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"A Place to Learn and Achieve"



With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. – Matthew 13 verses 31- 35

Friday 22th May, 2026

Dear Families,

School News!

Welcome back to everyone after half term. We've gone from having a glorious heatwave to very changeable weather. It was such a shame to postpone the Key Stage 2 Sports Day this week – unfortunately, we had a lot of rain on the Monday and the Met Office forecast for Tuesday morning was really poor. I think it helps most parents and carers to get an early decision for events like this, rather than cancelling at the last minute but apologies for any inconvenience caused. Fingers crossed for next week's Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day on the 17th. At the moment, it's looking like a bit of sun and cloud – perfect conditions (...with just a slight chance of rain)! Well done to all the children who have been working with their teachers for the Year 4 multiplication check and the Year 1 phonics screen – they have put in a super effort and we're really proud of them.

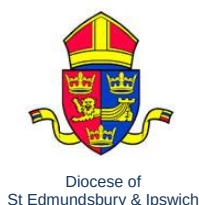
Talent Show

Many thanks to the School Council for organising a brilliant talent show last week. Lots of children across the school took part in heats in their classes before an act from each class was selected to perform in front of the whole school – well done to everyone who participated. Last Friday's show was spectacular with lots of great talent on display. All the performers can be really proud of themselves. The School Council scored each performance and the winners for each unit are below. Well done, everyone!

Unit 1: Ladybirds - Eadie, Rosie and Thea (singing and dancing)

Unit 2: Polecats - Olivia, Phoebe, Amelia and Pearl (dancing)

Unit 3: Stoats - Freya and Ivy (singing)



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Picture News

We continue to use Picture News, which is linked to current affairs, during class assemblies in school to broaden children's horizons and start discussions. This week, the children used Picture News to reflect on how we can look after the oceans and care for sea creatures. You may wish to follow this up at home with the 'Take Home' sheet copied into the newsletter.

Headteacher Awards!

As ever, it has been lovely to see some wonderful work from the children. It is great to see how proud they are! Congratulations to the following children, who have been given a Headteacher's Award since the last newsletter:

George – writing (Year 2)
Isla – writing (Year 2)
Theo – writing (Year 2)
Enid – writing (Year 2)
Isla – writing (Year 4)
Sienna – writing (Reception)

Children's Commissioner Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, would like as many children as possible to participate in a survey. Here's a message from the Commissioner:

"I want to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. I'm asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today."

To capture the voices of as many young people as possible, please help your children take part. The Big Future survey can be found via this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Art Club

Many thanks to one of our grandparents, Gail, who has been coming in to help at art club. She has supported the children in making beautiful sunflowers and now that are making cards. Miss Moore is really grateful for all Gail's help!



Riding Bikes

It is always great to see children playing out, enjoying the outdoors and physical exercise. Lots of children love riding their bikes and we would encourage this! However, we would also like to encourage everyone to do this as safely as possible. We've seen children cycling through the staff car park at the end of the school day and we've also had a report from a member of the community about a child cycling down the middle of the road unsafely over the weekend. Please can we ask parents and carers to remind children to take care when out and about on bikes.

Shakespeare Day

The children in Unit 3 enjoyed a wonderful day of Shakespeare this week organised by Blue Box Entertainment. Many thanks to Jo, who ran the Shakespeare Today workshops, and to the children for getting the most out of the experience. Through hands on, fun workshops throughout the day, they put together a brilliant performance of Midsummer Night's Dream. Their collaboration, acting skills, facial expressions and well-projected voices were excellent – I was really impressed! They also had a great time doing it – there were lots of smiles and laughs! We were really proud and Jo was very impressed by the children's effort, attitude and performance.

I spoke to some of the children about the experience:

Sorcha: *"I liked that we were told to make it as dramatic as possible. I liked how clear Jo made it when she explained what to do. It was really fun to perform on stage with everyone else."*

Tala: *"I liked how we could add our own twists. We were given the words but we could decide how to act it out. You could decide how to represent the action and create a unique freeze frame. Jo showed us everything with enthusiasm – it gave me confidence."*

Rohaam: *"I liked how Jo represented the story to us. She explained that you have to be really dramatic. It was really interactive and we could choose how involved we got. I got to do one of the main speaking parts. Jo had great energy – she jumped around and had fun like the children."*

Arielle: *"I liked how we could make up what we wanted to do to represent the characters we were given. In the fairies bit, we chose to do lots of talking and giggling in a huddle."*

Jacob: *"Jo was really reassuring – it was okay to make mistakes and it was all about having fun. It made me feel like it was okay to do it. Jo described it in ways that made sense to us. I enjoyed the comedy."*





TAKEHOME

8th - 14th June



How can we protect the oceans?



In the news this week

8th June is World Oceans Day, a time when people around the world think about how to care for seas, oceans and the creatures living in them. Dutch inventor, Boyan Slat, first became worried about ocean pollution as a teenager after seeing huge amounts of plastic while diving. He created the organisation The Ocean Cleanup, which designs special systems to remove rubbish from oceans and stop more plastic entering rivers and seas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think oceans are important to people and animals?
- > Have you ever seen pollution near a beach, river or park? How did it make you feel?
- > What small changes could families make to help protect the oceans?
- > Should countries work together more to protect the environment?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Dates for Your Diary:

We have agreed dates for a number of events over the course of the year, which are listed below for your convenience. Any new dates on the list have been **highlighted**. Further details about individual events will be shared closer to the time.

Date	Name of Event
W/B 8th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screen week
17th June 2026	Early Years / Key Stage 1 Sports Day (Morning)
24th June 2026	Whole School Transition Morning / Year 6 transition day to highschool
24 th June 2026	Outdoor learning session PM - Hedgehogs
25th June 2026	Year 6 transition day to highschool
29th June 2026	Whole School Transition afternoon
30th June 2026	Key stage 2 Sports Day (Morning)
1st July 2026	Group Class Photos / Year 6 Leavers Photo (Morning)
1 st July 2026	Outdoor learning session PM - Foxes
3rd July 2026	PFA – Summer Fayre 3.30pm 5.30pm
7th July 2026	Summer Celebration event – parents and carers are invited to join us at 2pm
8 th July 2026	Outdoor Learning session - Polecats
10th July 2026	Rocksteady Concert – 2.30pm
13th July 2026	Annual reports out to parents
15 th July 2026	EYFS Trip to Hollowtrees Farm