



Fleet News

Friday 23rd January 2026

Message from the Executive Head:

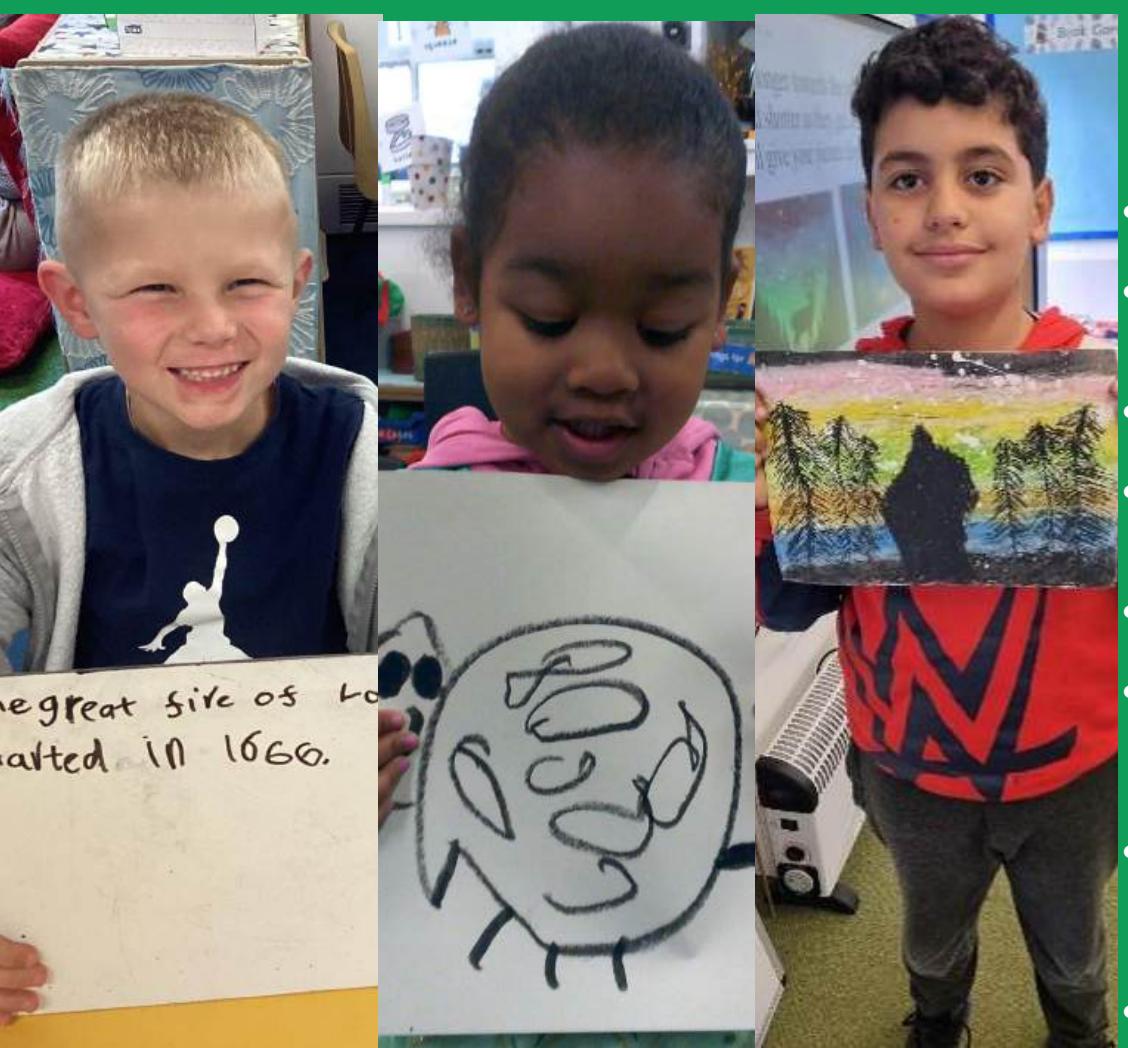
The weather has certainly been keeping us on our toes lately! Please do make sure children are coming to school dressed appropriately each day, with coats and suitable footwear. Even on wet days, if it isn't raining heavily, we will still try to get the children outside for play and fresh air. Outdoor time and physical exercise are so important for children's wellbeing, and it really does help them settle, concentrate and learn more effectively once back in class.

A reminder as well that we have Open Classrooms next week in the morning, with a focus on Maths. Please check the dates for your child's class in this newsletter. It will be a great opportunity to see some of the methods we use in school and pick up practical ideas to support maths learning at home.

Finally, a gentle reminder about attendance and punctuality. This year, both have been lower than we are used to, and we are already noticing the impact this is having on some children's progress and confidence. I've said it before, but the evidence is clear — children who are able to push through minor illness (as we all get ill from time to time) and build resilience miss less learning and achieve stronger outcomes over time. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring your children are in school as often as possible, and arriving on time each day.

Have a great weekend and see you all next week.





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 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. 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.

Mobile Phones...

If you choose to send your child to school with a mobile phone - please remind them and ensure they hand it in to the office on arrival. It should not be collected until they are leaving school (if going to an after school club the phones stays in the office until after the club).

Children should not have a mobile phone on them around school under any circumstances.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.





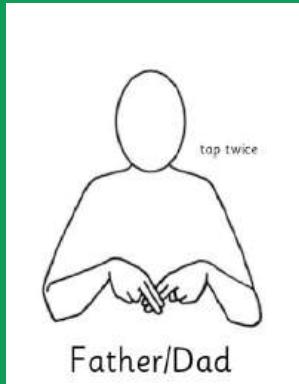
Makaton Sign of the week...

Each week we'll be sharing a new *Makaton sign* that the children are learning in school. You'll find the sign in this newsletter, along with a QR code if you'd like to see more information or practise at home. Please ask your child to show you the sign—they'll love teaching you what they've learned!

What is Makaton?

Makaton is a way of communicating that uses simple signs and symbols alongside speech. It helps children (and adults) to understand and express themselves, especially if they find language tricky. You may have seen Makaton being used on TV, in hospitals, or in other schools—it helps make communication more inclusive for everyone.

By learning Makaton together, we're giving all our children an extra tool to support understanding, confidence, and inclusion.



This week's
sign is...

**Dad/
Daddy**

Weekly Punctuality Award

Punctuality Update: Thank you to all families for continuing to make punctuality a priority. Arriving on time sets children up for a successful day of learning, and we appreciate your efforts to ensure pupils are in class ready to start at **9:00am**. This week, we recorded **32 lates** across the school – this is a fantastic improvement but 32 lates is still too high so let's keep on improving! All classes apart from one have managed to improve this week so let's all keep up the good work. We can definitely get these figures lower still - you can do it!

Punctuality Summary – This Week

- **Reception: 3** - (last week 5 lates) Go Reception! Great work keep it up!
- **Year 1: 5** – (last week 8 lates) Well done Year 1 an improvement keep it up!
- **Year 2: 5** –(last week 9 lates) Brilliant Year 2 keep up the good work!
- **Year 3: 4** –(last week 12 lates) Wow well done Year 3 an amazing improvement!
- **Year 4: 6** – (last week 9 lates) Great work Year 4 let's keep it up!
- **Year 5: 4** – (last week 7 lates) Amazing work Year 5 we are proud of you all!
- **Year 6: 5** –(last week 3 lates) We can do better Year 6 you can do it!

Please help your child to be more organised in the morning so that they are able to get to school on time ready to start the school day!

 **Remember – the school day starts promptly at 9:00am.** Arriving late can cause disruption to your child's learning and the class as a whole.

 **Free Bagels:** Available every morning from **8:30am** in the playground – a great way to start the day.

 **Breakfast Club:** Breakfast is available from 8am.

Helpful Reminders

- Classrooms open at 8:45am
- Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am in the QUBE
- Free bagels are served daily from 8:30am in the playground
- Children arriving after 9:00am will be marked as late

Class	Lates this week	Lates last week
Rec	3	5
Y1	5	8
Y2	5	9
Y3	4	12
Y4	6	9
Y5	4	7
Y6	5	3
Total	32	53

Weekly Attendance Award

Attendance Update: A huge thank you to all our pupils and families for your continued commitment to excellent attendance. **Congratulations to Year 5**, who topped the attendance chart with an impressive 96% – an outstanding achievement!

Weekly Attendance Summary

- **Reception:** 94.2% –(last week 98.2%) Come on Reception we know you can do better than that!
- **Year 1:** 95.6% - (last week 87.3%) Wow great improvement Year 1 keep it up! A close 2nd this week!
- **Year 2:** 92.5% – (last week 96.6%) What happened Year 2 we were doing so well!? Let's improve!
- **Year 3:** 94.2% – (last week 93.4%) Well done Year 3 still improving let's keep up the good work!
- **Year 4:** 93.1% - (last week 90.6%) Another class who has improved keep it up Year 4!
- **Year 5:** 96% – (last week 97.3%) Well done Year 5 top of the school! Can we aim for the top next week too?
- **Year 6:** 94% - (last week 93.2%) Slight improvement keep it up Year 6 we know you can do it!

Whole School Attendance this week

- **This week:** 92.7%
- **Overall for the year so far:** 91.7%

Class	% this week	% last week
Rec	94.2%	98.2%
Y1	95.6%	87.3%
Y2	92.5%	96.6%
Y3	94.2%	93.4%
Y4	93.1%	90.6%
Y5	96%	97.3%
Y6	94%	93.2%
Average for the week	92.7%	92.4%
Overall for the year so far	91.7%	91.6%

While this week's attendance sits at %, below our 96% target, we're proud of the effort shown by many classes. Let's keep the momentum going as – remember, **every day in school counts!** Remember if your child has been unwell and no longer has a high temperature they are welcome to come to school, we really need to show some resilience going forward. If your child has had the morning off and feels better you are more than welcome to bring them in if they are feeling better and we can always call home if they are feeling really bad however, you will find once they are in it takes their mind off of feeling unwell.

Helpful Reminders

 **Reporting Absence:** If your child is unwell, please call the school office by **9:00am on 0207 485 2028**.

 **Free Bagels:** Available every morning from **8:30am** in the playground – a great way to start the day.

 **Term-Time Holidays Reminder:** Please remember that holidays during term time are **not permitted** unless approved under **exceptional circumstances** by the Headteacher. In line with the **London Borough of Camden's attendance policy**:

- Unauthorised leave may result in a **Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 per parent, per child** (if paid within 21 days – rising to **£160** after 28 days).
- Repeated unauthorised absences can lead to **court prosecution, fines up to £1,000**, and may affect your child's school place.

We strongly encourage families to book holidays during official school breaks to avoid missing valuable learning time.

Meet the staff...



Name: Lynley
Role: Assistant Head Teacher & Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
How long worked at Fleet: In various evolving roles for over 13 years!

Any other jobs...

I've been a chef, a piano teacher, a pianist in a ballet school, an editor of academic articles (that was really boring) and a retail manager. Sadly, I've never been a vet.

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 look 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...

That depends on the time of year. Ice cream in summer, couscous anytime and special soup and pastries in Ramadan.

Favourite Book as a child...

I loved the Chronicles of Narnia. I was convinced I could get through my wardrobe to some exciting other world.

Hidden Talent...

Playing the clarinet and baking the tastiest sourdough bread you've ever tasted!

Favourite thing about school as a child...

I loved all the extra fêtes and fairs. We had a flower and plant fete. It had loads of categories. One of the weirdest was decorating a plate with leaves and petals which had a very short shelf life. We also had a pet show. That was brilliant!

Dream destination...

There are ancient rock paintings in the Sahara in Tassili, which is an extremely isolated area in southern Algeria. Just getting there would be part of the adventure.

Surprise fact about you...

I was in the national secondary schools hockey squad in New Zealand.

Favourite Film...

The Godfather movies. Who doesn't like a mafia family drama? But also, La Bataille d'Algiers, a brilliant movie about Algeria's battle for independence.

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

I wanted to be a vet, until I thought about doing operations on animals and that seemed too gory.

Favourite activity to do when not at Fleet...

I love DIY and cooking.

Lunch Menu: 26th - 30th January

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:
Lentil & Roast Veg
Pasta or
Planet Friendly Balls
in tomato sauce

Pasta

Veg of the day &
Salad Bar

Yoghurt & Fresh
Fruit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Beef Lasagne

Vegetarian:
Veg Lasagne
Garlic Bread

Veg of the day &
Salad Bar

Apple Crumb Cake
with Custard

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
Roast Chicken &
Stuffing

Vegetarian:
Lentil Wellington

Roast Potatoes &
Gravy

Veg of the day &
Salad Bar

Yoghurt & Fresh
Fruit

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken Biryani

Vegetarian:
Lentil and Saucy
Tomato Past Bake

Turmeric Bread

Veg of the day &
Salad Bar

Strawberry Jelly &
Mandarins

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Breaded Fish

Vegetarian:
Red Pepper Frittata

New Potatoes &
Chips

Tomato Sauce

Veg of the day &
Salad Bar

Yoghurt and Tinned
Peaches

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

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 6 th January 2025
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March 2026 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026
Last day of term	Friday 17 th July 2026 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

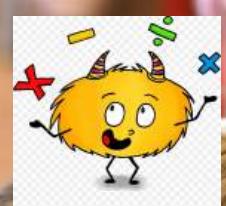
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026
2 nd half term			Monday 20 th July 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

27th January	Years 3 and 4 Maths Open Morning
28th January	Year 1 and 2 Maths Open Morning
29th January	Year 5 and 6 Maths Open Morning
16-20th February	Half Term Break - School Closed
27th February	Parent workshop - pod - 9-10am - focused on screen time
5th March	World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character!
6th March	Everyone's invited programme parent coffee morning - 9-10am in the Qube
19th March + 1 other day this week t.b.c	Parent Teacher Conferences for all classes
23rd - 27th March	Wellbeing Week
27th March	Last Day of Term - close at 2pm
13th April	INSET Day - school closed
14th April	Summer Term Starts - children back

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

17th March	Spring Term - whole school tea after school - Note date change to Tuesday
9th July	Summer Term - whole school tea after school



Fleet Facts!

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

Year 2: Adam, Amanah, Aysen, Isa, Leo, Ryan

Year 3: Aqsa, Daniyal, Elijah, Jodi, Riva, Valentina

Year 4: Aleeza, Fatima, Lucas, Ron, Robin, Salamah, Suhayb, Tasmiyah, Umar, Yaseen

Year 5: Aahil, Andrew, Joanne

Year 6: Maida

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: *Gladiator*



Year 3: *Aqsa*

Year 4: *Ron*

Year 5: *Yahya*

Year 6: *Leo*

Numbots Stars of the Week!

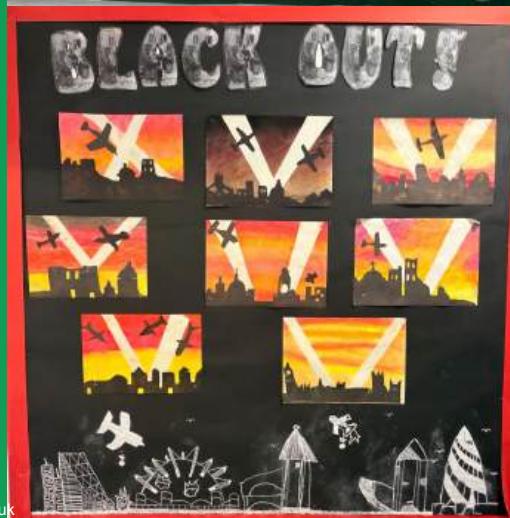
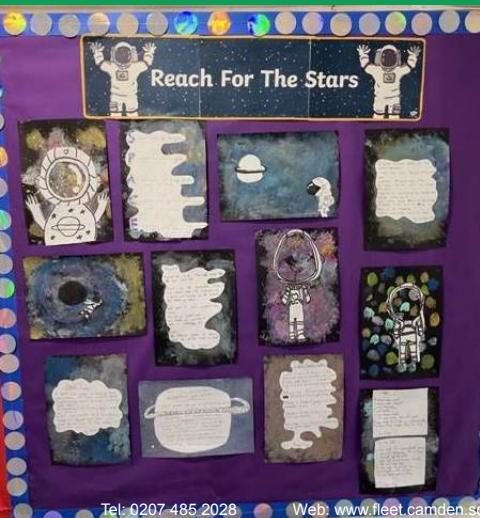
Year 1: *Michael*

Year 2: *Sam*

THE FLEET CREATIVE CURRICULUM – SPRING TERM TOPICS...

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

Year 6: Black Out
Year 5: Reach for the Stars
Year 4: We Are Heroes
Year 3: Greek Myths
Year 2: Seussical!
Year 1: Wild Things!
Reception: When I Grow Up
Nursery: Yummy!



This week at Fleet...



A busy week this week with a number of fantastic topic linked trips to the zoo and the observatory (shame the cloud cover meant telescope looking wasn't an option for year 5 this time round!). Do check your child's class page as a number of trips are booked into this busy term. As you can see in the photos lots of happy faces making the most of the creative learning opportunities given to them. We hope many of you can join us for the maths open mornings next week so we can share some fun ideas to bring maths fun into your family life and help reinforce the learning they do in school - see the dates for each class on page 9.

Star of the week!



Nursery
For having the best manners this week.
You have been saying 'yes please' and 'no thank you' so nicely.
You have been wonderful with your friends too.
Well done you!



Dates for your diary...

NURSERY 2025-26

Friday 30th January 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Friday 13th February 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Friday 27th February 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Friday 13th March 9-10am	Camden Kids Talk Stay and Play
Tuesday 17th March - pm	Trip to Kentish Town City Farm





Star of the week!



Reception

You have made incredible progress with your phonics and reading! I love how you read with confidence and always try your best. You have also impressed all the adults with your writing this week — your handwriting is really coming along and looking lovely. Well done, superstar — keep shining!



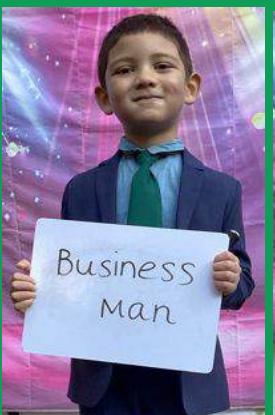
Dates for your diary...

RECEPTION 2025-26

3rd February	Play and Stay
4th February	Trip to Postal Museum
11th February	Firefighters Dress Up Day
3rd March	Trip to OAE music concert
5th March	World Book Day
12th March	Trip to October Gallery
24th March	Trip to London Zoo



When I grow up, I want to be a ...



Star of the week!



Year 1
Well done for settling into our class so beautifully. You have made lots of new friends and always try your best with your learning. We are so happy to have you in our class!

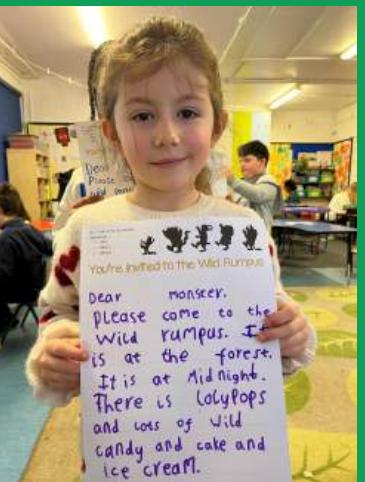
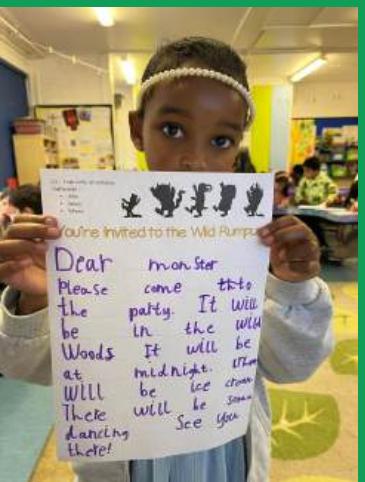
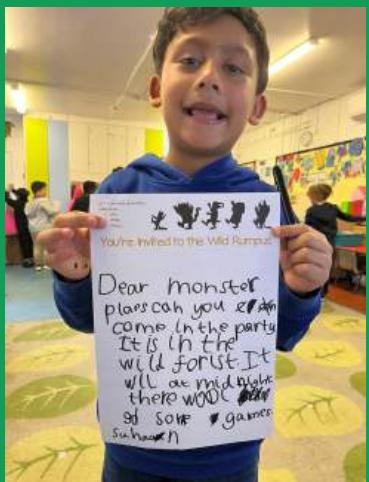
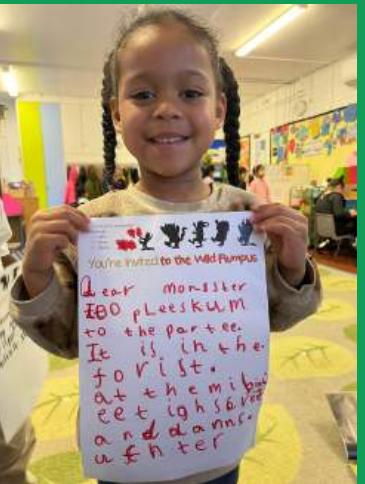
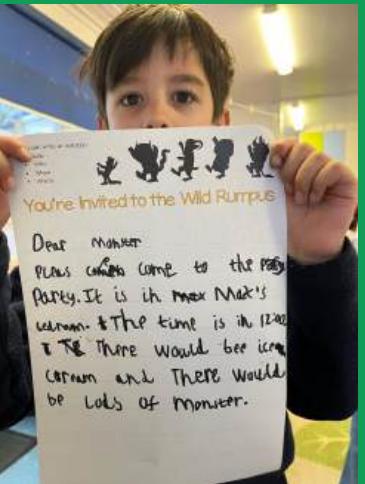
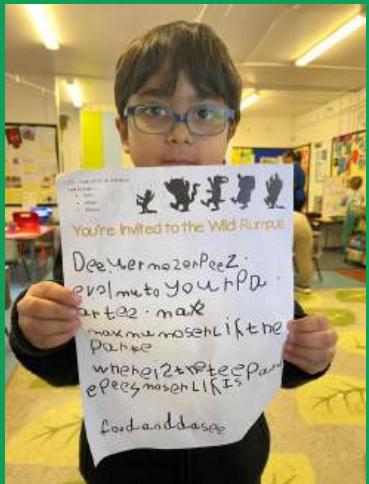


Dates for your diary...

YEAR 1 2025-26

28th January	Maths Open Morning
11th February	Trip to the October Gallery
5th March	World Book Day
5th March	Trip to a music concert
20th March	Class Assembly
23rd March	Trip to ZooTown





Star of the week!



Year 2

You are enthusiastic and dedicated in your approach to your learning and we're very proud of you! Thank you for all you bring to the classroom.



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 2 2025-26

28th January Maths Open Morning

30th January Trip to ZSL

24th February Trip to Science museum

13th March Year 2 Assembly





Star of the week!



Year 3

You are star of the week because you have been helpful and focused in class. It is clear that you are persevering and trying your hardest, especially in maths. Well done.



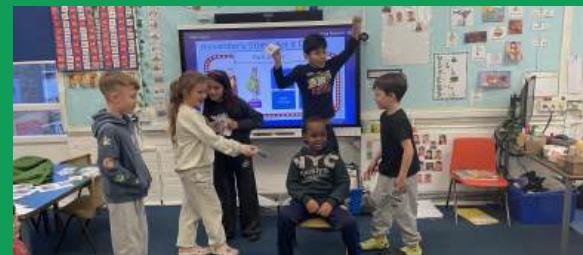
Dates for your diary...

YEAR 3 2025-26

26th Jan	Hampstead Synagogue Visit
27th Jan	Maths Open Morning
9th Feb	Orienteering
27th Feb	British Museum Trip
5th March	World Book day
6th March	Year 3 class assembly
18th + 19th March	Year 3 Parents Meetings



...Year 3!



Star of the week!



Year 4

For your concentration during independent work and the pride you take in your presentation this term.

You have worked hard in maths this week, and I was especially impressed with your poster on Wangari Maathai. Well done!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 4 2025-26

27th January	Year 3 and 4 Open Morning
3rd February	October Gallery
10th February	Keats Library
27th February	Class Assembly
10th March	Heath Education Centre
17th March	Keats Library





Star of the week!



Year 5

We've been really impressed with your enthusiasm for learning and participation this week, especially on our trip. You ask thoughtful questions and your curiosity has taken our topic learning down lots of interesting paths! Keep up the good focus, well done.



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 5 2025-26

Mon 26th January	Lightroom Trip
Thurs 29th January	Numbers and Nibbles Open Morning
Tues 10th February	CPR & Defib training
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Science Museum

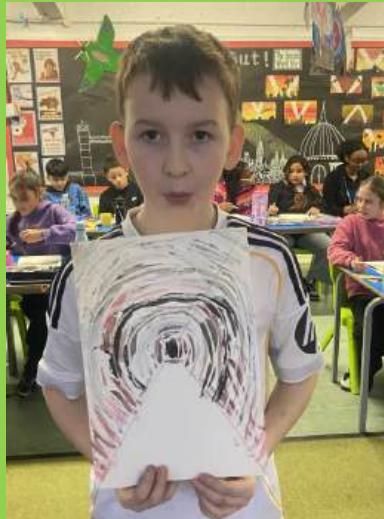




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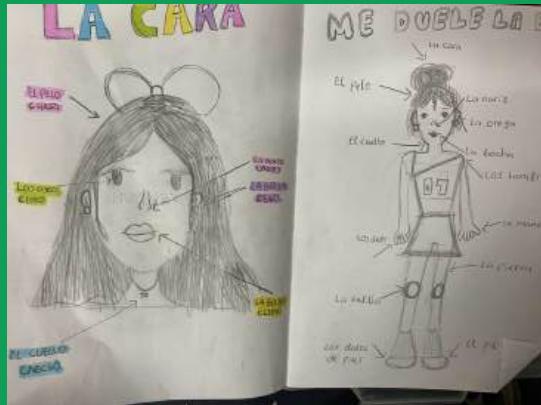
Year 6
For your positive, bubbly attitude toward school! You show a real passion for learning and are always enthusiastic about discovering new things. Keep shining superstar!



Dates for your diary...

YEAR 6 2025-26

29th January	Maths Open Morning (Numbers and Nibbles)
30th January	Autograph Gallery trip (pm)
6th February	Class Assembly
25th February	RAF Museum trip
5th March	World Book Day
11th - 14th May	KS2 SATs week



As I enter the train station,
the Declining sound of children Busted through my
ear drums - The faint lavender sent slithered up my
nostrils as I held my ~~mom~~ with ~~my~~ sweaty
palms - The ~~blue~~ buffeting smoke of the rusty
train filled the dark atmosphere ~~as~~ like a raven
rapidly the
wing - ~~the~~ train chugged towards me,
my heart Beating like a drum - ~~will~~ this
~~be~~ the end, will I ever see my mom again
~~the~~
- ~~the~~ doors opened towards me, I went in -
I looked back to check if she was there.
I reagreted everything.

