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NEWSLETTER – April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did that Spring term go! Your children have been so busy and learned to do so many new things. I hope that many of you might be able to make Welcome Wednesday this week, to see what they have been doing, but if not, please talk to your class teacher because you can always arrange another time to come in and have a look at their books.

Have a wonderful Easter break

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

Thank you so much for your support. We raised an amazing £265.79 for Red Nose Day this year. The children really enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform and were very creative with their 'crazy hair!'



Year 1 Dream Castle Competition

Well done to all the Year 1 children for their lovely work in designing their 'dream castle'. Dee from Henry Adams came to a special assembly on Thursday 27th March where the following winning entries were announced:

Eli, Elliot, Rosie (with Harold, Ella, Elsie & Willow as runner ups) - Ladybird Class

Alfie, Frank, Phoebe (with Seb, William & Rayna as runner ups) - Butterfly Class

Evangelina, Ettie, Willow (with Oliver & Bodhi as runner ups) - Hedgehog Class

Each child received a trophy or medal from Henry Adams.



PTA News

The PTA held a fantastic quiz night on Friday 14th March, which was well supported. Well done to Aimee and her team for winning. The evening raised £145.00 towards PTA funds.

We hope the children are looking forward to our annual bunny bounce and Easter egg hunt on Thursday this week. Please remember to bring your child's sponsor form to school on Thursday so that the PTA can record the number of 'bounces' they manage. A big thank you to those families who kindly donated the Easter eggs to make this event such a success. We will let you know in due course how much was raised.

The PTA are currently raising money to support our library service in school.

Living Eggs

There has been great excitement the last couple of weeks as we have had a number of chick eggs which hatched. The children have loved watching the chicks grow and this will help to develop our understanding of life cycles. Thank you to Miss Beeney for organising this lovely experience for the children and to Miss Waller for looking after the chicks at the weekend! Please do look on our website to see their progress.



Maths Week (31st March - 4th April)

We have planned some lovely maths activities this week including games, stories, investigations as well as a maths trail around the school! We would love for you to get involved at home too by counting in different ways and in different places. Mrs Sugden, our maths lead would love to hear about, or receive, any photos of your child counting at home. They will then receive a 'Catch Me Counting' certificate. Don't forget our non-uniform day on Friday where we would love your child to come to school wearing something linked with maths. This could be a t-shirt with a number on the back or one with shapes and patterns (or just bright colours).

Governor News

We would like to say a very big thank you and goodbye to Mrs Emma Ide who is leaving us after five years of being a governor at our school, many of which she was Co-Chair. If any parent or carer is interested in joining our Governing Body, please can they contact the school office.

Parking

We are still receiving complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking at the start and end of the school day. Please can you avoid parking across residents' driveways and in the residents' parking area in Hawkins Close. Thank you.

And finally: -

*We would like to say a big thank you for all your support during book week. We received 40 free books following our Book Fair on Monday 3rd March.

*If any parent has any unwanted small toy cars they no longer need, the Reception classes would love to have them.

*We are also short of socks for our spare underwear drawer if anyone is having a sort out. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

Event	Date	Time
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 2 nd April	2.30 pm
Sponsored Bunny Bounce and Easter egg hunt	Thursday 3 rd April	am
Easter holidays	7 th - 21 st April	
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April	
Class Photos	Thursday 24 th April	
Chartwells 5 senses workshop for Year 1	Wednesday 30 th April	am
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May	
Creative Week	w/c 5 th May	

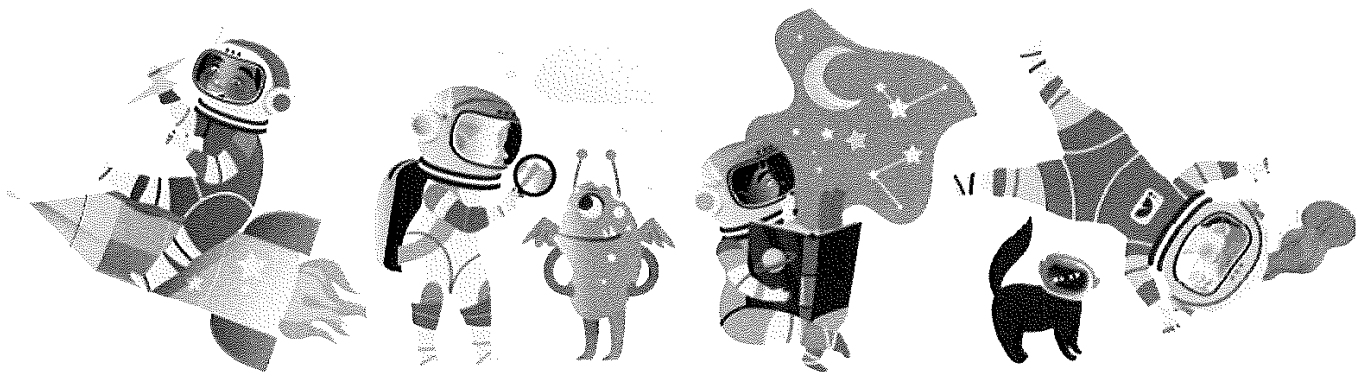
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 14 th May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 19 th May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 19 th May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 21 st May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 22 nd May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	26 th - 30 th May	
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 9 th June	
Chartwells Healthy Eating workshop for Year 2	Wednesday 11 th June	am
Sports Week	w/c 16 th June	
Year 2 visiting the Junior School for a creative morning	Tuesday 17 th June	am
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 23 rd June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 visiting the Junior School for a sports afternoon	Monday 23 rd June	pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 25 th June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
'Amazing Animals' to visit Year 1	Thursday 26 th June	am
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 26 th June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 sports afternoon at the Junior School	Monday 30 th June	pm
Year 3 Junior School Teachers to visit Year 2	Tuesday 1 st July	pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 2 nd July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 4 th July	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 9 th July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 16 th July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 17 th July	9.15 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 17 th July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 18 th July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 22 nd July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd July	

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Out of This World!

Launch into libraries and join our galactic adventure, with stellar space stories and a cosmic craft activity.



Wednesday 9th April

11am-12pm

Suitable for children aged 4-7 years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

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