



20th March 2026

Note from the Head...

It has been wonderful to see the sun out and the signs of Spring begin. Seeing all these green shoots coincide with the amazing growth the children as a whole have demonstrated in their assessments these last two weeks.

It has been lovely to see parents at parents' evening this week and to read the replies from the annual report issued last week. We hope the new format was helpful in sharing information about your child as a learner and welcome any feedback you wish to share.



As we approach the end of term we remind families in EYSF and KS1 of the Easter Bonnet parades and hope that plans are being made to design a stunning garment.

EYFS – Tuesday 31st March 9am

Year 1 – Wednesday 1st April 9am

Year 2 – Wednesday 1st April 2:40pm

We look forward to celebrating the bonnets and hearing the children present their songs and readings to you all. Oh and don't forget the compulsory singing of Spring Chicken!!!

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Easter Bingo tomorrow evening at the Memorial Hall!

Best wishes

Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance

96.3%, A -Ma -Zing

Thank you to all who helped us achieve this, with the sun shining and the children enjoying all the many aspects of school, it's been a great week. Let's stay above the 96% next week.



Holiday Club

Holiday club is open for bookings via the ParentMail app, those children in receipt of Free School Meals are entitled to 4 free sessions over the holidays, please see email sent with details.

Netball Competition report – Elouise & Lizzie F

On a wet Thursday afternoon, we were delighted to be invited to the Year 6 Netball Festival at Millfield School, we enjoyed playing against various other teams such as Upton Noble, Bruton and Ditcheat to name a few. We **won 4** matches and drew 1 against Bruton. Overall we finished in a brilliant 2nd place behind Bruton who had scored 1 more goal than us. Thank you to all who hosted, transported and trained us. We really enjoyed our experience and were grateful to be invited.

Scooter and Bike Helmets

There have been a number of pupils coming to school not wearing helmets, and ignoring requests to wear them. If this continues, they will not be permitted to come to school on their bikes/scooters. If a child refuses to wear a helmet, then their bike/scooter will be detained in school until a parent collects it. It is not safe for a child to be on a bike or scooter without a helmet, and we will not be responsible should an accident occur.



Medals



- **Ralph** in Pluto Class for exploring our natural world with such enthusiasm as we spotted the signs of Spring.

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- **Arthur JB** in Mercury Class for wonderful knowledge during out Spring walk.
- **Murphy** in Earth Class for her tremendous effort in improving her handwriting.
- **Samuel** in Venus Class for such an improvement in remembering his phonics sounds!
- **Elodie** in Mars Class for working enthusiastically in all her learning this week!
- **Rain** in Neptune Class for working more independently and focusing hard to improve her handwriting.
- **Logan O** in Saturn Class for showing great effort, a positive attitude, and a strong commitment to his learning. His wonderful take home task reflects his dedication to go above and beyond.
- **Elliot** in Jupiter Class for creating a fantastic factfile about the Roman God 'Jupiter'.
- **Jennifer** in Sun Class for showing brilliant teamwork skills when making their Iron Man.
- **Alaia** in Moon Class for working brilliantly in a team while creating a detailed free standing iron man!
- **Josh** in Apollo Class for his fantastic presentation skills. He's taken great pride in the layout of his work, ensuring his handwriting is neat, well-spaced and consistently clear.
- **Malachi** in Asteroid Class for his amazing blog about the discovery of the bog body.
- **George** in Galaxy Class for the great progress you are making in all areas of the curriculum and for your cheerful good humour and growing self-confidence.
- **Elsie** in Milky Way Class for her brilliant, accurate bowling in PE when playing cricket.

Community Events

We are delighted to announce that the Merck Curiosity Cube will be visiting **Gillingham School** on **Saturday, 28th March, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM!** This interactive, hands-on experience is completely **FREE** and designed to spark curiosity

and inspire young minds through science, technology, and innovation.

In 2026, the Curiosity Cube focuses on **Synthetic Biology**, featuring three hands-on experiments designed to inspire and engage students. This immersive experience offers children aged 8 to 13 a unique opportunity to explore and interact with advanced STEM concepts that foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Experiment 1: Students will build enzyme lock-and-key models to explore practical applications of synthetic biology.

Experiment 2: Using Cubelet blocks, students will discover how DNA functions as a code for cells by modifying genetic instructions.

Experiment 3: Through an interactive trivia game, students will learn about gene activation and its importance in synthetic biology by "selecting" genes as answers.

Benefits for children attending the Curiosity Cube include:

- Hands-on experiments and activities that make learning fun and memorable
- Encouragement of curiosity and exploration in STEM fields
- Exposure to real-world scientific concepts and innovations.
- Inspiration to consider future careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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Easter Fun for Serving Families

The Nest @ The Balsam Centre

Tuesday 7th and 14th April, 10am-1pm



Lots of spring and Easter activities for all to enjoy, including games, crafts, drawing and more!

No booking required • Just drop in
Free of charge • Snacks and cold drinks provided



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SEND White Paper Parent Information Event

Date: Tuesday 24th March

Online (via Microsoft)

Time: 6:30pm



We're delighted to welcome Polly Kerr, Head of Education Law at Simpson Millar, who will guide us through the **SEND White Paper** and what it means for families.

Polly will break down the proposals and explore what could be the most significant changes to the SEND system in over a decade.

She'll discuss both the legal and practical implications for:

- Children and young people
- Parent carers
- Schools and settings
- Local authorities

There will be a Q & A function in this webinar for Questions



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