



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term break and are feeling ready for the festive season ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for our OPAL programme. Next week, I will be speaking with the children about some of the new equipment, helping them consider both the benefits and risks, and discussing how to use everything safely. We would be very grateful for any further contributions.

Examples of items we are looking for include:

- *Suitcases (any size or type)*
- *Small tools (spades, shovels, trowels, buckets, rakes, brooms)*
- *Tubes of different sizes and materials*
- *Nets and thick ropes*
- *Old keyboards, mobile/desk phones, cameras (even if no longer working)*
- *Fabric (large sheets, colourful fabrics)*
- *Guttering, Pool noodles*
- *Dressing-up items (hats, scarves, elasticated skirts, costumes)*

If you have something not on the list but think it could be useful, please do get in touch.

As part of introducing the programme, we will be encouraging children to make full use of the field and playground in all weathers. To access the field when it is wet or muddy, children will need wellies or outdoor shoes to change into. These can be stored in the welly store so they are easily available when needed. Please ensure shoes are clearly named and sent into school in preparation for the wetter weather.

On Thursday, a group of our Year 3 & 4 girls took part in a football festival at The Cooper School. Mrs Wells was impressed with their skills, and it was wonderful to see their excitement when they returned—some even spoke about joining football teams. How fantastic!

Next week, we will hold our Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church. Parents are very welcome to join us. Children from our Ethos Team will also be visiting classrooms on Monday with Poppy Appeal items for anyone who would like to make a donation.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Nadia Gosling

Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the Poppy Appeal in school

Suggested donations:

Poppies - 20p

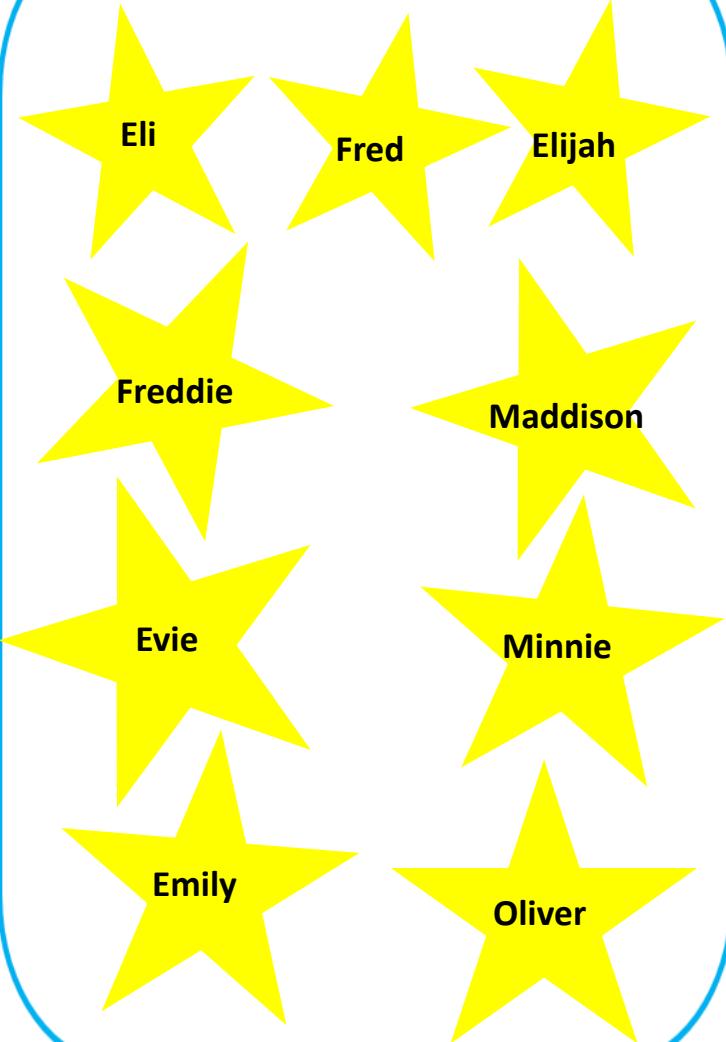
Zip pulls - 50p

Wrist Bands - £1

Snap Bands - £2



Our Stars of the Week



Diary dates

- **7th November-12th December—Dance Club 3.15pm (Reception-Yr6 pre-booked only)**
- **11th November—Remembrance Service at St Marys Church 9.15am**
- **14th November—PTA Non-uniform day**
- **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**



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

97% attendance

Whole school attendance

93%

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.

PTA

It's non-uniform day next Friday (14th), in exchange for a donation of Christmas chocolates/biscuits/treats. Please leave donations in the Percy Collett room at drop off and pick up on Friday.



We are looking forward to the Winter Disco next Friday too!

5.30pm-7pm

£4 entry per child

Snack and drink provided

We Hope to see you all there!

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



FSU

Our first week back has been brilliant. We have been looking at celebrations, memorised the month of our birthday, created some wonderful firework pictures and yummy cheese star biscuits.

I think they have come back from half term with a funny bug as we have all been laughing a lot and they have kept me very entertained!



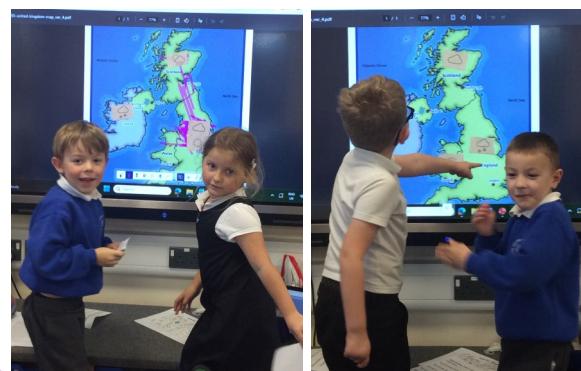
Year 3 & 4

We have started the new term well with two new books: Michael Morpurgo's **The Butterfly Lion** in Guided Reading, and **The Princess Who Hid in a Tree** in English. The latter, links nicely with our new Anglo Saxon topic in History. It tells the story of a local girl called Frideswide who settled in Oxford. I am often amazed and delighted with how captivated the class is in a good book- no screens or electronic devices just listening, engaging ears and imagination! The picture below shows us singing our first Christmas song of the season in our new singing-focused music



Year 1 & 2

It's been a lovely start to the new half term in Year 1/2, and we have been making the most of the mild weather by getting outdoors as much as possible. This has been useful for our new Science topic, which is 'Weather and the Seasons', and back in the classroom we all became weather forecasters, presenting our forecasts to the rest of the class. We are also very excited about the Parkrun at Whitelands on Sunday 16th November, with many children from the class planning to participate.



Year 5 & 6

We created a model of the circulatory system by having people represent organs, the heart and lungs. The rest of the class represented blood cells that were either oxygenated or deoxygenated depending on whether they had come from the heart, or were returning there. We used red and blue card to represent this.



Safeguarding

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

Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival

