



**24 April 2026**

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## **Headteacher's insight**



As we move further into the summer term, it has been wonderful to see the sunshine making a welcome return this week. The brighter days and warmer weather have had a noticeably positive impact on us all—lifting spirits, energising learning, and bringing a real sense of enthusiasm across the school. We are now two weeks into the summer term, and it is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting period.

Our **Year 6 pupils** are working incredibly hard as they prepare for their **SATs**, which are now just two weeks away. We are very pleased with the way they are embracing this challenge—with focus, maturity, and determination—and we are confident that they will approach the week with resilience and pride.

We are also delighted to share that our **Reception** intake for next year is looking very positive. It has been a pleasure to begin welcoming our new families, and we are committed to supporting a smooth and positive transition for all children as they prepare to join our school community. We look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks and months.

### **Supporting Our Fundraising Efforts**

As you are aware, we are currently fundraising for a Trim Trail to be installed in to the school grounds to provide our children with an excellent play and physical development opportunity. It is a large investment and one that we are taking an 'every little helps' approach to. To reach our target we would hugely benefit from our families considering creative ways their networks could contribute and support.



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We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us reach our goal. If you are able to, there are several ways you can contribute:

- Make a one-off donation via our **GoodHub campaign**
- Consider setting up a small regular donation
- Share the campaign link with friends, family, and your wider networks to help spread the word
- Speak to your employer about whether they offer donation matching or can support school fundraising initiatives
- Organise informal fundraising in your workplace or community, such as a cake sale or small event

Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a real difference to our school community and the experiences we can offer our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



*Mrs Thompson*

Mrs Emily Thompson  
**Executive Headteacher**





## Butterflies Class

We have all settled back in wonderfully this term and the children have quickly re-engaged with their learning. In class, we have been busy exploring our **Rainbow Challenges**, showing great independence, creativity, and enthusiasm.

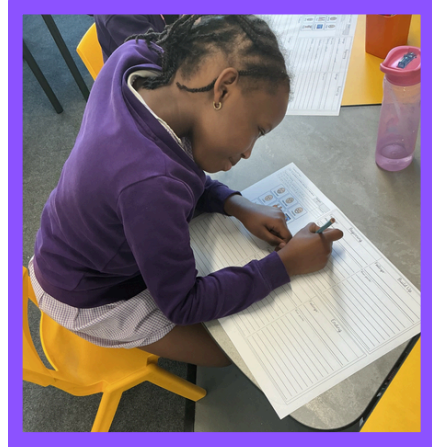
An exciting surprise has arrived in our classroom—an alien visitor! This has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion, linking beautifully to our **Geography** and **Science** topics about the world. The children are thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new friend and asking lots of thoughtful questions.

In **English**, we have been immersed in the story **Clean Up!** by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola. The children have loved imagining themselves as part of the 'Clean Up Crew' and have produced some lovely writing inspired by the story. We have also taken this message into our classroom by becoming our very own 'Clean Up Crew,' taking pride in caring for our environment.

In **Maths** this week, our focus has been the number 6. The children have been exploring its composition in a variety of practical ways, building a strong understanding of how numbers are made.

Well done to everyone for such a positive and productive start to the term!





## Dragonflies Class

In Dragonflies we've made a really positive start to the summer term. In **English** we have been writing our own stories based on **Leo and the Octopus**, coming up with some imaginative ideas and characters.

**Science** has taken us into **plants and seeds**, where we've been exploring how things grow.

In **maths** we have started learning about fractions, building our understanding step by step. We've also enjoyed creating our own stop motion animations in computing, which the children loved.

In **PE** we began developing our fundamental skills in athletics, focusing on running, jumping and Throwing. It's been a lovely start to the term.



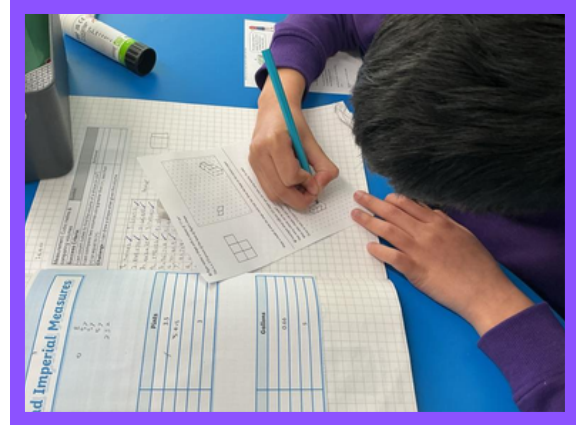
**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Rowan - Dragonflies





## Owls Class



Today, the Owls started a new maths topic: Volume. We talked about how cubes are used to measure the space inside a 3D shape. We then had a go at drawing 3d cuboids with a set amount of volume. For many of us, it was the first time drawing on isometric paper.

In English, We have finished our narratives so the last part was to edit, the Owls know this is super important. We read out loud more than twice, swapped with our editing partners and completed a checklist.

To finish our day, we completed our observational drawing of a house then mono printed a specific area such as the bricks or windows. It took a bit of trial and error to get the amount of ink right, but we had beautiful results.

Week full of new learning, well done Owls.



# Key dates 2025-26

Mon, 20 Apr	National Child Measurement Programme
Wed, 22 Apr	ALPSA League Girls Football KS2 (selected children)
Mon, 27 Apr	Reception Vision Screening
Mon, 4 May	Bank holiday, school closed
Wed, 6 May	Sports event Years 3 and 4
Wed, 13 May	ALPSA Tournament Netball Years 5 and 6 (selected children)
Wed, 20 May	Sports event for Years 1 and 2
Thurs, 21 May	Class photos
Mon 25 - Friday 29 May	HALF TERM
Wed, 3 Jun	Sports event EYFS Squirrels class assembly, parents & carers invited from 09:50
Mon 8 - Fri 12 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
Wed, 10 Jun	Sports Alliance Year 3 and 4 Cricket fixture - selected teams Dragonflies class assembly, parents & carers invited from 09:50
Thurs, 11 Jun	Year 6 Bottisham Cup Sports event - all children
Wed, 17 Jun	Year 5 Sport Event afternoon - all children Ladybirds class assembly, parents & carers invited from 09:50 Year 6 Residential Trip (returning Friday 19 June)
Fri, 19 Jun	Fathers Day Gift Shop
Tues, 23 Jun	Caterpillars and Butterflies Teddy Bears Picnic
Wed, 24 Jun	ALPSA Tournament Golf Years 5 and 6 (selected children) Butterflies class assembly, parents & carers invited from 09:50
Wed, 1 Jul	Sports event Year 6 Butterflies trip to South Angle Farm
Fri, 3 Jul	Science Fair project presentations in school Summer Fayre - after school
Wed, 8 Jul	ALPSA Festival Multi Skills Year 1 & 2 (selected children)
Thur, 9 Jul	Sports day (morning)
Fri, 10 Jul	Year 6 Play in a Week performance 9am Science Fair event - 3:15-3:45pm - parents and carers invited to attend

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Wed, 15 Jul	ALPSA Tournament Athletics Year 3 & 4 (selected children)
Thur, 16 Jul	Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:15 - parents and carers invited to attend End of Year Disco - after school
Fri, 17 Jul	Nursery Graduation Ceremony 2:30pm - parents and carers invited to attend Last day of the academic year
	<i>Autumn term 2026/27 begins 4 September 2026</i>



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## **Term Dates 2025/26**

[For key upcoming dates see our website](#)

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### **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

**SUPERHERO  
POP-UP SHOP FOR  
FATHER'S DAY  
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE**

**PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE:  
€3.50 PER GIFT, PER CHILD  
VIA MYCHILDATSCHOOL**



## **FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL TRIM TRAIL**

The children will be able to choose one or more lovely gifts for a special person in their life. This could be a dad, stepdad, grandparent, carer, or another important adult.

**You may purchase more than one gift.**

On the day, a stall will be set up in school where children who have paid can come and select their gift. Each gift will be placed in a gift bag, and staff will bring children along in small groups.