



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16.02.2024

Message from the Principal

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the first half term; the last six weeks have flown by. This week has been just as busy! I would like to thank all of the parents/ carers who have volunteered this half term to support our educational trips. We have really appreciated the time you have given to the school.

To further enhance our provision we are looking for donations for further resources for the children to play with during playtimes. If you are having a clear out at home and have anything to donate please do. I have included a list of the sort of things that we are looking for (list shared on page 3).

Last week we shared the parent survey link, I would be very grateful if you'd spend some time to share your views: <https://participate.schoolsurveys.com/NEdQcn2YrkusumZZ>.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 26th February.

Mrs Ciantar

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 95.5%. We aim for our children to have 100% attendance.

Hedgehogs	88.6%	Otters	95.8%
Squirrels	94%	Badgers	92%
Hawks	99%	Eagles	99.3%
Kestrels	97%	Falcons	95.7%
Beech	93.8%	Willows	96.3%
Ash	98.6%	Oak	97%

To report an absence, you will need to call the school absence line before 9am (01234 302300 - extension 1).

Celebrating success

The winners of our 'Great Work'

Robins – Kamil

Owls – Freya

Hedgehogs – Liam

Otters – Melania

Badgers – Amaeya

Squirrels – Ezmay

Hawks – Amelia

Eagles – Shayla

Falcons – Sophia R

Kestrels – Shanae

Beech – Lily K

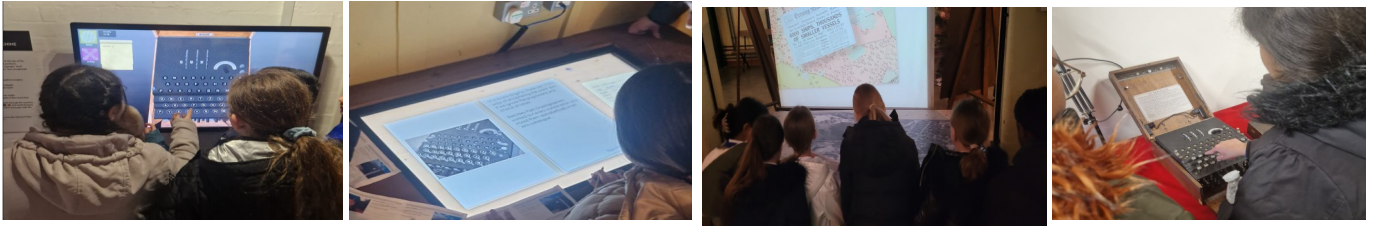
Willows – Aiyana

Ash – Adam

Oak – Blake

Year 6

Year 6 went to Bletchley Park this week where they learned more about the codebreakers during WWII. They had the opportunity to crack some codes, and they even got to use an enigma machine themselves!



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to sketch and paint a self-portrait in Art. They used mirrors to look at themselves and carefully sketch their own facial features. They used lines to guide them on where their eyes, nose and mouth are on their face. Then they used their knowledge of colour mixing and making shades and tones to paint their self-portraits. The pupils added pictures of things that they like in the background so that their self-portraits represented them.



Upcoming Dates

Here is a list of key dates for this half term. Please note that new events may be added and that existing dates may be changed or cancelled. We will update you if this is the case.

Date	Event
19.02.24	Half Term Week commencing 19th– 23rd Feb 2024
26.02.24	Back to school
05.03.24	Year 2 Whipsnade Trip
07.03.24	EYFS Hearing Test
07.03.24	World Book Day
18.03.24	Friends of Elstow Spring Disco
19th & 20th March	Parent consultation meetings
20.03.24	Year 3 Faith Trip
29.03.24	Last day of term



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DONATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH AT PLAYTIMES AND LUNCHTIMES. IF YOU ARE HAVING A CLEAR OUT AT HOME AND ARE GETTING RID OF ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW -PLEASE DONATE THEM TO SCHOOL:

TOY CARS/TOY TRAINS

ACTION FIGURES-DOLLS/BARBIES

DRESSINGUP CLOTHES

TOY FOOD/PLAY MONEY

PLASTIC ANIMALS

OLD BAGS/SUITCASES

OLD POTS/PANS/WOODEN SPOONS

DUPLO

BOARD GAMES (JENGA, CONNECT 4, HUNGRY HIPPOS, UNO ETC)

THANK YOU

