



Dear Parents & Carers,

School communities grow and change, they do not remain static. Over the first 6 weeks of term, we have welcomed new teachers and new pupils. Our Early Years children are settling in really well, already demonstrating **courage** in their learning and **love** in their new friendships, whilst our new teachers are building good routines and relationships with their classes.

Schools change too, as members of the community move on occasionally. Our big news this week is that Mr White will be leaving us at the end of this half of term, moving on to an exciting new job opportunity. Since very early on in Pilgrims' Cross Primary School's history, Mr White has been the Site Manager. A familiar face on the gates in the morning and afternoon, he has been a faithful and hard-working member of the school community. I am sure that many of you will want to wish Mr White good luck for the future- please do give him your best wishes as you see him over the final two weeks of this term.

We will therefore be recruiting soon for a new Site Manager to join the school team. Please watch this space for more information if you are interested.

On another note, it will be our Harvest Festival Worship on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be having a **non-uniform day** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, in exchange for children bringing in donations on the Wednesday for Andover Food Bank. We also have coming up a **Dress as a Rockstar day** and our **Class Celebrations**- more details below.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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### Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...this week's theme was <i>Trust</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Courage</i>	<i>Trust</i>
<i>Sycamore</i>		Isabella H	
<i>Maple</i>		Jaxson S	
<i>Hazel</i>		Liam W	
<i>Lime</i>		Tilly PF	
<i>Chestnut</i>	Josiah O		
<i>Elm</i>	Abdul M	Gus D	
<i>Ash</i>			Kassandra W
<i>Beech</i>	Jack S		
<i>Pine</i>			Cephas L
<i>Hawthorn</i>			Ava P
<i>Aspen</i>	Phoebe H		
<i>Juniper</i>	Ella G		

## What we have been learning this week...

### Willow & Oak

Well, the week started very wet, which the children loved, but was much drier towards the end of the week. On Monday, the children really enjoyed drawing rainbows because we saw one, which was a magical moment. In phonics, we learnt the sounds "h", "b", "f" and "l". We even started to learn how to segment words so that we could spell them. Our tricky word was "the".

In maths, we looked at patterns and repeating patterns which the children needed to continue. For example: conker, acorn, conker, acorn, conker, acorn, etc.

For Welly Wednesday, we went on a bear hunt. We talked about how the words kept repeating then we went through the long wavy grass, a deep cold river (tuff tray of water), the thick oozy mud (muddy puddle), the big dark forest, the swirling whirling snowstorm and into the cave.

It's been a very enjoyable week where we took advantage of our lovely British weather.

**Please could children bring in their favourite item to talk about next week but please could we ask this is not expensive or electrical**

Well done Oak and Willow class!!

### Sycamore & Maple

In Maths we have been partitioning numbers into parts and halves as well as starting to write number sentences.

We have been enjoying writing sentences about Granny Sylvie, which the children have been working hard on. Learning all about daylight hours has been particularly interesting to the classes in our Science lesson and using the laptops to learn IT skills to draw a self-portrait resulted in some wonderful creations.

A very well done for another great week.

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

### Lime & Hazel

In Year 2 this week, we have been working on addition and subtraction in Maths in which the children have all worked really hard. They have all been doing a fantastic job of their re-telling of the *Snail and The Whale*. Science has shown us the difference between herbivores and predators and what they all need to survive- which both Hazel and Lime have been very interested in.

We have been learning about Hinduism and how the ritual of Puja that offers prayers, offerings and reverence to sacred beings or the divine. This has sparked some wonderfully interested and respectful conversations in class. We can't wait for another great week next week!

Well done Year 2! Miss Samuel and Miss Lavin

### Chestnut & Elm

This week in Chestnut and Elm, we have been focussing on our big write of *Ratty's Big Adventure*, using expanding noun phrases and conjunctions. Within our Maths, we have been applying number bonds, subtracting and adding three-digit numbers, which has taken some super concentration skills!

The children enjoyed our Science lesson where we did some field work exploring for different types of rocks. Finally, RE gave us the opportunity to learn and then practice different forms of meditation and calming strategies.

We are really proud of you all and look forward to another great week!

Miss Plaw and Miss Boyce

### Beech & Ash

Year 4 have had another brilliant week! We have been writing poetry about rainforest animals using rhyming couplets and our rainforest knowledge, we then enjoyed performing our poems for our class. Maths has seen the column method used for addition and subtraction, where we have been practicing exchanging. It has been so great to see so many of Beech and Ash class using their maths brains to solve problems. Keep it up!

We have been composing a piece of body percussion in music and the children have loved practicing their piece- so ask them to show you! In geography, we have learnt about indigenous people, and the layers of the rainforest. We can't wait to see what we learn next week!

Mrs Allison and Miss Collier

## Pine & Hawthorn

In Year 5 this week, we have practiced our column addition when figuring out the answers to two-step questions. The children have been practicing their problem-solving and working on reasoning skills, providing evidence and using the keyword of 'because' to provide depth and detail. We have also finished our next big piece of writing- our report into Yetis. The children have really impressed us with their description and choice of presentational devices. Finally, we have also had some reminder sessions about homophones and using past perfect tense if our writing requires it. Well done to all in Year 5!

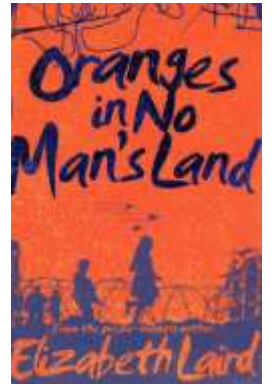
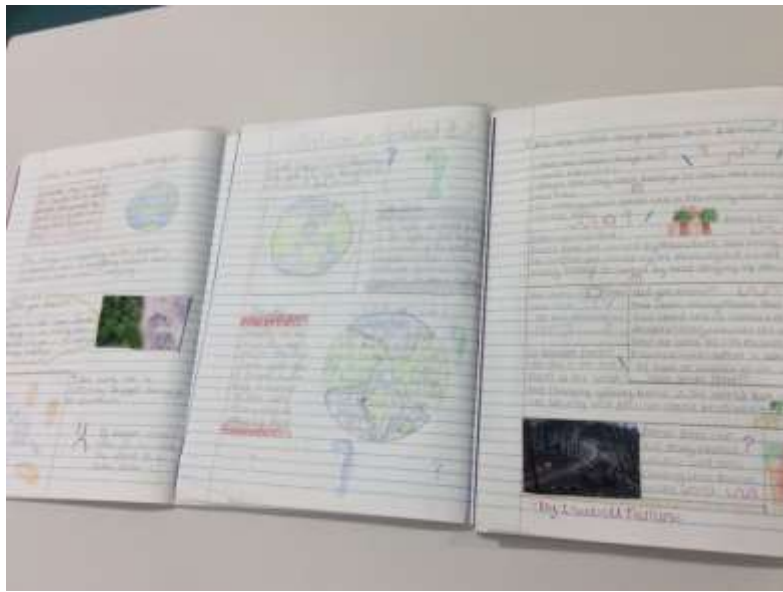
Mr Childs & Mr Dookheran

## Aspen & Juniper

It's been an incredibly busy and enjoyable week in Year 6. We have been reading and writing, inspired by the children's book *Oranges in No Man's Land* by Elizabeth Laird. We have researched and recorded information concerning the author and her time living in Lebanon - which inspired her writing of the book- and we have put ourselves in the shoes - or should I say flip flops - of the main character Ayesha.

We have also considered the impact of climate change on the world's population and what renewable energies and new technologies we can use in the future to sustain one another and our beautiful planet.

Mr Osmond, Miss Howick and Mrs Cocks



## Phonics

Thank you to those who attended the Phonics Information Evening for Years R & 1 this week. We hope that it was useful and informative. There will be a repeat of the session happening again soon for those of you who could not make it so please look out for the next date in upcoming newsletters.

## School Photographers

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Tempest Photographers will be in school to photograph your children for their annual individual portraits. If you would like to have siblings photographed together, we ask that you **come to the school hall from 7.55am** so this can be done. We will be unable to take sibling photographs during the day. If you have pre-school or older siblings you wish to have included then of course please bring those with you also for that 7.55am slot.

## Dress as a RockStar day!

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Timestable Rockstar event for all children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a 'rockstar' and will have the opportunity to take part in an inter-class competition!

## Attendance

Attendance across the school this year to date remains at 97.3% which is excellent and we thank all parents and children for their efforts with this.

We are sadly seeing an increase in children coming in late via the school office. Please remember that the school day starts at 8.30 and that children need to be in class by then ready to start their days. We will be reviewing those persistent latecomers and contacting you to discuss this in more detail.

## Shoe Box Appeal

# Rotary Shoebox Scheme

*"Spreading a Little Happiness"*

We will be supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme again this year, spreading a little joy amongst disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe. To take part, please collect items for your shoebox- to be returned **before 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Class Celebrations

All parents & carers are invited to our Class Celebrations of learning next week. If you can, join us to celebrate the learning which has happened in your child(ren)'s class this half term...

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October: 8.45am - Year 5 and 2.15pm - Year 2

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 8.45am – Year 4 and 2.15pm - Year 1

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: 2.15pm - Year R

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 8.45am – Year 6 and 2.15pm - Year 3

## Harvest Festival

Please bring in any of the food on the list below, to donate to our Harvest Festival Appeal. Food can be brought in to the office this week and next. In exchange, children can wear **non-uniform** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

PILGRIMS' CROSS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HARVEST APPEAL

**NON UNIFORM DAY**

**25TH  
OCTOBER  
2024**



**DROP-OFF LOCATION**

**SCHOOL RECEPTION**  
14TH OCT - 18TH OCT 2024

**HELP US FIGHT  
HUNGER BY  
DONATING  
NON-  
PERISHABLE  
GOODS**

Donations this year shall be made to our local Food Bank.



## Harvest 2024

*If you are able to donate, we would be grateful to receive*

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat
- Tinned soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Curry & pasta sauce
- Rice pudding & custard
- Baked beans
- Long life milk
- Treats (chocolate etc)

**Thank you!**



## Safeguarding

Please ensure that we have an up-to-date list of approved people who can pick up your child after school. If you ever have to have someone different for emergency reasons, please speak in person to one of the team in the school office.

## Key dates

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccine
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – TTRockstars “Dress as a Rockstar” day
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School Photographers in
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm – Parent Tour for Year R September 2025

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November- FOPS Fireworks Evening
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Swimming (Letters to follow with more information)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10am - Parent Tour for Year R September 2025
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm - Parent Tour for Year R September 2025
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11am - Parent Tour for Year R September 2025
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024- INSET Day 3
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025- INSET Day 4
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025- INSET Day 5

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscross.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/06/>