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Year 5 and 6 Visit Oliver Cromwell's House

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic trip to Oliver Cromwell's house in Ely a few weeks ago as part of their Crime and Punishment topic in History. The children were sent a script beforehand and took on the roles of different characters in a proper court hearing during the visit. We're pleased to report that, unlike in the 17th century, there was luckily no criminal punishment or being shipped to America for the accused!

The visit linked brilliantly with our learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, helping the children understand how crimes were punished during this period. The children have been learning about the harsh realities of the Bloody Code, where even minor crimes could result in the death penalty, and how different the justice system was compared to today. From Guy Fawkes' execution for treason to the hundreds of capital offences that existed during the 17th and 18th centuries, the children have gained a real understanding of just how severe punishments were in the past.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to bring their history learning to life through drama and exploring this fascinating historical building. Why not ask your child if they can name three things that would have led to a death penalty during those times? You might be surprised by some of





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Year 5 & 6 Master the Art of Persuasion

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been working brilliantly on their persuasive writing skills this week. They tackled the question "Can I draft a persuasive speech?" and the results have been impressive! The children explored real-world topics that matter to them, including writing persuasive pieces about school trips and longer lunch breaks. Their work demonstrates a strong understanding of persuasive techniques, including powerful opening statements, well-structured arguments with supporting evidence, and compelling conclusions.

What's particularly pleasing is seeing the children's commitment to improving their work - the green pen annotations show them actively self-correcting and refining their writing, a crucial skill for any budding author. They've shown they understand that good writing is about editing and making thoughtful improvements.

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Sports Round-Up: Cross Country and Dodgeball Success

What a fortnight of sporting achievement for our pupils! Last week, our children competed brilliantly in the Cross Country event against many larger schools, demonstrating exceptional determination and sportsmanship throughout. We're particularly thrilled to announce that Lyla has qualified for the next round - a fantastic accomplishment. Well done, Lyla!

This Thursday morning, Jupiter Class took to the court for a Dodgeball competition, where they not only thoroughly enjoyed themselves but also put on a phenomenal performance. Their agility, teamwork, and ball-dodging skills were truly impressive to watch.

We're incredibly proud of all our pupils who represented the school with such enthusiasm and sporting spirit. Keep up the excellent work!









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<u>ars Class Visits the Library Bu</u>

Last Thursday, our Reception and Year I children from Mars class had a wonderful time visiting the library bus! The children were delighted when the library bus made its special journey all the way to Ashdon, bringing a treasure trove of books right to our doorstep.

Our lucky Mars class explorers climbed aboard with Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Allen and Ms Lester, where they were greeted by shelves packed with exciting stories and colourful picture books. The children took their time browsing through the brilliant selection, carefully choosing their favourite books to take home and enjoy. The library bus service is a fantastic resource for our village, and we're so grateful that it travels to Ashdon regularly, giving our children access to such a wonderful variety of reading materials. What a brilliant opportunity for our young readers to discover new books and develop their love of reading! Well done, Mars class - we can't wait to hear all about the stories you've chosen!











Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's academic success and personal development. Each day at school offers unique learning opportunities, social interactions and experiences that cannot be replicated at home. When children attend consistently, they build strong relationships with teachers and peers, develop essential life skills and maintain the momentum needed to master complex concepts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can create gaps in learning that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education. Beyond academics, school provides a structured environment where children learn vital social skills and teamwork abilities.

Congratulations to Jupiter Class for having the highest attendance last week! As our attendance winners, they will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward for their excellent commitment to being in school every day.

We encourage all families to prioritise school attendance and to contact us early if challenges arise. Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

Jupiter Class: 89.3%

Mars Class: 87.5%

Saturn Class: 85.4%

Mercury Class: 79.2%

Stars of The Week

Every week, we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children through our Stars of the Week awards. These special certificates recognise children who have shown exceptional qualities in the classroom and beyond, reflecting our core school values of Caring, Challenging and Celebrating.

Whether it's demonstrating kindness and care towards their classmates, showing tremendous effort and dedication when kindlenging themselves in their learning, or displaying real tenacity when faced with difficulty, each star is thoroughly deserved. Our Stars of the Week embody what it means to live our values every day.

Our Stars of the Week shine brightly as role models for others, showing what can be achieved through positive attitudes and hard work. Teachers nominate children from every class who have gone above and beyond, and we're immensely proud to celebrate their contributions to our school community. These awards remind us all that every child has the potential to be a startit's not always about being the best, but about being your best.

Well done to all our stars - keep shining!



Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- *Monday 3rd November First Day of Autumn Term 2
- *Wednesday 5th November -Guy Fawkes - Special Lunch at School
- *Thursday 6th November @ 20:00 Two Johns Online safety workshop for ALL parents PLEASE ATTEND You will be sent a link nearer the time
- *Tuesday 11th November @ 09:15 and 18:00 Open Morning/Evening for Reception 2026 families
- *Monday 24th November Flu immunisation day - more details to follow
- *Friday 12th December @ 10:00 and 14:00 Nativity Play Performances
- *Friday 19th December @ 09:15 Christingle service in school, led by Rev'd Romey
- *Wednesday 24th December Church Christingle Service @ 16:00

Uniform for 2025-2026

Trousers	Navy Blue
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Shorts	Navy Blue
	(Smart)
Skirts	Navy Blue
Pinafore	Navy Blue
Polo Shirt	Light Blue
Jumpers	Navy Blue
Cardi- gans	Navy Blue
Sweat- shirt	Navy Blue
Summer	Blue & White
Dress	Check
School	Black
Shoes	(No Trainers/no
	boots)
P.E Kit	Navy Sweatshirt
Winter	& Tracksuit
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P.E Kit	Navy Polo Shirt
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	Shorts
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Shoes	Black trainers
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A huge thank you to parents and carers who have made sure that our lovely pupils are wearing the correct uniform. They look lovely and so smart! Please make sure that your children also have the correct P.E. kit as we will be doing lots of exercises! Also make sure that you take out earrings on P.E. days. **Jupiter Class** parents and carers, please make sure that your child has a P.E. kit as well as a swimming kit ready. Thanks:-)