April	Trip to Waitrose for cooking session

Our amazing magical forest world
 In the middle of a top
 When it is so quiet
 It's quiet with no noise
 There are many many animals
 Snakes and many more
 On top of the trees are the
 The birds and the bees
 The sun is so warm and the
 The water is so clear
 And the trees are so green
 And when you look at it is
 So beautiful and so nice
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Year 2 Class Assembly...

What an amazing Class Assembly from our Year 2 children today!



Year 2 Class Assembly...



Star of the week!



Year 3

This week you have been an absolute superstar! You have been a fantastic friend to everyone in the class and have been engaging in lessons with enthusiasm. Well done on working so hard, keep it up.



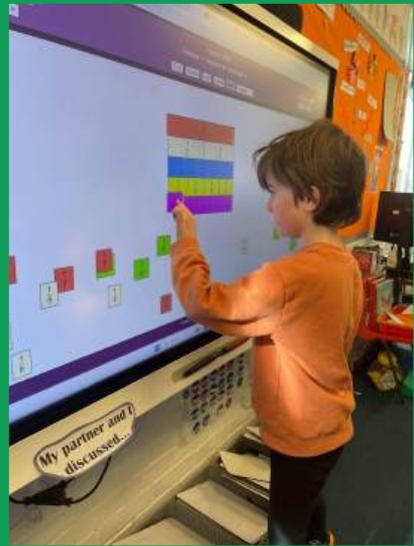
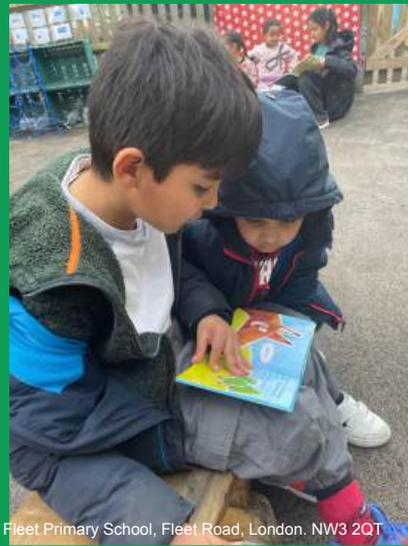
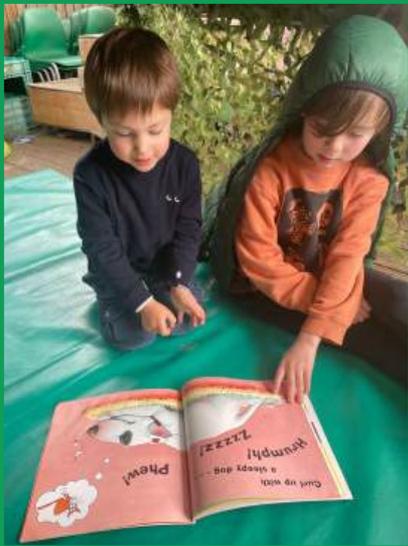
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 3 2024-25

26th March	Parents evening - sign up using link sent home via parent hub
27th March	Parents evening - sign up using link sent home via parent hub



...Year 3!



Star of the week!



Year 4

You have been making really good progress with your reading and writing. Your focus, efforts, and writing over the past two weeks have been quite impressive. You've been putting a lot of thought into your character descriptions and working on your stamina. Well done, and keep it up!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 4 2024-25

25th & 26th March	Parent meetings - sign up using link sent home via parent hub
1st April	Trip to the Heath (morning only)

...Year 4!



Year 5 & 6 'Sport for All Dodgeball Event



On Wednesday a group of our Year 5 and 6 children went along to Talacre to take part in a Camden Mixed School Dodgeball event. In this format the children are mixed up into teams with children from all different schools. We're sure you won't be surprised to learn that our children were great ambassadors for Fleet getting involved and encouraging and supporting teammates they had never met before. A number were singled out for their individual performances and their input into their teams and were awarded medals by the adults managing their teams. Well done to all the children - we are very proud of you all.

Star of the week!



Year 5

For being really helpful to our new classmate this week. You are such a kind member of the Year 5 class - we're so lucky to have you. Well done.



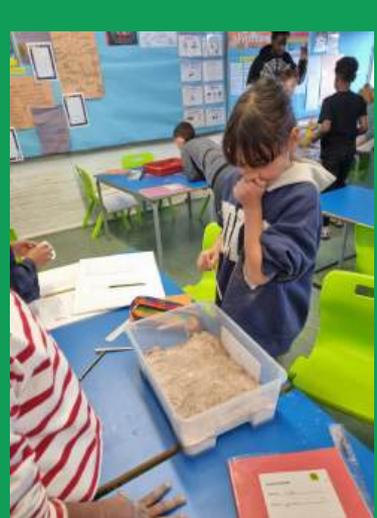
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 5 2024-25

25th March	Cinema Trip
26th & 27th March	Parent meetings - sign up using link sent home via parent hub
28th March	Google HQ Trip - (rescheduled date)
30th April	Royal Albert Hall Performance - collect from RAH @ 8.30pm approx.



...Year 5!



Star of the week!



Year 6

For your focused and determined attitude towards your upcoming exams. You are really listening attentively and trying your best to improve your work. Keep it up superstar!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 6 2024-25

26th & 27th March	Parent Meetings - sign up using link sent home via parent hub
12th-15th May	KS2 SATs Week
9th-13th June	Residential Trip to Gower



...Year 6!

Daily mirror.

Charlotte, H

5th of June

Miraculous Miracles!

It's the 40th of May 1940 in this picture



Over the course of nine days thousands of soldiers were rescued from the coast of Dunkirk, France by many heroic sailors.

On the 30th of May 1940 Germany invaded France, pushing them back to the coast of Dunkirk. They were fully outnumbered by Planes, tanks and many soldiers. Men were hilt back in Britain an operation was being. An operation that would change the war. A different perspective to us all. Will it be a new beginning or will it be a dreadful end? A question we will find the answer to later on.

On the 26th of May 1940 800 civilian boats crossed the English channel to the east of Dunkirk and rescued 338,000 soldiers although 90,000 were kept prisoners. Shall we hear from the man who directed operation Dynamo. When asked if Admiral Bertram Ramsay considered himself the leader of operation Dynamo, he stated that he was the leader but wanted the sailors to take credit.

After thousands of soldiers were retreated from the clutches of France all sailors were very thankful. Now what can you do for your country? Can you cross the English channel to save thousands of soldiers? This immense has been a great boost of morale.

Daily mail

LORIK J

5th of June, 1940

STRANDED SOLDIERS SAVED!



On the 10th of May 1940, the British and French troops suffered a disappointing defeat. Consequently they were forced back to the border with no hope, the soldiers could not hold on any longer and it was obvious that the Germans were way more powerful.

From 26th of May to 4th of June, hundreds of thousands of soldiers were rescued from the coast of Dunkirk, France by civilian boats. It all began when Germany invaded France and they were pushed back to the border. Despite this 90,000 of brave soldiers sacrificed themselves and the sailors rescued over 300,000 people.

When Hitler invaded on France

Operation Dynamo was a mission created by Winston Churchill but this mission needed determination, resilience and most importantly, bravery. Operation Dynamo was a tough mission but Winston Churchill believed that his troops could do it. This mission was to send small civilian boats to rescue the stranded soldiers. Although this mission was difficult, they had managed to save 338,000 people with 90,000 sacrificed.

