

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely this week to see how wonderful our edible garden is looking. The children are really enjoying growing and caring for our plants, and it has been a joy to see them so engaged in our outdoor environment.



We have also been making the most of our learning through food in Design and Technology. In Year 2 Bumblebee Class and Year 5 Herons, the children have been tasting a variety of fruits and veg, eagerly sampling different options and evaluating which they liked best. They have thoughtfully discussed their preferences and explained their choices, showing enthusiasm and curiosity.

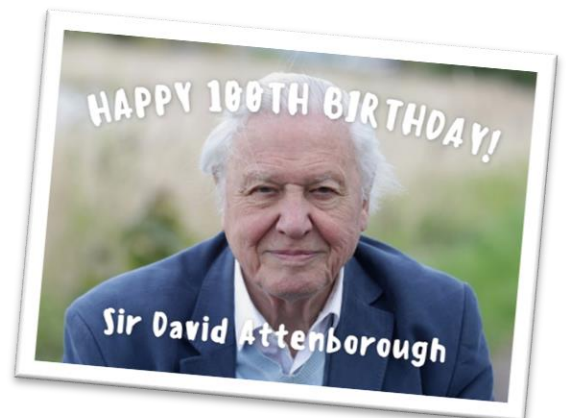
We have also been continuing to make the most of our beautiful surroundings. The children have been exploring our edible playground and wider outdoor environment, bringing their learning back into the classroom by sorting and identifying evergreen and deciduous trees and plants.



In Year R, the children were delighted to take part in their Elmer Parade, proudly sharing their creative and colourful costume designs with the rest of the school. It was a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone involved.










Finally, today we have enjoyed celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. The children gathered together to watch a live broadcast and reflect on the incredible contribution he has made to our understanding of the natural world. It was a special opportunity to inspire awe and appreciation for our planet.









As always it was fabulous to celebrate children who have been recognised for being great role models this week in our Celebration Assembly.


Date	Friday 8 May 2026
 Squirrels	<p><b>Arthur</b>, for coming to Drawing Club and trying so hard with his writing. We are very proud of your effort and enthusiasm.</p> <p><b>Tommy Unsworth</b> has shown great perseverance in completing this week's challenges. Well done for keeping going and trying your best.</p> <p><b>Bertie</b>, for remembering our school rules and making a special effort not to call out during carpet time. Keep up the fantastic self-control.</p> <p><b>Gali</b>, we are so proud and impressed with your English. It has been wonderful to see your confidence and sense of humour shining through.</p>
 Ladybirds	<p><b>George</b> has really shone this week and used his imagination to describe his story setting. He also participated well during class discussions.</p> <p><b>Margaret</b> worked cooperatively with others in her group to retell the story using adjectives and expressions.</p>
 Bumblebees	<p><b>Peter and Everlyn</b> have been working really hard this week especially on their descriptive writing. In their writing.</p> <p><b>Kit</b> has shown that he is always ready to learn and always shines in lessons with his enthusiasm and determination.</p>
 Hares	<p><b>Finley D-</b> This week in our session with Mr Munday he showed determination and stamina when having to coordinate his fingers with the correct chords to play on the recorder. Finley found this so hard but never gave up and managed to master two notes by the end of the session.</p> <p><b>Oliver</b> has been working really well in English this week, showing focused and thoughtful contributions in our Kraken work.</p> <p><b>Evie B</b> has worked carefully in her Morning Spelling work, using our tricky words independently and coming in maturely, setting a great example.</p> <p>Lolo was fantastic in our French lesson taught by Madame Jones, listening exceptionally well and trying his best.</p>
 Foxes	<p><b>Oliver</b> has been working really well in English this week, showing focused and thoughtful contributions in our Kraken work.</p> <p><b>Evie B</b> has worked carefully in her Morning Spelling work, using our tricky words independently and coming in maturely, setting a great example.</p> <p><b>Lolo</b> was fantastic in our French lesson taught by Madame Jones, listening exceptionally well and trying his best.</p>
 Herons	<p><b>Elsie and William</b> used their oracy skills to participate successfully in our class debate about climate change. They gave thought-provoking insights into the ways in which people can help to make a difference.</p> <p>Football:</p> <p><b>Jack, Max, Henry, Noah and Samuel</b> showed incredible resilience and positivity during their football match on Tuesday.</p> <p><b>Grace and Daisy</b> were outstanding in their contributions towards the girls football team this week.</p>
 Kingfishers	<p>All the footballers have been recognised for their determination and resilience during the season. Particular well done to the girls team, who won their tournament yesterday afternoon. And good luck to the boys at their tournament next week.</p>




### Top Table

The children chosen for the top table this week are: Kit L – Bumblebees, Stephanie S – Hares, Maya N.B - Foxes

Housepoints – these are announced each week in assembly				
	 <b>Oak</b>	 <b>Maple</b>	 <b>Birch</b>	 <b>Rowan</b>
Points this week	<b>116</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>323</b>
Leaderboard	<b>2nd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>

**EdShed**  Our Ed Shed winners this week are: Ella D, Samuel P and Dylan H. The winning class was Herons. If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with spelling at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [English Subject page](https://www.edshed.com) here or go straight to edshed here: <https://www.edshed.com>

 Our Times Tables Rock Star Winners: Ava T - Bumblebees, Abraham S – Hares, Ada B F – Foxes, Dylan H – Herons, Torres – Kingfishers and Gone Green are: Evie M and Ella D. If you want ideas, on or off line, to help with timestables at home our website has lots to look at. Try this link to our [Maths subject page](https://trockstars.co) here or go straight to TTRS here: <https://trockstars.co>

### Uniform Reminder

A reminder that your child should only be coming into school in their PE kits on their PE days. All the other days they should be in school uniform – thank you.

### Year 6 Production

Date for your diary – Year 6 production – Thursday 9 July 6pm – more details to follow.

### School Uniform Shop

Direct4logos, our school uniform supplier, will be closed from 2pm today, Friday 8 May and will reopen on Monday 11 May at 9.30am whilst essential maintenance is carried out.



**Sports Day – Wednesday 20 May** Sports Day is taking place on Wednesday 20 May in the morning. **The children will need to come into school in their PE kits and house colour t shirts on this day.**

**EYFS and KS1** will take part in their activities from **9.15 – 10.15am**.

**The whole school** will gather for Sprint race finals at **10.20am**. (Heats for this will have taken place in school before Sports Day.) **KS2** will take part in their activities from **10.45 – 11.30am**.

Parents are warmly invited to come and watch the activities and the Sprint races. You will need to follow your child's class as they move from one activity to another.

### ActiveMe360 Coaching

Winchester City Council in partnership with ActiveMe360 are providing football coaching during May half term. Each day will be packed with fun games and matches. These are suitable for girls and boys aged between 6 and 13 at a cost of just £1 per day. If you would like further information or have any questions please email: [hello@activeme360.com](mailto:hello@activeme360.com) or to book visit: [bookings.activeme360.co.uk/list](http://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/list) and search 'Winchester'.

### Gurkha Museum

The Gurkha Museum is holding a family fun day in half term on **Wednesday 27 May – 10 – 3pm**. This is a free event for all the family to enjoy curry and craft. For more information go to: [www.TheGurkhaMuseum.co.uk/Whats-on/](http://www.TheGurkhaMuseum.co.uk/Whats-on/) or telephone 01962 842832.



Thank you all for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Miss Vittle  
Headteacher

Dates for your diary - [new events in Blue](#)

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TOO 😊 Just click here: [School Calendar](#)

KS2 SATs week	Week beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Day	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports day reserve	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Year R trip to Marwell Zoo	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Well-Being Week	Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 pupils to Kings School	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Class Photos	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Inset Days	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 & Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Parents Information Evening at Kings School 6pm	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
<a href="#">Year 6 Production – 6pm</a>	<a href="#">Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</a>
Summer Fair	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Rock Steady Concert – 2.30pm	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
End of term	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July