

Last Week

Thank you to all the parents that attended our Reading breakfast last week!



Please remember to sign up for Weduc!



Attendance celebration

Our school target for all of our pupils is 96%.
Our attendance overall for last week (16.01.23 – 20.01.23) was 93.3% (Year 1 to Year 6).

Unfortunately none of our classes met the 96% target but we had a few that came very close to 96%:

Year 1 Frank Lampard – 95.4%

Y4 Katarina Johnson-Thompson – 95.9%

Y4 Lionel Messi – 95.8%

Y5 Michael Jordan – 95.4%

Y6 Chris Hoy – 95.7%

Please remember that if your child's attendance is below our school target we may not authorise any further absences without evidence. We may then refer to the Local Authority, where they could fine both parents /carers.

Please remember that term time holidays are likely to be unauthorised and therefore also lead to a fine for both parents / carers.

Voice in a Million

Wednesday 15th March

Downsell will be taking part again this year in the spectacular event – Voice in a Million!

This is the world's most spectacular school concert which takes place at Wembley Arena. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children and those who attended last year absolutely loved it. If you would like your child to attend please do sign up quickly, as spaces are limited. Year 5 and 6 children should return their reply slip by Wednesday 25th January 2023, at the latest.

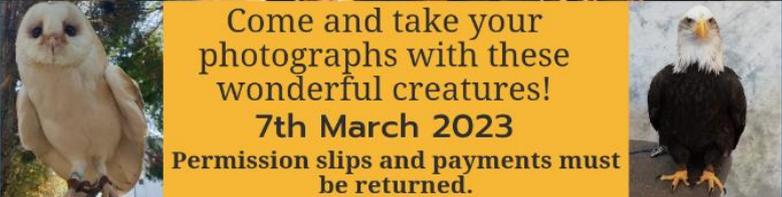



Science

Bird Man
Bringing Science Alive!



Come and take your photographs with these wonderful creatures!
7th March 2023
Permission slips and payments must be returned.



Reminders

Events coming up

Thursday 26th January

[Phonics parent meeting](#)

[Y2 SATs meeting](#) – please attend one of the sessions if your child is in Year 2: 9 – 10am and 3.30 – 4.30pm

Friday 27th January

Downsell PTA's Curry Night

Friday 10th February

9 – 9.30am Online Safety breakfast morning (parents / carers in classes – more information to follow)

Reminder: We still have spaces in lots of our clubs – please speak to the office if you would like to sign up or have any questions!

Monday 30th January

Open Classrooms

3.30 – 4.30pm Come and have a look at your child's work and the learning taking place in class.



Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February

Parents' Consultation

3.30 – 4.30pm This has been rescheduled from last term

DOWNSELL PTA'S CURRY NIGHT

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2023
3.30 - 7.00PM

HAVE A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING AND JOIN
US FOR DINNER AND DANCE
TAKEAWAY ALSO AVAILABLE
VEGETARIAN AND NON-VEGETARIAN OPTIONS



Year Group News

Each week we will be celebrating the learning taking place in different year groups.

This week we are celebrating the learning that took place in Reception and Year 5!

Reception



This week in Reception, we learnt all about Chinese New Year. We looked at why each month of the year has an animal representation, how Chinese New Year is celebrated, made a handprint dragon, learnt to write the names of various animals using Chinese symbols and practised using chopsticks and many more activities!

Year 5



Year 5 Project Homework Winners had a traditional afternoon tea on Friday to celebrate their hard work!