



Dear Parents,

This week has been all about sport and our mini marathons. We were fortunate to have such wonderful weather, perfect for motivating everyone to complete the two-mile challenge! Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer the children on, and to those who sent in posters of encouragement. It was fantastic to see the children's determination to finish their laps, as well as the way they supported one another. Their attitudes truly reflected our vision: "Aspire and Grow Together."

Our collective worship also focused on sport and resilience. On Monday, we took inspiration from our very own marathon runner, Miss Ashley, who had just completed the Manchester Marathon. She shared her training journey with the children, and we celebrated her impressive achievement, an inspiring way to launch our own mini marathon! Thank you as well to the FSU pupils who sent her encouraging messages on the day, including "Go, go, go, Miss Ashley!" and "You can do it!"

On Wednesday, as we celebrated a wide range of sports through our outfits, I spoke to the children about Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to successfully swim the English Channel in 1926. We explored the challenges she overcame, including an earlier unsuccessful attempt and even swimming through a swarm of jellyfish. The children were fascinated by her story and impressed by her determination and remarkable achievement. There is a film about her on Disney+ (PG) which I know some children have already started watching!

This weekend, some of our pupils will be heading into London to complete 2.5km of the London Marathon route. I'm sure you will all be cheering them on! Their start time is 12:02, and finish-line footage will be available on BBC Sport, as well as on YouTube and Facebook. You can also send shoutouts via Instagram or YouTube.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our May Day celebrations. While the children have been busy practising their singing and dancing, our dedicated Teaching Assistants have been working hard behind the scenes preparing outfits and getting everything ready for the garland. It is wonderful to see such commitment to maintaining this special tradition. We hope many of you will be able to join us for the morning. Thank you in advance for the flower donations for the garland.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling

Headteacher Award

**The whole school for completing the mini
marathon**



Well Done!



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Our Stars of the Week

Brody

Scarlett

Freddie

Tommy

Evelyn B

Evie

Lacey

Daisy

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

100% attendance!

**Whole school attendance
95%**

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

- 29th April-ongoing—Top-up Swimming Lessons (for some children in Yrs3-6 invitation only)
- 25th April—London Mini-Marathon
- 1st May—May Day
- 4th May—BANK HOLIDAY (No School)
- 7th May—Ian Taylor FSU Candid Portraits
- 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-3rd June—Yr5/6 Bikeability Course
- 13th June—PTA Summer Fete
- 16th June—Internet Safety Workshops Rec-Y6
- 30th June—Yr5/6 to Gosford Hill Matilda The Musical Performance



ECO COUNCIL

The eco council were on hand to help with the Little Recyclers collection on Tuesday



Below is a link for children to sign up to a weekly eco challenge to do at home if they would like to. (It is a separate company and not linked with school). Take a look!
<https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org/3challengeaward>

PTA

The Little Recyclers collection was a great success. Thanks to all your donations, we raised **£166.50!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased an ice lolly after the mini marathon on Wednesday. The money raised has paid for a butterfly garden for the FSU.

We are looking forward to May Day next Friday, where we will be selling refreshments. Any cake donations would be greatly received—shop bought or homemade (**no nuts please**). Please drop them off at the school office by Thursday.

FSU

This week, we celebrated Earth Day in class. The FSU children got creative by making Planet Earth using their hands and some designed their own turtles. We also explored different ways we can help protect our planet and wrote sentences about our ideas in our English books.



Year 1 & 2

The clear highlight of this week in year 1 / 2 has been Forest School. The sun shone and the variety of activities the children decided to do was huge! Their creativity and teamwork were admirable, and a big thank you to Mrs Hatwell for helping to make it so enjoyable for us all. We had wood sawing, scavenger hunting, den building, cloth printing using flowers, leaves and hammers, hammock and wheelbarrow snoozing, 'painting' the mud kitchen, mud pottery and 'dandelion wine' making, to name but a few! The children returned to the classroom smiling and refreshed.



Year 3 & 4

This week in maths we were learning about perimeter and how to measure it accurately, including remembering to count all the sides in rectilinear shapes (Year 4s). In Guided Reading we are really getting into the Dick King-Smith story **Water Horse**, with children grappling with Scottish dialect and nautical vocabulary as well as predicting solutions of how to help the Kelpie and analysing each of the characters' traits and actions. We are busy practicing songs and dances for May Day...oh and we took part in two mini marathons running around the school field and playground at least five times!



Year 5 & 6

In maths, we have been looking at coordinates, translations and reflections. We did some maths artwork ('Mart' as we like to call it!) to create some reflection drawings of animals. All the children worked so hard to look carefully at the picture and think about how it would look on the other side, using mirrors to help. Our Maypole dancing practice has been going very well, and we look forward to sharing it with you next week.



Safeguarding

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

Forest School





Mini Marathon

