



Dear Parents,

We were delighted to launch our OPAL programme this week, and it has already been a great success. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the new resources and have shown real responsibility in helping to pack everything away at the end of each session. Over the coming weeks and months, we will continue to build and vary the resources available, as well as organise dedicated areas for different activities. A quick reminder that while children will only need wellies when the field is wet, it is really important that all children have waterproof raincoats, as we will be outside in almost all weather conditions.

This week we also continued *The Big Bean Boost* that began last week. I have been offering bean tasters during break times, and it has been wonderful to see how willing the children have been to give them a try! You will have received a pack to help continue this at home. A special mention goes to the FSU class, who were especially enthusiastic—several even asked for seconds!

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Remembrance Service. It was lovely to see our Ethos Team leading the service at St Mary's Church alongside Rev. Courtney. We also paused for a minute's silence at 11am, aware that people across the United Kingdom were doing the same.

In our collective worship this week, we revisited the aspirations the children set last term and reflected on their progress. It was inspiring to hear their thoughts, and for those who have already achieved their goals—long division was a popular one in Years 5 and 6—to share what they will be working towards next. I also shared a video about neuroplasticity, and we discussed how practising and trying new strategies can help us achieve our aspirations. It isn't always going to be easy!

We are ending this busy week with a non-uniform day followed by our school disco—what a wonderful way to finish!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling

**Help us keep the bugs away!**

As is common at this time of year, we have started to see a few seasonal bugs circulating. Please remember that children should be kept off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness to help minimise the spread.



**Headteacher Award**  
**Roman, Eliza**  
**Well Done!**



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## Our Stars of the Week

Teddy FSU

Lara

Lorilee

Lucas

Emi

Emily T

Harry

Seb

Daisy

Lacey

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

**97% 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

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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

- **14th November-12th December—Dance Club 3.15pm-4.15pm(pre-booked only. No club on 28th November— new date TBC)**
- **14th November—PTA Winter School Disco 5.30pm-7pm**
- **16th November—Charlton Meetup at Junior Park Run**
- **28th November—School Christmas Fair 3pm-5pm**
- **16th December—School Pantomime Trip for Reception-Yr6**
- **17th December—School Christmas Lunch**
- **18th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 5.45pm**
- **19th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 1.30pm**
- **19th December—School Finishes**
- **5th January—Back to School**



## PTA

Thank you for all your Christmas chocolate/treat donations! These will be kept for use at the school Christmas Fair on 28th November.

Please join us for the Winter Disco this evening:

5.30pm-7pm

£4 entry per child

Snack and drink provided

Prizes for the best dancers

Lots of fun to be had!

**(FSU children are welcome—parents to stay and supervise)**



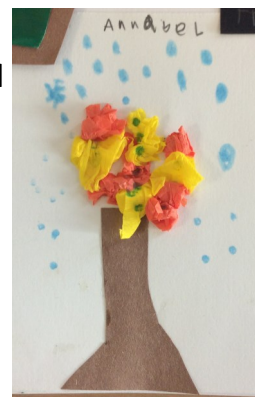
## FSU

It has been a rather wet and muddy week, but it hasn't stopped us from getting out and building waterfalls and playing in our mud kitchen. The children have also been amazing at joining the older members of the school at playtime and are having a great time at lunch! This week we have discussed the importance of Remembrance day and have completed some activities during our provision time. We also had a calming afternoon of puzzles and games on Wednesday where they worked really well on their teamwork to complete them all.



## Year 1 & 2

We have loved getting back into Forest School mode this week, with plenty to explore outdoors. We have also been out and about for our Science topic of Weather and the Seasons, predicting and reporting the weather, as well as creating some beautiful autumnal collages, displaying what Autumn reminds us of.



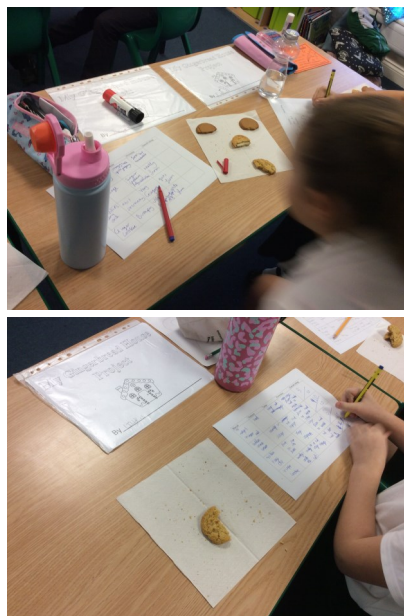
## Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 children have been enjoying the increased playtime options with the introduction of OPAL at break times. In order to access everything, in all conditions, children do need to have wellies that can be kept in school everyday and weather suitable coats. In Thursday's PE we started our mindfulness topic, which includes moving to different styles of music, reflecting the rhythm and tempo of what we hear. We also took time to 'draw' the music, representing the pattern, feel and shape of it.



## Year 5 & 6

We really enjoyed the start of our DT topic, where we will be making our own gingerbread houses! To start with, we taste-tested some ginger biscuits to examine their flavour, texture and firmness. This will help us to design our recipes!



## Safeguarding

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



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