



**Headteacher Awards**

Acorns Iris

Maple Charlie F

Willow Alfie

Oak Lotte

**Resilience Award**

Acorns Ella P

Maple Ronnie

Willow Ethan

Oak Lucy

**Message from Mr Poultney:**

We all hope you had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. The children have settled back into school quickly and it's been a super first few days back in school.

We thank all those parents that have supported us by continuing to wear masks at drop off and pick up. We also hope that you are able to keep up with lateral flow testing regularly. We know from experience that this is helping identify the virus before children come to school.

You may have noticed that we have some new windows in Class 1 and 2 to replace the old single glazed ones. They're not quite finished yet and will return in February half term to fit the remainder and touch up the paintwork..

We have also updated our Early Years Policy following the introduction of the new Early Years Framework and that is now live on the school's website.

Have a super weekend and we look forward to see you on Monday.

**House Points**

Lygon 567 Russell 575

Morris 575 Eadburgha 561

**Letters sent home this week:**

- P & E Sports after school clubs
- Crest Science after school clubs
- Birdman visit
- Literacy Booster sessions to those applicable

**Attendance this week**

Acorns 92.5%

Maple 93%

Willow 90%

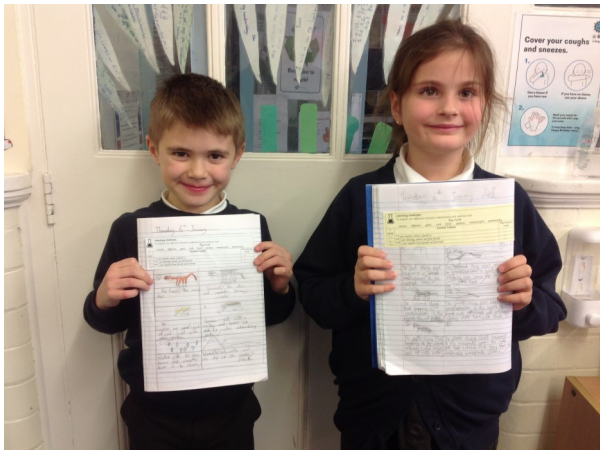
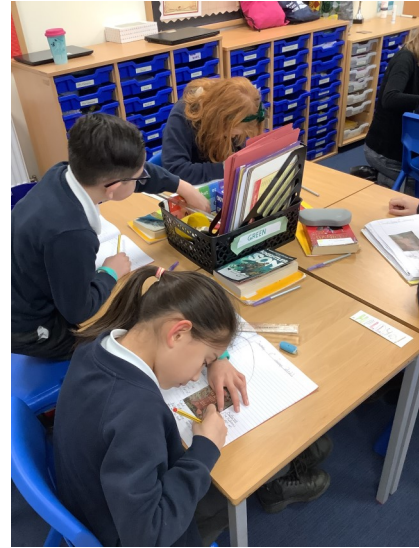
Oak 93%

National Target is 96%+

## Oak

This week, Class 4 children have welcomed Ms Fitzpatrick as their teacher and have adapted really well.

Class 4 have started to look at the book 'Darwin's Theory of Evolution'. They explored what they thought it was about, simply by looking at the cover!!



## Willow

This week, Willow Class have been learning about fossilisation in Science and now understand what has to happen in order for a fossil to form. We have also started multiplying larger numbers using long multiplication and in English we have had a lot of fun learning how to punctuate direct speech.

## Maple

It has been so lovely to have you all back in school and telling us about what you got up to over Christmas. This week, we took a plane to the Arctic. We had to pack a suitcase and take our passports. We had a look at what it would be like to live there. We decided it would be a bit cold!



## Acorns

It's lovely to have such excitement about being back at school and seeing all our friends! We have been busy talking and writing about our favourite gifts. We have been talking about special food we eat when we celebrate and what we would like to eat! Well done to our new pre-schoolers who have joined us and to all Class 1 for being so welcoming and caring.

### **After School Clubs**

We are pleased to be able to offer several after school clubs this half term and hopefully beyond! On Wednesday we sent home letters detailing the following:

Mondays	Crest Science Club for Key Stage 2 children with Mrs Fielder (Years 3 –5)
Mondays	Gymnastics with P & E Sports for Years 1—5
Fridays	Crest Science Club for Class 2 children with Mrs Worrall
Fridays	Football with P & E Sports for Years 3—5

As per the letters, please sign up for both Gymnastics and Football online directly with P & E Sports and notify the school office if you would like your child to attend either of the Science clubs. Payment for the Science clubs will be set up on the Parentmail+Pay system by the end of next week.

### **After School Booster Sessions**

You will no doubt be aware that there is currently additional funding available from the Government to offer booster sessions for Maths and Literacy for those children who could do with some additional support in these subjects. If your child has been asked to attend any of these sessions, we strongly recommend that they do come along as this is a rare opportunity to receive extra tuition free of charge. We have seen a marked improvement in those children who attended last term and are keen for as many children as possible to benefit.

### **Forest School for Year 5 children and Outdoor Learning for Class 1**

Next Thursday 13th January, all of Year 5 will be participating in forest school sessions with Miss Boulton in the afternoons until half term. Please send in suitable old clothing, a warm waterproof coat and pair of wellies in a named bag on this day.

As in previous terms, Mrs Worrall will be taking small groups of Class 1 children for outdoor learning sessions, every Tuesday afternoon. As above, all children will need to bring in suitable old clothing, etc to participate.

### **Birdman Visit**

On Monday 17th January, the Birdman is once again coming to visit us. Mr Alan Eames, who is the founder of Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation in Eynsford, Kent, will be delivering a talk about the ecology and conservation of Birds of Prey. All children should have brought home a letter yesterday detailing this and offering your child the opportunity to have a photograph taken with one of the birds.

If you would like to take up the offer of a photograph, please can you send in the signed permission form together with full payment by next Friday 14th January, at the latest. Please note, without advance payment, Mr Eames will not be able to take a picture. Siblings can have the photograph taken together to cut down on the cost.

The letter states that the school are able to print out pictures for children considered vulnerable but unfortunately, we do not have high quality photographic printers in school, so will not be able to accommodate this.