



Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting week in school with the arrival of eggs and caterpillars to support the children's learning about life cycles. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the eggs and following the chicks' journey from the incubator to the brooder. Our caterpillars still have a little way to go, but we are watching their progress with great anticipation.

As part of our collective worship this week, we learned about Laura Dekker's incredible achievement in 2012, when she became the youngest person to sail solo around the world. At just 14 years old, Laura travelled 27,000 miles over 518 days. We discussed the many challenges she faced during her journey, from loneliness to dealing with cockroaches on board, and reflected on the resilience and determination she demonstrated from the age of eight, when she first began planning and preparing for the voyage.

Children will be bringing home letters regarding our school's 160th anniversary picnic, which will take place on Friday 5th June. For those who would like to order a school packed lunch for the picnic, in place of salmon fish fingers or vegetable goujons listed on Arbor, please return the reply slip by Monday 18th May. On the day of the picnic, children are also invited to come to school dressed as what they hope to be when they grow up. We are very excited to see the children's aspirations and future ambitions.

As part of our OPAL programme, we are continuing to explore ways to improve the children's lunchtime experience. Over the next two weeks, we will be trialling a new system in the hall to help create a smoother and more enjoyable mealtime environment. During this trial, children will be able to leave the hall from 12:20pm rather than 12:30pm. This will be discussed with the children on Monday morning, with a clear emphasis on the importance of taking their time and not rushing to finish their food.

We will also be limiting the use of school bins for packed lunches so that parents can more easily monitor what their children are eating during the day. At the end of the trial, we will gather feedback from staff, pupils, and parents to help inform future decisions and planning for September.

We are ending the week by marking David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Our Eco Council led an assembly celebrating his dedication to environmental issues, and we were delighted to team up with the parish council on the Bee Squared project. Mrs Hatwell and Mr Walters spoke to the children about the project and gave every child a packet of seeds to plant at home to help support bees and other pollinators. We would like the children to monitor their seeds and share photographs throughout the year to observe and celebrate what grows and any insects that come to visit!

Wishing you a sunny weekend.

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Our Stars of the Week



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

100% attendance!

Whole school attendance

92%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am

8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged.

As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

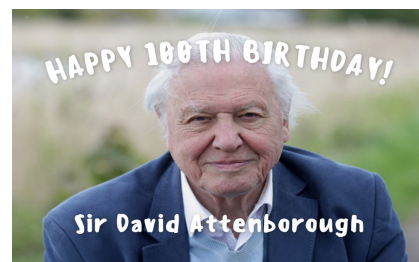
Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

- **11th May—Ian Taylor Photography Whole Class Group Photos (afternoon)**
- **13th May—ongoing—Top-up Swimming Lessons (for some children in Yrs3-6 invitation only)**
- **18th-29th May—PTA 2026 Challenge**
- **18th May—Whole School Samba Workshop with presentation to parents**
- **22nd May—PTA Non-uniform Day**
- **25th-29th May—Half Term**
- **1st June—INSET Day**
- **2nd-5th June—Living Our Vision Week**
- **2nd-3rd June—Yr5/6 Bikeability Course**
- **5th June—Careers Day + Birthday Picnic**
- **13th June—PTA Summer Fete**
- **16th June—Internet Safety Workshops Rec-Y6**
- **26th June—Sports Day + Family Picnic (more info to follow)**
- **30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance**
- **3rd July—Yr3/4 Schools Concert Sheldonian Theatre**
- **8th-10th July—Yr5/6 Residential to Youlbury**



ECO COUNCIL



PTA

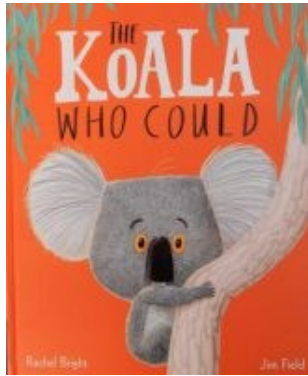
The May Day refreshments and raffle raised a brilliant £215!

The Summer Fete preparations are well underway and we are really looking forward to this great PTA event. We would really appreciate your support in any way you can—cakes, raffle prizes, running a stall, help setting up/tidying up. Please speak to a member of the PTA or the school office if you are able to help on the day. As always, thank you for your continued support.



FSU

This week marks the end of our Eco Warriors focus. To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, we learned about his life and the important work he has done to help protect our planet. We also explored our school value of resilience through the story 'The Koala Who Could'. The children discussed what resilience means and talked about times when they might need to show resilience both at school and at home. Some said about trying something new, persevering with a challenge and learning from their mistakes.



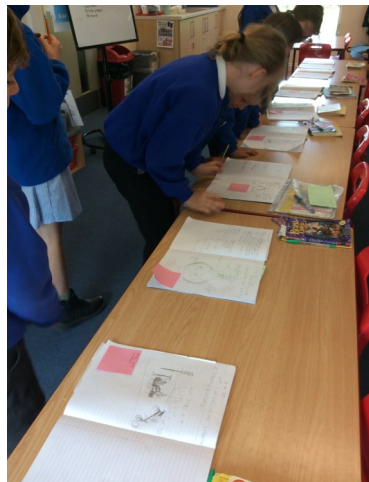
Year 1 & 2

It has been great having everyone back in the classroom this week - healthy, happy and ready to learn! In Science, we have enjoyed some in-depth discussions about habitats and how animals have adapted to suit their habitat. We are planning on making our own mini ocean, rainforest and desert habitats next week, so if you have anything at home that we could use, such as shiny pebbles, shells, tiny plants (real or fake), or toy animals that would suit these habitats, we would love to borrow them!



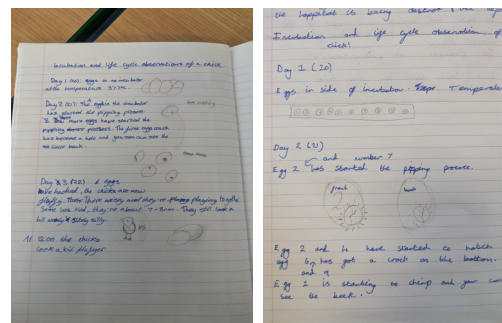
Year 3 & 4

In English lessons we have been inspired by the book- *Until I met Dudley*-with the sub title *How everyday things really work*. On Monday Year 3&4 wrote about an invention they had thought of, explaining how it works using diagrams and captions. They then had a look around all the class at everyone else's ideas and were able to add questions they had on a post-it note. This was a good opportunity to get peer feedback and motivation for writing.



Year 5 & 6

It has been a very exciting week in Year 5/6 watching our chicks hatch and grow! This part of our science work focuses on living things and life cycles. The children have been practising their scientific skills by making careful observations and measurements of the chick's life cycle. We can't wait to watch them grow over the next week! We wish the Year 6 children luck in their SATs tests next week- they have all worked so hard this year to be ready for them.



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

