



### Headteacher Awards

Donaldson Kit

Dahl Oliver

Suess Iris

Morpurgo Cody



### Value Awards

Donaldson Henry

Dahl Felix

Suess Fliss

Morpurgo Evelyn



### Message from Mr Poultney:

This week the whole school had a great day in celebrating the 'Holi festival'. This is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna and additionally, the day signifies the triumph of good over evil! We supported this fun day through some Bollywood dancing, creating Rangoli patterns, designing a T-shirt design to wear on the colour run and have worked as a school to create a large-scale art piece.

Throughout the school the children have taken part in British Science week and completed a range of activities in the theme 'Change and adapt'. This has been the 5th year we have successfully taken part in this national event as we continue to enrich opportunities in STEM subjects. The children have carried out a range of activities from our youngest children in class 1 to year 5!

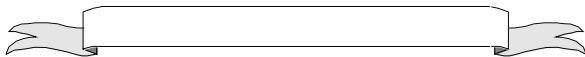
We are also pleased to have completed a 3rd 'Development day' with our OPAL leader, who was very impressed with the play opportunities the children can now access. We are excited to be offering an information session, led by the OPAL leader Rachel Murray, and an opportunity for parents to participate in OPAL play with their children in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Enjoy your weekend!

### Letters sent out this week

- Wellness Wednesday club started this week with Mrs Organ
- Slimbridge Wetlands trip for Class 1- 25th March 2025
- Absence reporting—please report all absences to the school office

House Points	
Lygon	372
Russell	378
Morris	410
Eadburgha	361



### Attendance this week

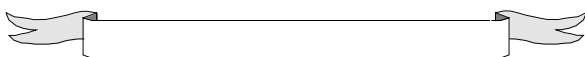
Donaldson 98%

Dahl 94%

Suess 93%

Morpurgo 90%

National Target is 96%+



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:

**Florie & Maya**



## Donaldson (Class 1)

This week in Donaldson class we have enjoyed British Science Week. The focus was 'Change and Adapt'. We looked at different habitats around the world and discussed the animals that live in these habitats and how they have adapted to live. We completed the activity 'Lets create an animal' where we created an animal, for example, an animal with a long beak, a tail and some googly eyes to adapt to a given environment. In PE we did the activity 'Deep Sea yoga discovery' and combined physical movement with learning about marine life and their adaptations, promoting both physical wellness and environmental awareness. We also loved seeing the tadpoles hatching in the pond! In maths, we have continued our unit on 'Building 9 and 10' where we played dice games and made numbers to 10 using 10's frames. We loved competing in the Holi run, designing our own shirt, learning a Bollywood dance and creating Rangoli patterns.



## Dahl (Class 2)

This week, we really enjoyed going out into the village to do some Geography fieldwork. We took our sketchbooks and walked a little way up the Cotswold Way footpath. We took time to sketch our surroundings and discuss which geographical features we could see. In the afternoon, we then compared Broadway and Malawi, Africa by finding a range of human and physical features. As part of British Science Week, we have made our own wormeries and we will be observing the changes to these over the next couple of weeks. We have also looked at animal adaptations and learned more about this by matching animals to their characteristics and doing some 'deep sea yoga'. Well done everyone!

## Suess (Class 3)

This week, we have looked at the digestive system and its purpose. Thank you for all of the bottles! As it is science week, we also looked at astronauts and the effect this has on their body. We really found it fascinating how they go to the toilet in space and how to tell if we need to hydrate more. In computing, we used Micro:bits to create an algorithm, whilst looking at inputs, outputs, and debugging any errors that occurred. Finally, in English, we have been focusing on paragraphs and subheadings. We can't wait to share with you our work. Well done Suess!



## Morpurgo (Class 4)

As part of British Science Week, Morpurgo Class have taken the opportunity to explore microplastics and their effects on the ocean and wildlife. We used sand to represent the microplastics, and different materials to try and create the best filter to help clean ocean water. In Computing, we have used the micro-bits again, writing our own programmes using selection. We were able to control the micro-bits using 'if...then...' statements. Finally, in History, we enjoyed learning about the River Nile, and did some research to identify how important it was to the Ancient Egyptian civilization. Well done, Morpurgo!



## Laugh 'n' Learn Preschool

In preschool this week we loved reading the story 'Where the wild things are' and drew our own 'Wild thing' in drawing club. We loved junk modelling our own animals and making the life cycle of a frog using mixed media, such as bubble wrap and egg cartons. We have begun to learn the story 'The three Billy goats gruff' using signalong and have learnt the repeated refrains! In maths, unit 'Match, talk push and pull' we have used blocks to create creations and select shapes appropriately, such as flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof. Well done Preschool!



## OPAL

In OPAL assembly this week we talked about water play and the children have developed their own rules for water play ( guttering/pouring and transferring water); you must wear wellies and waterproofs, you must put your water-proofs and wellies back when finished. The children have created a wish list of equipment, with go carts, scooters and wheeled play being a most frequent request. We are now very excited to be able to provide these for the children to enrich their play further!



## Week commencing 17th March 2025

Monday 17th March	<b>Parents Evening - 5-7pm</b>
Tuesday 18th March	<b>Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm</b> Piano Lessons & Table Tennis
Wednesday 19th March	Ukulele lessons, Gymnastics club & Wellness/Art Club
Thursday 20th March	Indoor Games
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief—non-uniform day. Wear something red - £1 donation Forest school - Class 2 (Year 1 & 2)



**BROADWAY  
MUSEUM  
& ART GALLERY**

## World Poetry Day Competition! 21 March

**Calling all young poets!**

Create a poem inspired by Broadway's history for a chance to win free museum entry for a year and a £20 Blandford Books voucher! The winners will be featured on our social media. Drop your designs into the museum or email us on [admin@broadwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@broadwaymuseum.org.uk) with the designers name, age and your contact details

**Deadline: 18 March**

# BROADWAY FIRST SCHOOL - TERM DATES

## 2025–2026



SCHOOL OPENS ON	SCHOOL CLOSES ON
Tuesday 2nd September	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 3rd November	Thursday 18th December
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 23rd February	Friday 27th March
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 22nd May
Tuesday 2nd June	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

Core Year 190 days

### Public Holiday (school closed):

May Day Holiday = Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Staff Training Days (school closed) 5 in total:

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026