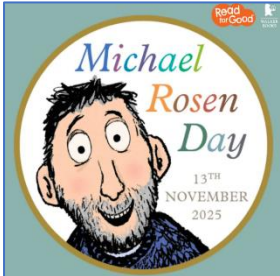


News this week...



Learning Online with Michael Rosen

We were delighted this week that children in Years 1–6 enjoyed a live online lesson with celebrated author and poet Michael Rosen. Michael performed some of his favourite food-inspired poems much to the children's excitement! Known for his playful and inspiring approach to language, Michael engaged the pupils in poetry, storytelling and creative writing, drawing on his wide-ranging work with young readers. The lively, interactive session encouraged everyone to play with words, explore their own voice and enjoy the magic of poetry. We're so proud of how our pupils responded and look forward to using Michael's ideas further in our writing lessons.



Power for Good! Anti-Bullying Week – 10-14th November 2025

The pupils have been learning about the idea of the 'Power for Good' this week, and how each of them has the ability to use their own positive power to help others, stand up for what is right, and make school and community a kinder place.

- ☺ On Monday, the children came to school wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique and different. It was a fun, visible way to start the week and to emphasise that our differences are what make us special.
 - ☺ Pupils came up with pledges about how they can use their power for good. These pledges may include things like saying something kind, asking someone if they're okay, stepping in when someone is being left out, or simply choosing to be a good friend.
 - ☺ We have spent time learning about cyber-bullying - what it means, how it can happen and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if anything online worries or upsets them.
 - ☺ The children also had the opportunity to take part in our poster competition, to design their own super-hero, spreading their power for good. We have received so many creative entries, and it is going to be very difficult to choose winners - they are all so good!
- Competition winners will be announced next week.

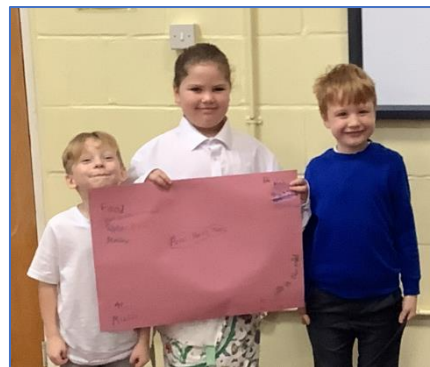
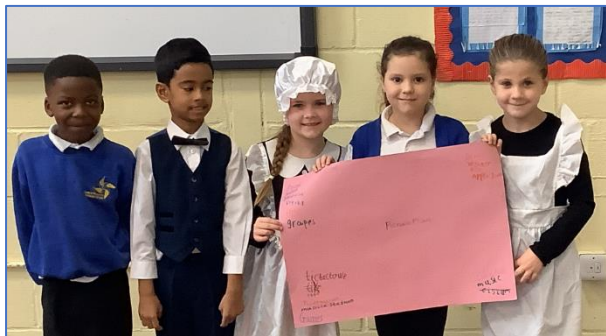
Year 1 Discovering Toys for this Term's Topic

The children in Badgers and Foxes classes had a themed day last week, to kick off their new topic, 'How are the toys we play with made?' They brought in their favourite toys from home and compared them to toys from the past.



Picnic Planning with Hedgehogs Class

Last week, children in Hedgehogs class enjoyed a themed day to launch their topic, 'What makes a healthy lunchbox?' The children dressed up as castle kitchen staff and during the day they undertook themed activities, including planning a picnic lunch for the castle staff. They worked collaboratively in groups to plan a healthy lunch and include some favourite games and songs.



Year 6 visit to Cineworld, Bracknell

On Wednesday, the children had the opportunity to visit Cineworld to consolidate their learning of *Kensuke's Kingdom* by watching it on the big screen.

As we walked to the cinema, we were also able to revisit our geography skills by identifying different types of land use in our local area. We had a fantastic time!



Poppy Donations

Our poppy collection boxes were picked up this week to be counted to see how much money we have raised for the Royal British Legion this year. We will update you of the total as soon as we have it – thank you all!

We have added a couple of dates to the list at the end of the newsletter – please do take a look and we will always try to keep you updated with any possible changes.

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Ferris".

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Tigers (98.7%)
- 2nd Place – Falcons (98.0%)
- 3rd Place – Lions (97.8%)



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Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2025

NEW DATE Thursday 20th	Year 4: Local Area Walk to The Lexicon, Bracknell
Tuesday 25 th to Monday 1 st	Book Fair – open daily after school
Wednesday 26 th	Year 1: Family Learning Maths ‘100 Square’ – 1.45-3.10pm, sign up at the classroom
Thursday 27 th	Year 2: Family Learning Maths ‘Criss-Cross Addition’ – 9.00-10.30am, sign up at the classroom
Friday 28 th	Year 6, selected pupils only: Careers Fair at Garth Hill School – letter to follow for pupils taking part

DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2 nd	Year 4: Christmas Unwrapped at St Michael’s Church, Easthampstead – letter to follow
Wednesday 3 rd	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 6.00pm, click here for information
Saturday 6 th	FROGS PTA: Christmas Fair – stall holders wanted, email frogspta@gmail.com Further information to follow
Thursday 11 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance of ‘It’s a Baby!’ – 2.00pm in Gold Hall, details to follow
Friday 12 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance of ‘It’s a Baby!’ – 2.00pm in Gold Hall, details to follow
Monday 15 th	Years 1-6: Carol Concert at St Michael and St Mary Magdelene Church, Easthampstead – details to follow
Tuesday 16 th	Reception: Performance of ‘Our First Nativity’, details to follow
Wednesday 17 th	Years R-6: Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch – details to follow
	Nursery: Singalong and Craft afternoon – 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 19th	Last Day of Autumn Term

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5 th	Whole School: Start of Spring Term
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JANUARY 2026	
Thursday 8 th	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 9.15am, click here for information
Wednesday 14 th	Reception: Family Learning Maths ‘Magic Pebbles’ – 1.45-3.10pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 5: Trip to Ufton Court – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
Friday 23 rd	Year 1: Trip to Windsor Castle – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
Wednesday 28 th	Year 2: Trip to Brooklands Museum – letter to follow, approx. cost £25
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths ‘Washing Lines’ – 9.00-10.30am
	Year 6: Trip to Didcot Railway Centre – letter to follow, approx. cost £25
Thursday 5 th	Year 3: Family Learning English ‘SPaG 1’ – 9.00-10.30am
Friday 6 th	Year 4: Family Learning English ‘SPaG 2’ – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 16th to Friday 20th	HALF TERM BREAK
Friday 27 th	TRUST WIDE INSET DAY – pupils not in school
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 18 th	Reception: NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening – letter to follow
Friday 27th	Last Day of Spring Term

These dates are subject to change, we will try to give as much notice as possible!



Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team



Goto the address below to share your views and ideas

 cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

Breakfast with Santa!

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7th DEC

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL MORNING WITH SANTA AT PEACOCK FARM!

Breakfast includes either beans on toast or sausage, hashbrown and beans with a glass of squash.

Every child receives a special gift from Santa.

Cost: £12 per child, all in support of Daisy's Dream.

Session Times: 10:00 - 11:00am & 11:30 - 12:30pm.

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