



23 May 2025

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Headteacher's insight

As we reach the end of the Summer 1 half term, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by – even if the sunshine has only made the odd appearance to remind us that summer is on the way!

This week, we've been especially proud of our Reception classes, who confidently led their class assemblies. These moments have highlighted just how valuable public speaking opportunities are in building our pupils' confidence and communication skills. It's also been heartening to see how our older children have set such a fantastic example, acting as role models for our youngest learners and showing the strength of our school community across the year groups.

Today we sent Miss James off on her maternity leave and I know you will join me in wishing her well on this exciting next chapter for her family. I'd like to personally thank Miss James for all she has done across both of our schools this academic year. Her skills in many areas of school life have had a range of positive impact on us all.

It was encouraging to see the engagement with the sunflower competition across the school and choosing winners of the poster competition was a tricky task. We clearly have some keen green fingered children developing which is exciting. I am grateful to Mrs McLachlan for facilitating this opportunity for our school community.

As we head into the break, I want to wish all of our families and staff a restful and enjoyable half term. A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 2nd June for a staff INSET day. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd June, refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the school year. Summer 2 offers us 7.5 weeks of important learning opportunities, day trips for our EYFS and KS1 children, a residential trip for our Year 6 children, Sports day, Summer Fayre, disco, leavers assembly and transition opportunities. It will be busy and celebratory and I'm grateful we will experience all it offers together.

Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





News from our classrooms

Blackbirds Class

Blackbirds have been busy completing their glue **batik** art work this week. Having planned a pattern, they transferred it to fabric with PVA glue and painted over the top using colours and tones from their mood board. The final effect was fantastic. They are a very creative class!





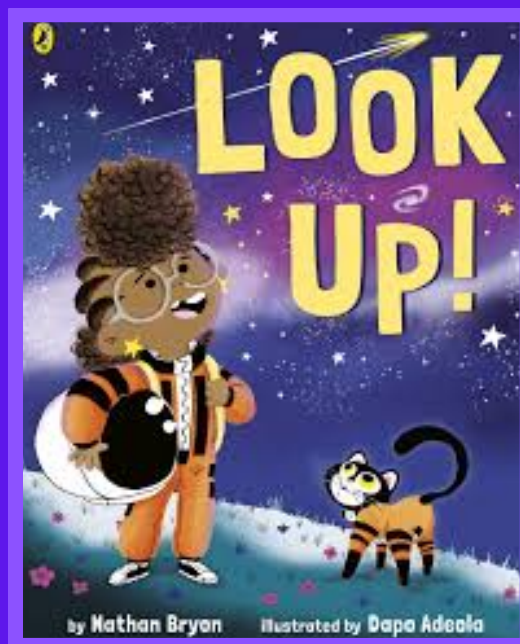
Hurricanes Class

Leaf Detectives at work!

Last week the children examined different leaves in **Science** and practiced identifying a variety of trees. From the jagged edges of oak leaves to the smooth surfaces of birch leaves, the children were keen observers. We also discussed how the shape, size, and colour of leaves help scientists identify tree species.

After reading our class text **Look up! By Nathan Bryon** and learning about meteor showers the children became mini journalists this week and wrote their very own newspaper articles. They described the beauty and wonder of a recent (imaginary) meteor shower, using dramatic headlines, quotes, and vivid descriptions, their writing was truly out of this world.

In **maths**, we explored the concepts of **equal** and **unequal groups** — a foundational step toward understanding multiplication and division. Using counters, blocks, and real-life examples, the children practiced making and identifying equal groups.





Spitfires Class

This week in Nursery, we have been busy exploring the theme of **families**. Many of the children have created their own family trees, which has been a wonderful way for them to share and celebrate their loved ones.

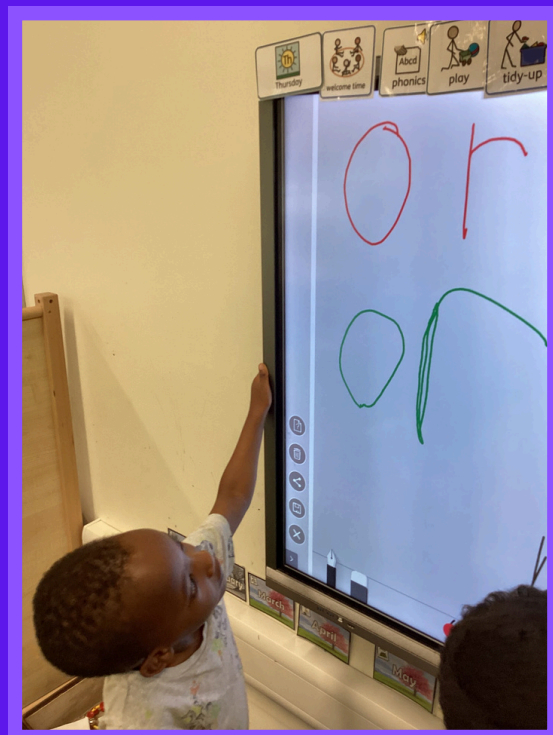
In **Phonics** we have been learning the sounds 'or' and 'oa' and writing them in chalk, in pencil, on the large interactive board and using the whiteboards during phonics.

In Maths, we have focused on our unit called 'Show me 5'. The children have been consolidating their understanding by singing lots of fun rhymes, including '5 Little Speckle Frogs' and '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer'. It's been great to see their enthusiasm for numbers through music and movement!

We have also been learning about caring for our world. After reading the story '**Michael Recycle**', the children helped us label the recycling bins in Nursery to encourage sorting rubbish properly. We have even introduced a new food bin to collect snack waste responsibly. We are also so proud of the children for their entries in the Sunflower Competition. Well done to all those who took part. Looking ahead, we are excited for a busy but enjoyable half term as we focus on preparing the children for their next steps and transition in their educational journey.

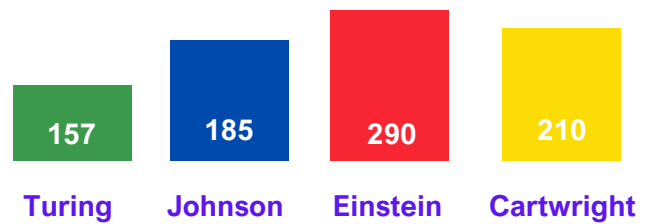
Thank you for your continued support!

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break with your families.





House Point Totals



Sunflower Growing Competition – Winners Announced!

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our sunflower growing challenge! We've been so impressed by the care, creativity, and patience shown by all our young gardeners and artists. Congratulations to our winners....



Tallest Sunflower
Roman in Blackbirds



Best Poster
Behati in Blackbirds
Teddy and Oscar in Spitfires

What a fantastic effort from everyone involved – you've all helped bring a little extra sunshine to our school!





Looking ahead: Science Fair Reminder

Half term is the perfect time to get to work on your Science Fair entry. Whether you want to investigate a question, build something clever, or explore a fascinating idea, we can't wait to see your creativity in action!

Remember, you should be ready to present your science fair project to your class on **Wednesday 25th June**. We will be selecting some projects to go forward to our science fair showcase which will be on the afternoon of Friday 4th July. Your class teacher or Mrs McLachlan will be happy to answer any questions you have. We can't wait to see the amazing ideas our budding scientists will bring to life.

Apply for up to £250 to pay for after school activity clubs

The Grassroots Activity Grant helps children to access sport, dance, physical activity sessions and swimming lessons. The grant provides up to £250 per year to pay for joining fees and weekly session fees. It is kindly funded by the Leys School.

Grants are for children aged 4-16 years old and families must be in receipt of Universal Credit or Income Support to be eligible.

To find out more, and to apply visit cambridge.gov.uk/grassroots.
The application window closes at **5pm on Friday 20 June**.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Rebecca - Comets



Hercules Class presents

THE ISLAND THAT ROCKS!



COMING SOON

Thursday 17th July 2025



Term Dates 2024/25

Spring term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Easter holidays: Monday 7 April – Friday 18th April

Summer term

Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July

Back to school Wednesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday 5th May (school closed)

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

Last day of term 23rd July

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 2 June

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October – 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

Christmas holidays: Monday 22nd December to Tuesday 6th Jan

Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February

Half Term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July onwards

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 3rd November

Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July



Join us on the first Tuesday of every month.
All equipment provided, stay as long as you like!

Meeting point : Marleigh Community Centre

Marleigh Community Litter Pick 2025 Calendar

Tuesday	May 6th	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	June 3rd	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids
Tuesday	July 8th	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	August 5th	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids
Tuesday	Sept 2nd	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	Oct 7th	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids
Tuesday	Nov 4th	12:30 PM	Litter Pick & Coffee
Tuesday	Dec 2nd	3:30 PM	Family Bingo Litter Pick prizes for kids



CIRCLE OF SECURITY- PARENTING GROUP



**Empowering Parents:
Build a stronger relationship with
your 0-11 year old in just 8 weeks**

Mondays - 9.30 - 11.00 am

19th May - 14th July

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for pre-schoolers**



**Location: Community Living Room
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Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner. Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

****JUNE/JULY 2025****

SUMMER TERM ONLINE: Improve the communication with your partner to support your children (Arguing Better). Online Via Teams Monday 2nd June and Wednesday 4th June- Midday - 1pm

SUMMER TERM ONLINE: Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children (Getting it Right for Children). Online Via Teams, Monday 16th June and Wednesday 18th June -Midday to 1pm

SUMMER TERM ONLINE: Improve the communication with your partner to support your children (Arguing Better). Online Via Teams Wednesday 26th June and Wednesday 2nd July, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

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Although the Arguing Better course is most beneficial when attending as a couple, there's no requirement to both attend.

****Please note these courses are not suitable if there has been any historic or current domestic abuse. If this is your situation and you would like help on where to find domestic abuse support, please contact rplead@cambridgeshire.gov.uk ****

2025 workshop booking form

