



### Headteacher Awards

Donaldson Shannon

Dahl Eliza

Suess Alfie

Morpurgo Thea

### Respect Awards

Donaldson Ollie

Dahl Mabel

Suess Grace

Morpurgo Tom

### House Points

Lygon 240 Russell 258

Morris 285 Eadburgha 254

### Attendance this week

Donaldson 100%

Dahl 100%

Suess 98%

Morpurgo 95%

### Message from Mr Poultney:

Welcome back as we start a new year. We hope you had an enjoyable break as we look forward to 2025. It's been a super week back in school with the children working hard and happy to meet up with their friends again. It sounds like everyone had a super Christmas.

Class 1 has welcomed a new member of staff to their team. Mrs Trivett has joined and has had a lovely week meeting all the children in Class 1 and beyond. Elsewhere, we are delighted to announce that the Governors have promoted Ms Fielder to the role of Assistant Head. With the expansion of our Laugh 'n' Learn pre-school and nursery provision in the pipelines, Ms Fielder will oversee this area of the school as well as being the senior contact should I not be available. Ms Fielder has an extensive knowledge in Early Years education so is the perfect person to lead the school on its new and exciting nursery journey.

A reminder that the deadline for applications in our Reception Class for September closes on Wednesday. If you or someone you know hasn't done this then please ensure you complete this in time.

Have a super weekend and wrap up warm.

### Letters sent out this week

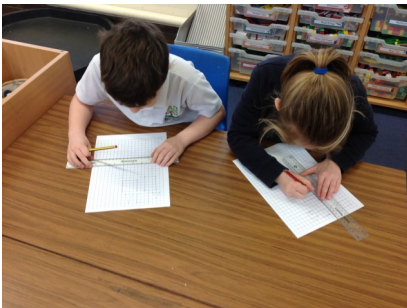
- Young Voices— Monday 13th Jan 25
- Clubs letter—starting next week
- Forest school reminder—class 4
- Ukulele lessons—remember your instrument
- Board Games postponed until Monday 20th Jan

The **Golden Welly** award has been introduced as an opportunity to celebrate the children and their amazing play. Children can achieve this award for using their initiative during play, outstanding behaviour, supporting each other or being a kind friend. This week's awards go to: Edward & Ronnie



### Donaldson (Class 1)

Welcome back Class 1! We have had a great start back to the new term and welcomed a new friend to class and it has been lovely to see how all the children helped her settle in. This week, we have read 'Hamilton's Hats' as the start to our new DT topic 'Let's make hats'. We have begun to talk about different textures and made our own crowns with hard, soft, shiny, fluffy, rough and bumpy textures. We have also begun our Science unit 'Humans' and sang 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' as well as drawing around our friends and labelling these body parts. In maths, reception children have begun the unit 'Alive in 5' and have introduced the concept of 'zero' as well as building on our previous knowledge to find amount to 5 including zero. Well done!



### Dahl (Class 2)

Welcome back Dahl Class! This week, we have continued learning about shape in Maths. We have focussed on drawing 2-D shapes by plotting our vertices and carefully using a ruler to draw straight sides. In Art, we learned about the artist William Turner and studied some of his paintings. We used pencils and oil pastels to recreate some of his fire scenes. In PE, we have continued with gymnastics and focussed on travelling in different ways - along, under, over and around. Well done!

### Seuss (Class 3)

Welcome back! Class 3 have been working really hard on building suspense in their writing. They have been detectives trying to solve a very important mystery of the missing Mona Lisa. It involved sorting out the clues and looking at the evidence, whilst disregarding the 'red herrings'. We solved the case and have some great ideas on what we can put in our own mystery. We also have been looking at reflections and using water colours, we used the Willersey duck pond for inspiration. Finally, we have been looking at multiplication and division. In particular, the 4 and 8 times table. Well done Class 3!



### Morpurgo (Class 4)

We have had a super first week back in Class 4! In Maths, we have all been calculating perimeter of shapes, with Year 5 calculating the missing value of rectilinear shapes. In English, we have rewritten some of our model text, The London Eye Mystery, using fronted adverbials, prepositional phrases and relative clauses. Some of us even challenged ourselves to use dashes as parenthesis this week. Finally, we had a great first session in Forest School, exploring how we can make and strengthen bridges as part of our DT unit. Excellent work, Morpurgo Class!

## Laugh 'n' Learn Preschool

In preschool this week, we have enjoyed our phonics lessons and we have 'tuned into sounds' in the environment by going on a sound walk, playing with instruments and as well as using actions sounds to make sounds with our bodies such as clapping and stamping. In preschool maths, we have begun the unit 'show me 123' and practice our subitising skills for fast recognition to 3 with objects, picture cards and through number books and rhymes. We loved playing with lots of different hats and making pictures using lots of different types of materials. In Forest School, class one looked for different textures in the natural environment, made leaf and bark rubbings and created a self portrait using different natural materials! Such a busy first week!



## OPAL

This week during our OPAL lunchtime play, the children have loved exploring with the new crates by building and using these open-ended resources in various ways in their creative play. In our Play assembly, we celebrated the great play opportunities we have in school, such as den building, scooters and wheeled toy, dressing up, climbing frames, the sand pit, gymnastic mats and equipment and the free access to forest school. We would love to have more large loose parts. Do you have any large pieces of material/ picnic mats or suitable wheeled toys and equipment that could support our children in creating these lovely play spaces? If so please check they are in good condition and let us know.



## Week commencing 13th January 2025

Monday 13th January	Young Voices trip
Tuesday 14th January	Piano Lessons Table Tennis
Wednesday 15th January	Book & Biscuit—Reception Application deadline for new reception places (September 2025) Ukulele lessons Gymnastics club
Thursday 16th January	Forest school—class 4 Indoor games