

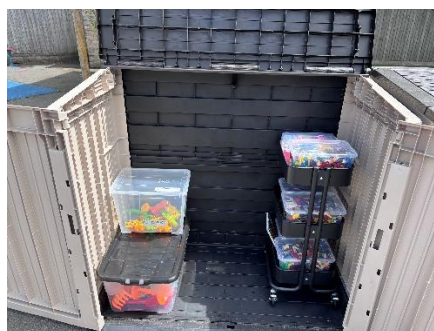


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Friday 22nd May 2026

Playground update

The mud kitchen has finally arrived and is in place in the playground. The new sheds are now stocked with resources ready for the children to use.



If do have any of the following items to donate, we would be extremely grateful.



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- Dolls, prams, pushchairs or baby doll accessories
- Cars, trucks, diggers, any small transport vehicle
- Figures for small world play
- Water play resources
- Sand play resources
- Construction/ building toys
- Plastic dolls houses
- Car mats, tracks
- Plastic till, shopping baskets, shopping trollies

If you have something on the list you think maybe useful for us please speak to Mrs Crozier to see if we have use for it.

Thank you in advance



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Attendance Matters

Spring 1 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>Wk 6</u>	<u>Autu mn 1</u>	<u>Autu mn 2</u>	<u>Sprin g 1</u>	<u>Sprin g 2</u>	<u>sum 1</u>	<u>Year so far</u>
<u>Nursery</u>	86.9	96.9	93.8	88.5	92.3	93.8	91.0	84.7	84	88.9	92.3	88.7
<u>Reception</u>	92.4	97.6	94.1	94.8	97.6	99	97.1	91.4	94.1	95.4	96.0	94.8
<u>Year 1</u>	99.0	96.3	96.7	98.8	98.7	96.3	97.5	94.3	95.6	95.9	97.6	96.2
<u>Year 2</u>	99.2	96.4	99.2	99.5	95.2	94.4	98.7	94.7	96.6	95.6	97.2	96.7
<u>Year 3</u>	99.3	94.0	90.3	94.6	96.0	92.7	97.1	93.5	95.7	96.8	95.4	95.7
<u>Year 4</u>	92.4	97.0	95.7	95.3	99.0	93.7	99.1	95.9	97.8	96.5	96.1	97.2
<u>Year 5</u>	97.3	98.3	95.0	92.9	98.0	94.0	94.5	95.2	95.1	95.5	96.0	95.8
<u>Year 6</u>	99.7	96.0	97.7	97.5	100	93.0	93.6	93.1	96.0	95.6	97.3	95.4
<u>Whole school</u>	96.4	96.5	95.3	95.7	97.5	94.7	96.5	93.5	96.1	95.5	96.3	96.1

Well done **Reception** you have the best attendance this week.

Well done **Year 1** you have the best attendance this half term

Whole School Attendance since start of the year is currently running at 96.1%

Online Safety for Parents

Each week, we are aiming to provide you with information to help keep your children safe when online. This links to the Online Safety mind maps the children complete with their class teachers at the start of each half term.

Mandalorian and Grogu

This week sees the release of a new Star Wars film, The Mandalorian and Grogu. The film is rated 12A due to moderate violence and threat. A 12A rating means a film is generally suitable for children aged 12 and over, but those under 12 can attend if accompanied by an adult. For further information regarding the film and its rating, please follow this link to the BBFC page - <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/star-wars-the-mandalorian-and-grogu-q29sbgvjdgvlbjpwwc0xmdmzmdg4>





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Musician of the Week

Across two weeks, we have a musician of the week to promote a range of music from different genres, countries and time periods. Here is this week's musician of the week

Musician of the fortnight

Name: Sigur Rós

FACTS ABOUT OUR MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK!

1. Sigur Rós was formed in 1994 in Reykjavík, Iceland.
2. They play a type of music called post-rock, which often has long, building songs with lots of feeling
3. The band sometimes sings in a made-up language called "Hopelandic" (Vöndenska). This language sounds like gibberish but fits the music perfectly, allowing listeners to imagine their own meaning for the songs.



GENRE
Post-Rock

Sensational Singers!

The following children were chosen as our Sensational Singers for their participation and enthusiasm in singing assembly this week;

R - Toby
Y1 - Cayden
Y2 - Sahib
Y3 - Liliana
Y4 - Josie
Y5 - Jason
Y6 - Luna

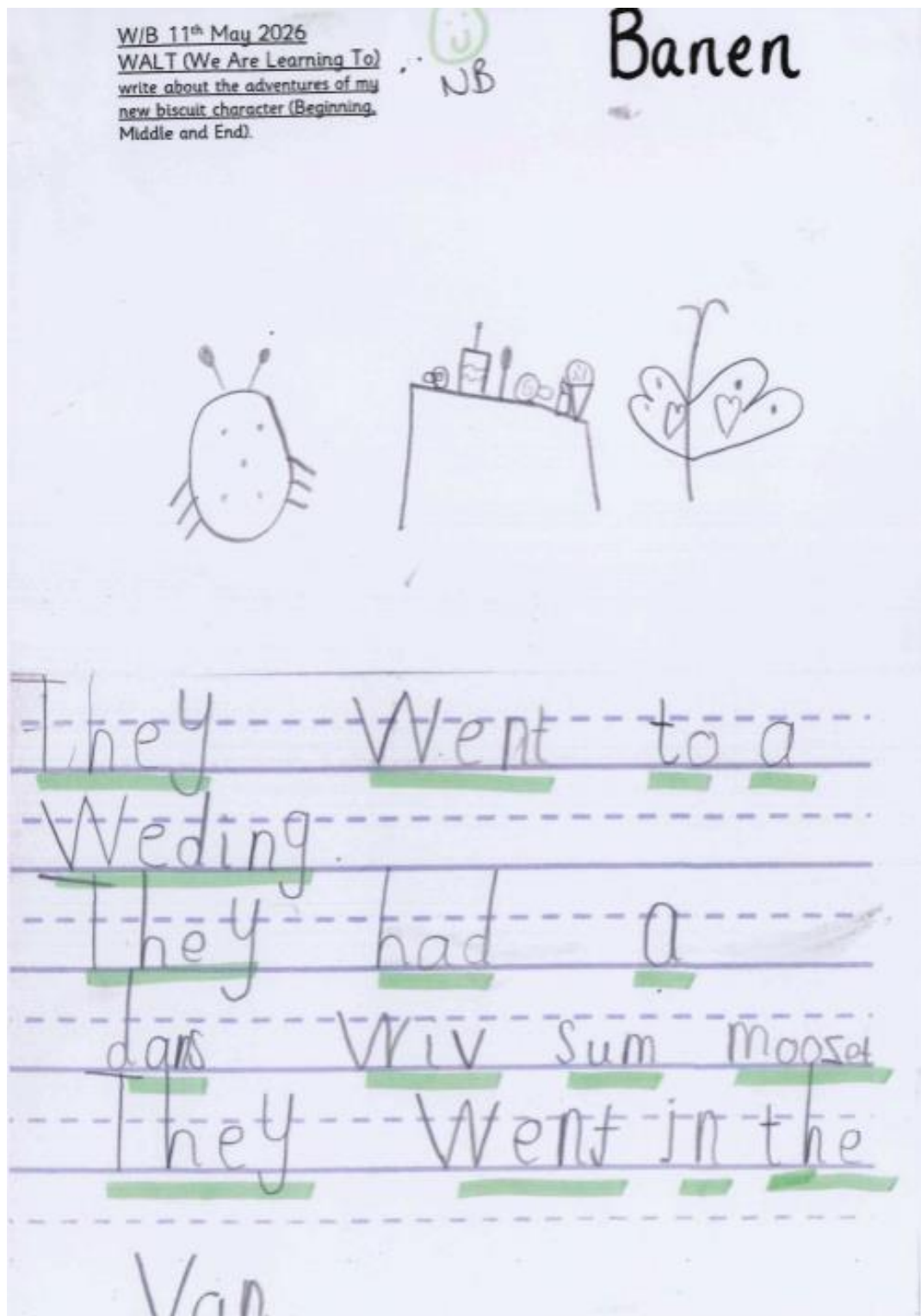
Our class choir of the week is Year 5! Well done for your excellent singing!



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Writer of the Week

This week's **writers of the week** are **Banen** in Reception and **Firdaus** in Year 5. Banen has innovated the story of Biscuit Bear, creating her own character and the adventure they go on. Banen shows excellent letter formation and sentence structure. She has used capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences and has applied her phonics knowledge to spell.





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W/B 4th May 2026

WALT (We Are Learning To)

write about the adventures of my
new biscuit character.



Banen

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Firdaus has written a biography on Steve Backshall linked to the Year 5 focus text of The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. Firdaus has used parenthesis and relative clauses to add extra detail, maintained a formal tone and chosen precise, subject specific vocabulary in her work. She has also organised her content into appropriate paragraphs to support cohesion.

Friday 15th May 2026

WALT write a biography.

Steve Backshall
Biography

Introduction:

Stephen James Backshall is a wild life guide and an experienced explorer. He is known for going to vibrant, exotic and energetic places, which are full of amazing (and life threatening) creatures. Stephen travels to jungles which have tangled, dense trees, dense climate (hot, dry, warm and sunny) and rainforests - that have vast, verdant and pristine environments. He is also known for his adventures, lush and exotic adventures, for doing many documentaries and for making some of the most precious and deadly species.

Early life

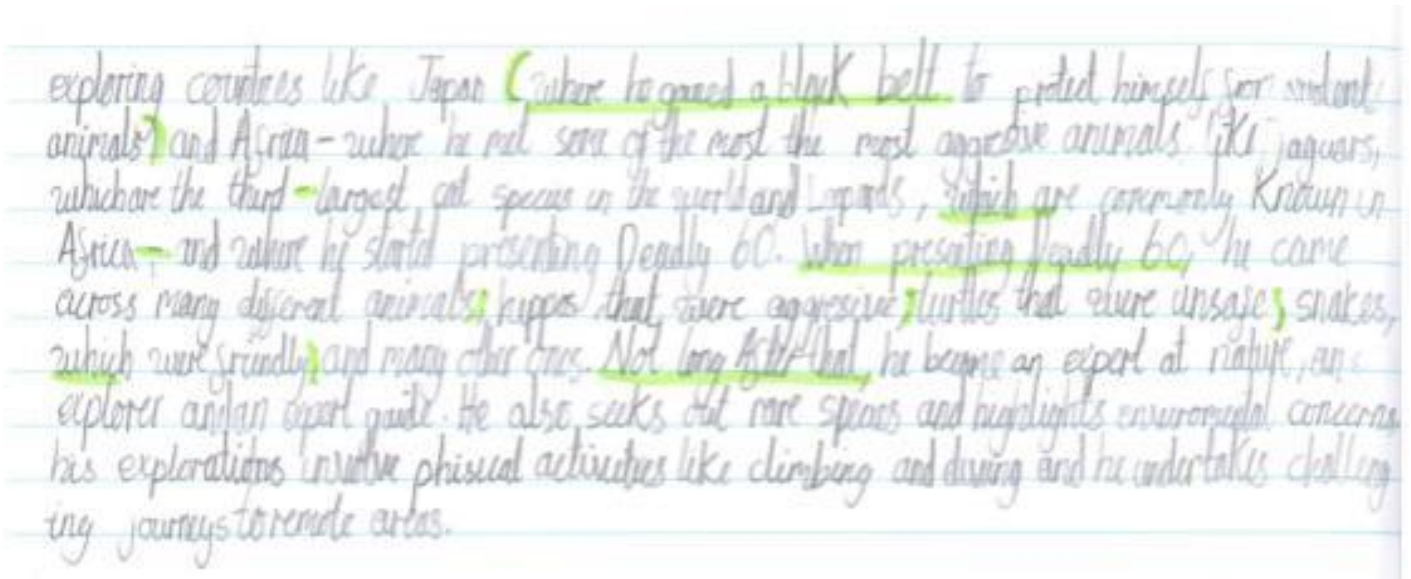
Stephen James Backshall was born on April 21st, 1973 in Surrey, Bagshot, England. He grew up in a smallholding surrounded by wild and domestic animals, which he considers his best friends. His parents worked in British Airways, due to this he went on his first Africa safari to Zimbabwe when he was five or six. During his school years, Steve Backshall was described as a "wild child". This implies that he was energetic, adventurous and perhaps not always the most conventional student. He had an unhappy experience at selective comprehensive school, where he lost all his interest despite being naturally academic. He admitted being mischievous at school including using his mother's fake spray tan and pulling pranks in class. However a teacher named Rob Brown helped Steve Backshall with his learning which improved his marks. His interest led him to end in science class which shaped his environmental advocacy.

Career

Steve Backshall has been to lush, dry and cool adventurous places to explore around the world and to improve his knowledge about nature. He started his adventures when he was seventeen, where he began to explore more around the world and meet new creatures. As he grew up, he started studying raw animals and working on nature programmes. When he started university, he started examining unexplored areas and finding out more about explorers. During his 30s, he began presenting TV shows, writing books (which inspired kids) and exploring dangerous environments. He started



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Well done both!

Maths Questionnaire

Calling all Parents and Carers. We are continually looking to improve Maths in our school and would like your help. Please could you scan this QR code and complete the very short survey about Maths. All responses and views will be welcomed.

[Parent and Carers Voice - Summer 2026 - Maths – Fill in form](#)

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2026 - Maths



Thank you. Mrs Whitehurst, Maths Lead



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Dates for your Diary – 2025 – 2026

(don't forget you can download our calendar by following this line-
things added today are highlighted in green

Month	Date	Event
June	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 1 st	Training Day – school closed to pupils
	Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	Year 4 Multiplication test to be administered this week
	June 3 rd	5pm new reception intake parents meeting (parents only no children for this meeting please)
	June 4 th	Hearing screening for year 1 pupils am
	Friday 5 th	Class Photos
	Monday 8 th – Friday 2 nd	Year 1 phonic screening test to be administered this week
	June 10 th	New Nursery class open afternoon 12.30 – 1.30
	June 12 th	Early Years Sponsored Scoot
	June 17 th	Fathers day stay and play for EYFS 9 – 10.15
	June 17 th	1pm stay and play for new reception children who have not attended our nursery.
	Wednesday 17 th	School Health Nurse drop in for parents and carers 9.15 – 9.45
	Tuesday 23 rd	Paul Willmott – bible story assembly
	Friday 26 th June	Nursery - Teddy Bears Picnic
	Monday 29 th	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
July	Monday 6 th	Sports Day – times to be announced
	Monday 6 th	School Health Nurse – safe sun at Sports Day
	Thursday 9 th	Year 6 summer show – 1.45 – 3.00
	Friday 10 th	School reports sent home today
	Monday 13 th	Year 6 Prom 6pm – 8pm @ Thimblemill Recreation Club – tickets £15.00 per pupil
	Tuesday 14 th	Nursery Graduation in the school hall.
	Wednesday 15 th	Class swap – pupils will meet their new teacher



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	Thursday 16 th	Year 6 leavers assembly
	Monday 20 th	Training Day – school closed to pupils

PE days for the coming year

PE						
	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer term	
	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm	1pm – 2pm	2pm – 3pm
Monday	Y3	Y1	Y4	Y1	Y4	Y1
Tuesday	Y3	Y2	Y4	Y2	Y3	Y4
Wednesday	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y5	Y1	Y2
Thursday	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2	Y6	Y2
Friday	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y5	Y6	Y3

Year 5 will be swimming through out the Summer term on a Wednesday afternoon.