



Dear Parents & Carers,

Routines are really important. In Collective Worship this week, we have thought about routines and how they provide us with a sense of calm and a feeling of being in control. We looked at the examples of Daniel (who prayed 3 times a day) and Jesus, who got up early and went to a solitary place to pray.

We have worked on our lunchtime routines this week. Your children might have come home, talking about the new dining hall arrangements- ask them, if not! We will also be providing some lunchtime clubs: **colouring, construction** and **film**. Children can sign up for one or two days. We are also having a bit of a 'jiggle around' with our outdoor play too. On the MUGA, we will have sports (5/6 on Mon/Wed, 3/4 on Tue/Thurs and a KS2 girls-only day on Friday). The main playground will have children from Year 1-6 all together, meaning the younger ones can get to play with their older friends.

We hope that this change to our lunchtime provision will provide some more stimulus and fun for your children. In the summer, we would like to run **role-play/dressing-up** club, so if you have donations of unwanted/grown out of costumes, role-play food cutlery, etc. we would be very happy to receive these.

One other routine is counting the housepoints, to see which House has won. Last half term, **Water House** won. Their non-uniform day will be on Friday 13th March, as next Friday is Pilgrims' Cross Book Day and we'll be dressed in costumes for our Book Week!

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that we have a new Site Manager. From Monday, Piotr Czerwinski will be meeting and greeting you on the gates. Do please say hello and introduce yourselves!

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
Oak	Grayson T		
Willow		William L	
Sycamore			Theo B
Maple		Penny G	Koby M
Hazel		Freddy C	
Lime		Dylan D-M	
Elm			Hooria M
Ash		Elijah C-R	
Beech		Leo S	
Pine		Gina L	
Hawthorn		Mason M	
Aspen		Bonnie G	
Juniper	James B		

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

It has been a great week back after half term. The children have been enjoying the sunshine and discovered lots of Spring growth on our nature walk. They particularly enjoyed spotting daffodils and crocuses, as well as the many insects scurrying around. We also discussed that some of the trees in the orchard and elsewhere are starting to have buds or blossoms forming which is exciting. In class we have been enjoying the traditional tale *Little Red Riding Hood* and acting the different characters. We will be looking deeper into the tale next week and will create our own versions. In addition we have been comparing and ordering by length or height and started to learn the days of the week.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

What a lovely first week back we have had!

The children have enjoyed exploring our new text in English, *Where the Wild Things Are*. They have made predictions about what they think might happen in the story and have written a description of one of the monsters using the suffixes -er and -est. In Maths the children are working within 50 and have been finding numbers on an incomplete number line. I wonder if you could continue practising counting to 50 at home and jumping up in 10s too?

In Science the children sorted animals into different classification groups - mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish. They were able to describe the features of the animals and why they belonged to each group. This learning is all in preparation for our upcoming trip to the zoo! In Art the children have explored primary and secondary colours and have learned what happens when we mix colours together.

Next week is a busy week - On Wednesday we have Kelly Simms visiting for our Great Athlete activities and a special assembly and on Friday we have a dress-up day to celebrate World Book Day!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week in English we have started our new unit on our new text *Rosie Revere Engineer*. We have designed our own flying machines and started to write sentences in the style of an explanation text. In maths we have worked really hard on understanding odd and even numbers. In music we have been using our bodies and voices to create sound shapes. We enjoyed this! In PE we danced our way through different circus characters to some wonderful music. We then performed our dances to the rest of the class.

In science we have started classifying minibeasts and learned how to group them. Can you go on a minibeast hunt this weekend?.

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

Elm & Ash

Year 3 have had a good first week of spring 2. In maths they finished off length and perimeter ready to start fractions next week. In English, they started the book *Pip and Egg*. They explored the main characters and how they felt at points in the story. In other areas of the curriculum, they began their study of Romans and also wearable technology in DT. In this they looked at what wearable technology is and reviewed new and old pieces of technology- with all of them discovering what a Sony Walkman was for the first time! Well done to all involved.

Mr Dookheran & Mrs Bryan

Beech & Pine

Year 4 have had a fantastic first week back! They've come in with a great attitude and have shown real resilience in their learning. We have started our new history topic about the Anglo-Saxons and the children have looked at the history timeline to plot when in time the Anglo-Saxon Era was in relation to other known events (such as the Romans, which they learned about last year). As well as this, we have started to look at a new narrative in English around *Twisted Tales*. This week we have been looking at the characters of Snow White and the Evil Queen - thinking about their personality and appearance, ready to write a character description before eventually writing our own twisted tale with not a happily ever after in sight!

Next week is World Book Day and we are eager to see what the children come up with for their character or cosy day costumes! See you all next week.

Mrs Howick, Mrs Featherstone and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

It's been a full first week back in 5/6! We have finished our maths block of Area, Perimeter and Volume and have begun our new English learning journey based around the text *The Ways of the Wolf*. The children have been extremely successful with grasping the concept of area and perimeter and have investigated further by finding the area of triangles and parallelograms; as well as finding the volume of a 3d rectilinear shape. Our focus in English this week has been expanded noun phrases. The children have been practicing all week using images and extracts from the text and on Friday they did an independent piece of writing, describing an image from the book and creating a setting description. We have begun a new topic in Geography – looking at energy and how it is produced, as well as the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy sources. We concluded that energy is a big part of our daily lives and the children admitted that they would find it very hard to live without electricity and heating. Finally, we began our new music learning journey and analysed film music – looking at the different types of music and identifying what makes a piece of music tense or purposeful. We looked at scenes from Lord of the Rings, Avengers and Star Wars and discussed if we could identify what the scene was about just by listening to the music. Have a fun and relaxing weekend and come back refreshed for next week!

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

Compass badges!

Congratulations to the first set of children who have won the coveted bronze Compass Badge, for consistently demonstrating our values and showing exemplary behaviour ALL TERM!

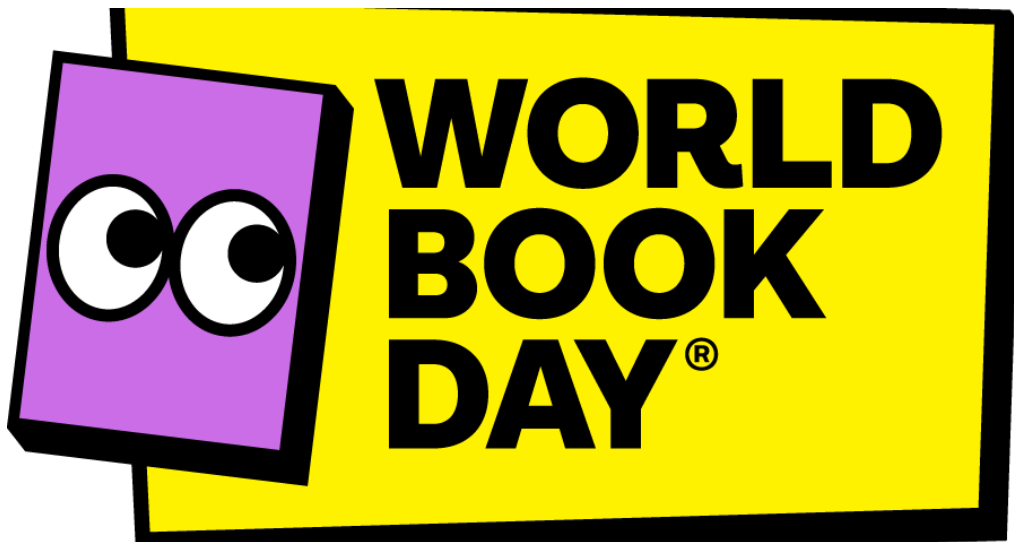
This half term's winners were...

- Oak: Oskar Kumiega
- Willow: Henry McDonald
- Maple: Darcey Smart
- Sycamore: Noa Silva
- Hazel: Lola Nicholson
- Lime: Arianna Yeboah
- Elm: Jether Dominiko
- Ash: Willow Thompson
- Beech: Poppy Lay
- Pine: Sophie Higginson
- Hawthorn: Sydney Darmanin
- Aspen: Max Deveney
- Juniper: Ruby Ghale



Book Week, Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March

Please see below for details of our week of book-related fun..!



To celebrate World Book Day, we would like to invite the children to come into school on FRIDAY 6th, dressed either as a character from a book, OR in comfy clothes they can 'snuggle up' in and read a book.

During the day, we will be sharing some of our favourite books between classes, with younger and older children buddying up to read together. There will be a fun reading challenge arranged by FOPS during the week (see below) and other activities in classes for the children to celebrate reading. Please keep an eye on the newsletters between now and the 6th for any additional information.

Great Athletes - Wednesday 4th March

We're excited to be welcoming a top GB athlete Kelly Simms to the school soon with Great Athletes!

All pupils will take part in a **sponsored fitness circuit** led by the athlete and come home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a **motivational assembly** and **Q&A** session.

Not only will the visit connect the pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to **raise money for new sports equipment that will improve levels of physical activity in our school!**

You can sponsor your child by visiting: <https://portal.greatathletes.org/events/landing>. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page.



As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

Raise anything: A5 sheet of motivational stickers

Raise £10 or more: sheet of stickers, plus a blue Great Athletes wristband

Raise £25 or more: all of the above, plus a red wristband with the athlete's signature

Raise £50 or more: all of the above, plus a signed athlete poster

Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **1 week** after the event has taken place.

Please also make sure that your children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event

Hot Choc Friday!

Here are the delightful children from hot chocolate time on Friday...



Job Vacancy

Would you like to join the team at Pilgrims Cross helping to keep the school clean, germ free and join a friendly team.

If the answer is yes, we currently have a position for a cleaner working from **3.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday**, 15 hours per week.

This is a termtime only contract, but you would be required to do extra hours to do deep-cleans during the school breaks. Hours will be discussed and agreed to suit for this.

An estimated monthly wage will be £705.00.

Please email recruitment@pilgrimscross.co.uk to ask for details.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance this year so far stands at **95.4%** which has slightly improved. Thank you for your support for ensuring regular attendance is a priority.

We will continue to monitor our children's attendance during our weekly reviews so **please do not be alarmed if we communicate when we have noticed attendance decreasing**. We understand that illnesses can often not be avoided and will always look to work *together* to help wherever we can.

Mrs Hathaway Familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk

Key dates

- Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March – Pilgrims' Book Week (Friday 6th, dress up as your favourite character or come in your comfy clothes for a snuggled-up day of reading)
- Wednesday 4th March - Great Athletes Sponsored fitness circuit **with gymnast Kelly Simms**
- Friday 13th March- **Water House** treat- non-uniform day.
- Monday 16th March – Wednesday 18th March – Year 6 *Bikeability*
- Wednesday 18th March – Year 1 Trip to Marwell
- Friday 27th March – Non School Uniform – **Crazy Hair Day!** (Please provide an Easter Egg to be donated to the Food bank.
- Friday 22nd May – Non School uniform Day – **Make the Rules!** (Please pay 50p per rule changed)
- Saturday 13th June – Summer Fete
- Friday 19th June 2026- INSET day 5
- Friday 26th June 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
- Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation at the Lights Andover
- Wednesday 22nd July – Non School Uniform Day – **What I want to be when I grow up!**

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscross.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=8&viewid=1>

Easter Fun



1st April - Goat Movie - Aldershot - 11am -£4.50
1st April - High Score Farnborough - 2pm - £6.50
1st April - Bowling and Laser Tag Andover - 6pm £6.50

2nd April - High Score Newbury 1pm -£6.50
2nd April - Family Swim Basingstoke -2pm - £4.50
2nd April - Soft Play Oxygen Reading - 2pm - £4

3rd April - Jungle Mania Soft Play Reading 6pm- £4
3rd April - Bowling Basingstoke -6pm - £3.50

4th April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 1pm - £4.50
4th April - Ice Skating Basingstoke - 3pm - £6

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

Easter Fun



7th April - High Score Arcade Farnborough - 1pm -6.50
7th April - Bowling & laser Tag Camberley -6pm -£6.50
7th April - Bowling in Reading - 6pm- £3.50

8th April - Flip Out Basingstoke -5pm - £6.50
8th April - Soft Play Camberley - 4.45pm - £3.50
8th April - Atmosphere Trampoline - 6-8pm - £4.50

9th April - High Score Arcade Andover- 2.30pm - £6.50
9th April -Ice Skating Basingstoke - 3pm - £6.50
9th April - Soft Play Reading - 1pm - £4

9th April - Bowling in Basingstoke - 6pm - £3.50
9th April - Bowling in Andover - 6pm - £3.50

9th April - Bowling in Aldershot - 6.15pm -£2.50
10th April - 360 Play Farnborough - 6.60pm - £4.50

11th April - Family Swim Basingstoke - 1pm - £3.50
11th April - High Score Newbury - 2pm - £6.50

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

FOPS Update



Books to the Moon Challenge!

To celebrate World Book Day on 5th March, the FOPS team have launched a 'read-a-thon'. How many books can you read before 4th March??

Look out for a form to complete with all the books you have read, this should be coming home in your school bag today.

There will also be a prize per class, so lets get reading!!



If you have any ideas or feedback to share with the FOPS team, please email us at friendspilgrimsross@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



BOOKS TO THE MOON!

HOW MANY BOOKS CAN YOU READ?

13TH FEBRUARY - 4TH MARCH

**WHOEVER READS THE MOST PER CLASS
WILL WIN A PRIZE!**