



## Spring Term Newsletter No.9

Year 6 have either been off on a residential week at Skern Lodge in Appledore, North Devon or taking part in activities around Torbay. We have been tweeting photos throughout the week and it has been great to have so many parents responding. We will upload the photos to our News section of the website some-time soon so you can access them all. For all of the children there has been an element of challenge in a least some of the activities— whether that is scaling a tower and abseiling, participating in a new watersport or just experiencing being away from home for the first time. We have been proud of the way they have faced these challenges and know they will have much to talk about and many great memories.



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Ash— Joe is a super role model and always contributes his ideas.

Acai is very enthusiastic in all we do. She wrote a super sentence yesterday using all her sounds.

Elm— Frazer brings his happy smile to school every day and tries super hard in everything he does.

Liam is a great 'thinkadocus' in school , trying hard in all he does.

Beech — Amelia has been trying hard to improve her writing and taking responsibility for her learning.

Pine — Theo has been really welcoming to our new friend, taking care of him so well!

Apple — Darcy has been aspirational and trying hard to learn her times tables and improve her writing.

Oak — Logan H has shown a great improvement in attitude to learning and making better choices.

Birch — Olivia-Mae has been extremely motivated, focused and showing great progress over the past few weeks

Rowan — Grace is helpful, kind and generous. Always! She is a great member of our class!

Cherry — Matthew has shown aspirational learning in English by slowing down and checking his work carefully.

Maple — Oliver really enjoys writing and is writing two books at home. We can't wait to read them!

Holly — Alfie C always shows our school values and is especially helpful around the class—even tidying Mr Rogers' desk!

Willow — Mollie is a great role model to her peers and shows amazing focus in lessons.

Y6—We are proud of you all this week for the determination and resilience you have shown!

*RESPECT*

*RESPONSIBILITY*

*ASPIRATION*

### Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 12th March—Oak Class non uniform day (Attendance Prize)  
Monday 12th March—Holly swimming lesson  
Monday 19th March—World Book Day (Pyjamas and favourite book. Optional £1 donation for Book Aid)  
Friday 23rd March—Sport Relief (Wear sporty clothes for the day. Optional £1 donation)  
Week Beginning Monday 19th March—Phonic workshops for Y1 (see letter or website calendar for dates and times)  
Thursday 22nd March—9:00 Repeat Maths Workshop for Y2 Parents  
Tuesday 27th March—Festival of Performing Arts 6:30pm



### Attendance Award

Congratulations to  
Oak Class  
for winning the School  
Attendance Award with  
98.67% attendance.

**They have earned another non-uniform day on Monday!**

The whole school achieved 97.2% attendance. Well done!

### Y2 Gardening Afternoon

We love to get the children involved in our school garden but sometimes the task is just too big! The Y2 children invited their families in to come and help us kick start the garden after a long and wet winter. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and get stuck in! The children enjoyed working alongside you and learning from you and it has transformed the Orchard back into a fabulous space for us to get growing again!



Our greenhouse—  
before and after!



Our vegetable beds -before and after!



Some of our helpers!  
Thank you to every-  
one who came!

**World Book Day.** We have rescheduled World Book Day to Monday 19th March. The children can come in their pyjamas and bring a favourite book from home. If you would like to make a £1 donation to World Book Aid please do—but we are conscious that it will also be Sport Relief on Friday of that week and many of you like to make a donation to this charity too. The children will be coming in their sports clothes on the Friday so they can take part in a sporting challenge! Thank you also to those of you able to squeeze into the corridor for our Book Fair for the two days we were able to open it. It's a shame we couldn't keep it longer as we lost out on time due to the snow but the Book Fair was already booked out to another school.

**British Science Week.** This is an annual event and started today. We will have a special science focus throughout next week in school, starting with an assembly on '*Exploration and Discovery*' to inspire the children. We aim to hold a mini science exhibition on Friday with the children in each year group hosting a stall to demonstrate to children in other classes what they have been learning.

**Reading in School.** Today we congratulated Apple Class on being the first class to achieve all children being awarded their Bronze Certificate for reading at home. The race is now on to be the first class to achieve 100% of children with their Silver Certificate.

**Family Recipe.** We have emailed a recipe similar to the one our school Cooking Club children made this week. It's very easy and you can involve your children in the slicing, cooking and assembling! All good fun. We sometimes have wraps on our school menu and they are always very popular. If you do try out the recipe why not send us a photo on Twitter so we can see the end result.

*Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.*