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Spring term Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR WILLS

Dear Eltham Family,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I'd like to start by thanking you for your continued support for all we do at Eltham CE Primary School. Your support and understanding are appreciated as we strive to provide the best for your children.

During the past couple of weeks, we have been looking at the progress the children have been making. The teachers will be talking to families if there is anything specific that has come to our attention. As always, reading at home **EVERY DAY** should be the priority. If your child can read fluently, they have access to everything else. Reading records will be monitored on a weekly basis to ensure a short read at home happens every day.

I'm sure you will join me in saying a big **THANK YOU** to all the staff at our wonderful school. They work hard to ensure lessons are engaging and have maximum impact, and get to have lots of fun with your children too! They now get to have a rest before gearing up again for the Summer Term.

BOOKS NEEDED: Thank you for pre-loved books that have been sent in.

If you happen to have a sort of your child's bookshelf over the holidays, please consider donating any unwanted books to our **Reading Rainforest**.

Don't forget:

Back to school: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Easter Services – Wednesday 23rd April **Year 1, 2 and 3 at 9:30am** / **Year 4, 5, 6 at 2pm**

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break, with time to reflect on the true meaning of the Easter message. We wait, in anticipation, for Easter Sunday when we hear the news "He is Risen!"

Very best wishes

Matt Wills
Headteacher

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Matthew 27:54

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCE

Please report any absence either by phone or email to: absence@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk. You must give a reason for the absence and let the school know daily if your child is off.

CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder to update us with any changes to your contact details i.e. address, phone number, emergency contact details. It is imperative that we have the correct information.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the school website and recent ParentMail messages for the latest information regarding next term's after school clubs and lunchtime clubs. All internal clubs can only be booked via ParentMail (no cash taken). Booking opens on Thursday 3rd April at 6pm and it will close on Saturday 19th April at 6pm. After school clubs will run for ten weeks from 3.30- 4.30pm, beginning W/C 29th April 2025. Please note, all external after-school clubs must be booked through the company, not the school.

EASTER TENNIS CAMP

Please see the attached flyer advertising an Easter Tennis Camp running from the 7th-17th April at Eltham Park South.

PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)

Visit <https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free> to see where kids eat free (or for £1) in the school holidays.

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing or you want help to look after your own child, you should contact Children's Services at Royal Borough of Greenwich. If a child is in immediate danger, you should always call the police on 999. Anyone who is concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing can contact us using the details below: Contact MASH Referral team: Telephone: 020 8921 3172 Email: mash-referrals@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

UPCOMING DATES

- Children return to school - Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 - Earth Day - Friday 25th April 2025 (please see page 3 for further details)
 - Eye screening tests for Reception - Thursday 1st May (opt out letters must be returned ASAP)
 - May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May 2025
 - Year 6 SATs - W/C 12th May 2025
 - KS2 Sports Day - Tuesday 20th May (afternoon) at Sutcliffe Park
 - Half-term Holiday - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 26 May)
 - Term Time - Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (school closes at 1.30pm)
 - Class photos - Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th June 2025
 - Staff Inset Day - Friday 13th June 2025 [no children in school]
 - KS1 Sports Day - Tuesday 17th June 2025 (morning) on KS2 playground and MUGA
 - Year 6 School Journey - Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June 2025
 - Summer Holiday - Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 29th August 2025
- Please see page 12 for further details of school term dates and Inset Days.



EARTH DAY 2025

For the first time, Eltham Church of England will be joining the celebrations for **Earth Day on Friday 25th April 2025**. Running since the 1970s and now in its 55th year, Earth Day allows individuals and organisations to demonstrate their support for environmental protection.

How will we be marking Earth Day?

On **Friday 25th April**, children will be invited to come to school **dressed as something from the natural world**. Subject to good weather, parents and carers will be invited to stay for our **Earth Day Parade** which will be held in the KS2 playground, starting at **9.10am**.

Children will be invited to make a **voluntary donation of £1** which we will direct to the charity **Just One Tree**. For every £1 donation, they will plant a tree in an area of the world suffering from deforestation.

In support of the 2025 theme of **'Our power, Our planet'**, we will be **learning electricity-free** for the day, exploiting our outdoor environments in school and in the locality. This will include time in our Edible Playground sowing sprint seeds and plants.

Children will be exploring a number of environment themes and developing our **Eco code** under the guidance of our **Eco Committee**.

Please look out for more information on your class emails in the coming days.

The Eco Committee



SPOTLIGHT IN STEM IN UPPER KEY STAGE 2

We are thrilled to share an update on STEM in Years 5 and 6, as there has been so much going on. This term has been packed with engaging activities, fascinating discoveries and inspiring projects. Let's dive into the highlights!

Cambridge Science Centre

We were delighted to welcome in the Cambridge Science Centre for a 'Challenge Day'. Our budding scientists had a fantastic time in the day-long workshop, developed by the pharmaceutical company Roche, where they had to develop vaccinations for a hypothetical disease. Students worked through various activities, starting with identifying reliable sources and discarding unreliable ones. They then produced a description of the disease symptoms and worked to understand its spread. The next stage was to carry out a practical to mimic the drug formulation process and finally, to use clinical trials data to identify which treatment should be given to which patients.

Gifted and Talented

"The opportunity to visit this STEM school and Ravensbourne University was an experience I won't ever forget."

One of our Year 5 students, Jack, had the incredible opportunity to participate in a prestigious gifted and talented event organized by a local university. Jack was selected based on his outstanding performance in STEM subjects. The event brought together young minds from various schools to engage in advanced workshops, interactive talks, and hands-on experiments. Jack particularly enjoyed the engineering session, where he collaborated with university professors and students to build and develop a park. This experience not only enriched Jack's knowledge but also inspired him to pursue further studies in STEM fields. We are immensely proud of his achievements and look forward to seeing more students shine in such events.

CREST Discovery Award

Children from across upper key stage 2 attended the CREST Discovery Awards which offer an introduction to real project work and give students the freedom to run their own investigations. With minimal adult intervention, children worked in groups to solve a STEM challenge, and then present their work. The children chose to design a tool for the home, landing on a home security system with facial-recognition and other helpful features. It was great to see children combine their imagination with their knowledge of materials and engineering acquired in Science and DT lessons.

Christ Hospital Maths Competition

Christ's Hospital School recently hosted its bi-annual Maths Challenge for Year 5 children. At the historic Guildhall in London, 236 enthusiastic mathematicians, including 4 of our Year 5s, had the opportunity to test their problem solving abilities and mathematical knowledge with a series of challenging tasks and puzzles in a fun, interactive environment. Student helpers from Christ's Hospital provided guidance and support throughout the event, creating an encouraging atmosphere for all the children who took part.



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

HAPPY EASTER FROM THE PTA

We started off the half term with the School Disco, a favourite PTA event with so many of the children. The tuck shop was back for a second year, enabling pupils to eat some crisps or buy a homemade cake while they showed off their dance moves to their friends. Mariam, a professional children's entertainer, was as fabulous as ever on the mic and acted like a jukebox for the children to hear their favourite songs including Disney's, 'I always wanted a brother', and 'I'm in the thick of it' by KSI. The PTA were very impressed with how many lyrics were being shouted out! It is fair to say they raised the roof and the atmosphere was at fever pitch! Thank you to all the parents and especially the teachers who helped and showcased their moves. The children were delighted to see their teacher's boogieing along to some great tunes. This term we've also had Film Night (Part 2), where Years 4, 5 and 6 could enjoy watching Paddington in Peru with their friends. Erika in the PTA made fantastic Paddington cupcakes for the tuck shop, the Great British Bake off here she comes!



Please look in your children's school bags this week. We are very Egg-cited! Due to the success of last year, CKB estate agents (our main sponsors) have been working hard to recreate two activities for the children to partake in over the Easter holidays (from Friday 4th April to Saturday 19th April). The activities include an Easter Egg Art competition and an Easter Trail around Eltham - both great fun and both offering chocolate as a prize, so get involved! Please take your completed sheets to the CKB office on 38 Well Hall Road.

Dates for the diary:

In May, we will be doing our 5p challenge again, so get saving those 5ps please!

The summer fair is to be held on the 12th July and the theme has been confirmed as Globetrotters. Also in the children's school bags this week, the children have been tasked with drawing a picture at home, thinking about the fair's Globetrotting theme. Different countries, different continents, holidays... all things around the world! The winning design will be used on the posters for the fair but, more importantly, CKB will print the child's design on the fair's advertising boards around Eltham!

Help:

Are you a budding planter? We are in need of some plants to sell at the fair. Please can you support us by donating some home-grown plants?

Also, after the success of the International Week finale where parents brought in dishes from around the world, we want to replicate this at the Summer Fair. Please can you contact the PTA and let us know if you can bring a dish in for Saturday 12th July.

Due to your generosity, since September 2024, the PTA has raised a fabulous £11,000! This has enabled us to pay for:

- Wonderful fieldwork trips to Creekside. So far, Years 2 and 3 have all been on the trip, which was a huge success. Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 will be going in the new term.
- An author visit from Margaret Bateson-Hill.
- The pantomime that performed for the school in December.
- The role play corner for EYFS.
- The organist for the harvest service.
- The new shed in the KS2 playground.
- Christmas goodies for the children on the day of their special Christmas dinner.
- Contributions towards the Year 6 leavers celebrations.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support - from buying cakes, to having CKB advertising boards outside your houses, to volunteering, and to helping your kids break the rules! (Let's hope Mr Wills will have forgiven us by the start of next term for Break the Rules day!). We couldn't raise money for the school, for our children to enjoy, without you all.

Good luck children with the Easter Egg colouring competition, the Easter Trail and the Summer Fair poster design and HAVE FUN!

Happy Easter from everyone in the PTA!



ATTENDANCE FOR SPRING 2 TERM

At Eltham Church of England Primary School we continue to promote and celebrate good attendance and punctuality. Not only is good attendance beneficial to pupils' achievements it is also an excellent 'life skill'.

We use the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Attendance Advisory Service to monitor and support our management of pupil attendance. Under Fast Track, families will be informed when their child's attendance has crossed the threshold, even when all absences have been correctly documented and understood. If a child's attendance continues to decline and gives the Attendance Advisory Officer a cause for concern, then a meeting between the school, the parents and the advisory service is convened.

The school's target is to ensure that whole school attendance is consistently above 97% and better still above 97.5%

Can we remind parents that all absences and appointments need to be supported with a written letter, or appointment card, outlining the reason for the absence as soon as your child returns to school. Also, that **all** holiday will be recorded as unauthorised, however a child's overall attendance will be taken into account when consideration is given to the Fast Track procedures.

Class Attendance since September 2024

Corbett	95.0
North	93.4
Bek	94.5
Mills	95.8
Archery	95.0
Tarn	96.9
Sherard	96.6
Shaw-Brooke	96.2
Nesbit	96.4
Gregory	96.6
Chaucer	96.7
WG Grace	95.8
Roper	96.0
Avery	96.2
TOTAL	95.8

HOSPICE MINI MARATHON FOR KIDS

JOIN US FOR THE HOSPICE MINI MARATHON - A DAY OF FUN, FITNESS AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We're thrilled to invite your child to join us for the **Community Hospice Mini Marathon** on **Sunday 11th May** at **Royal Greenwich Park**! This fun and rewarding running event is open to children aged **5-16** and offers the perfect opportunity for them to walk, jog, or run 2.62 miles while supporting a cause that's close to all of us.

The Hospice Mini Marathon is a great way for children to get active while making a big difference in the lives of local families facing terminal illness. **Every step your child takes will help provide vital end-of-life care and bereavement support** through the Community Hospice, ensuring they can continue to care for those who need us most.

Event Highlights:

- **Live Music & Performances:** Enjoy uplifting tunes from the Rock Choir and more!
- **Face Painting & Sports Activities:** Fun-filled activities to keep everyone entertained
- **Goodie Bags & Medals:** Every child will receive a medal and a goody bag to celebrate their achievement
- **Prize Draw:** Children raising £30 or more in sponsorship will be entered into an exciting prize draw, with amazing prizes to be won!

£10 to Register: This covers the event entry and everything your child needs to get started with fundraising.

This is more than just a running event – it's a meaningful way for children to learn about the importance of helping others and making a positive impact in their community. With your support, we hope to inspire as many children as possible to take part and show that no one is too young to make a difference.

Scan the QR code to sign up today and be part of something truly special! [Community Hospice Mini Marathon – Sign Up Now](#)

Email: events@gbch.org.uk
Phone: 020 8319 9230

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing your child at the Hospice Mini Marathon.



WHAT'S NEW FROM FRENCH

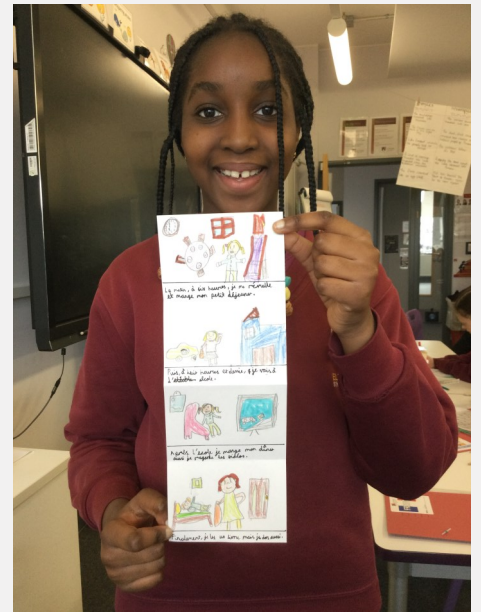
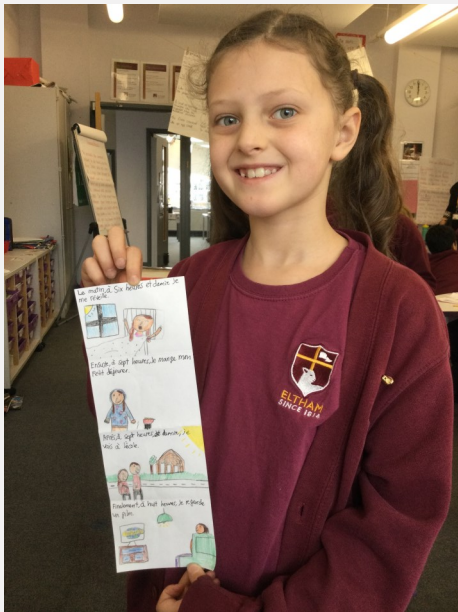
FRENCH

It has been another busy term for all learners of French as children have engaged in speaking activities, surveys, stories and listening and reading skills. Year 2 are becoming quite proficient now at carrying out surveys to discover what their friends like or dislike about things - our latest survey was about vegetables which they certainly all had an opinion on! Year 3 had great fun learning about French Easter traditions as they worked in groups to travel around the school to find all the numbered eggs so they could answer all their quiz questions. They showed great teamwork - well done Year 3! Year 4 finished the Sleeping Beauty story and produced some wonderful writing for classroom displays about their daily routines. Year 5 focused on listening skills, word order of adjectives and comparative language as they learnt about the planets. They were fascinated by the link to French days of the week! Year 6 have been expressing opinions about their leisure time, incorporating their prior learning in their final big writing task. Their focus and enthusiasm continue to amaze me. I look forward to seeing how all language learners progress over the summer term.

Newsflash A few children from Year 2 were chosen to submit their writing activity about farm animals to "Write Away", a magazine published quarterly to showcase language writing skills in KS1 and KS2, so we look forward to their work being published today - Click the link to read our children's published work - [Write Away!](#)

Please encourage your children to log on to www.linguascope.com during the holidays. (Username and password details are in children's reading journals).

Joyeuses Pâques!
Madame Edwards



WHAT'S NEW FROM HOPE CLASS



UNDER THE SEA and DINOSAURS

It has been another fun packed term in Hope class this spring. The children have continued to gain confidence and learn about playing and working together. We love to sing songs which remind us we are all friends in Nursery and listen to stories about sharing and taking turns.

Before half term, our topic was 'Under The Sea'. As part of our studies, we looked at different sea creatures and wrote a class book about them. We learnt lots of interesting facts: Did you know that an octopus has three hearts? We also made aquariums out of shoe boxes and added tissue paper, seaweed and pebbles to make them look more realistic. We celebrated the end of the topic by having an 'Under the Sea' party where we dressed up and made sea creature masks.

Since coming back after half term, we have been studying dinosaurs. We have learnt about herbivores and carnivores, and how their teeth are different shapes. We transformed the role play area into 'Dinosaur Den' where the plastic dinosaurs have roamed freely and we have hunted for fossils. We have experimented making dinosaurs from junk, and designed our own dinosaurs in clay, adding art straws and beads to represent horns and armour-plating.

In Maths, we have been busy with the balance scales comparing the weight of different sea creatures and dinosaurs. We have also learnt how to program the Beebot to follow a route across the floor and played lots of counting games including our favourite, 'Capture 4' (similar to Connect Four).

Back in January, we started to learn our letter sounds. Each week, we study a different letter and learn what sound the letter makes, and how to write it correctly. We love using our robot arms and blending hands to sound out simple words.

One of the best days of the term was Pancake Day, when we got to make and eat pancakes sprinkled with sugar and lemon. Another fun day was World Book Day - the children all looked amazing and loved going up to Year 6 to share books with the older children. Our repertoire of songs has continued to increase and now includes 'I'm a Little Puffa Train', 'The Big Dinosaurs go Stomp, Stomp, Stomp' and 'I've Got Something Very Special'. In the last week of term, we learnt all about Easter and made some yummy chocolate cakes - delicious!

The Nursery Team

WHAT'S NEW FROM RECEPTION



SPRING TERM

What a fun-packed term! The children have really enjoyed the topics this term and this is reflected in the progress they are all making. We are so proud of them!

We continue with the daily phonics lesson and we are pleased with how many children are now applying their phonics to blend when reading. We are also reading decodable books as a class. This is a great way to develop their comprehension and predicting skills, as we ask lots of questions about the story as we read aloud.

In mathematics, we have been consolidating our number skills and understanding subitising, the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognising how many objects there are without needing to count. The children have also developed their understanding of measures, using the water tray, playing with rulers and using the balance scales.

Our themed teaching this term was 'Where in the World?' and 'Superheroes'. We have read some wonderful texts including Avocado Baby, The Tiger Who Came To Tea, Biscuit Bear and Charlie's Superhero Underpants. The children have completed a wide variety of activities based on these texts, for example, designing and making a biscuit, tasting an avocado, making toast, painting a tiger, and writing a letter as Charlie to get their underpants back! We love that the children tackled all these activities with great enthusiasm and appeared to have so much fun.

Other special events that have taken place this term include a visit from Reverend Caroline, The Art Award and World Book Day. Reverend Caroline visited us as part of our RE work leading to Easter. She discussed the meaning of the palms for Palm Sunday and all the children were given a palm. The children had a great time dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day with all the EYFS team joining in. A stand out was Mrs Griffiths dressed as a giant snail. For the Art Award, Mrs H Hayes planned a fantastic week of art activities. Our focused artist was Yayoi Kusama. North and Corbett class created sea turtles using a wide range of skills such as colour mixing, wet on wet painting and Aboriginal style dot painting. They were all so pleased with their finished turtles, which are currently being displayed in the main school corridors.

The EYFS Team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Easter holiday and we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team



WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 1



YEAR 1

We have had a very busy term in Year 1. We have worked hard this term on our independence, now we are familiar with the structure of Year 1 and have been doing most activities now as a whole class.

We have enjoyed reading the story 'Katie in London' and 'Katie in Scotland'. We wrote our own adventure story 'Katie in Eltham' where Katie and Nessie went exploring around Eltham. We visited Eltham Park South and the train station to help us write these. In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction to numbers to 50, and are becoming increasingly confident with these.

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed our measuring units, including using rulers and measuring in CMs, using balance scales for weight, and measuring water for our capacity lessons using language of full, empty and half full.

We have enjoyed learning about Judaism in RE including the different festivals which are important to Jewish people. We looked at some of the traditions Jewish people do in these festivals, including trying some apple covered in honey.

In DT, we have learnt how to thread a needle and how to do a running stitch. We practised doing this on different materials and then created our own pillow for our tooth to keep it safe for the tooth fairy. These look amazing and we are looking forward to taking these home soon and being able to use them!

We have also enjoyed our tennis lessons with Valentina this half term. We have some future tennis players in the making.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break!

The Year 1 Team

WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 2



YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a great Spring Term! We have challenged ourselves with lots of tricky learning in Maths, including money, multiplication and measurement. In our Literacy, the children have written travel guides for a safari, a persuasive letter to a cloud asking for rain, and their own postcard in role of a Meerkat! We are super proud of their hard work. Our History topic has been all about Eltham; its significant places, people and events. It has been wonderful to see all the children sharing what they know and learning lots. Our Science learning has been all about materials, and we are amazed at Year 2's language that they can use to discuss lots of different properties of materials! We had a great time at Woodlands Farm as part of our charity initiative and we managed to find lots of interesting bugs and insects on our Minibeast Hunt! We hope you have a wonderful Easter Break.

The Year 2 Team



WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 3



YEAR 3

One of the highlights of this term for Year 3 was our amazing trip to Creekside in Deptford, where the children had the opportunity to explore how Stone Age people lived. They engaged in hands-on activities that brought history to life, sparking curiosity and excitement. We extend our thanks to the PTA for generously funding this school trip and making it possible for our students to learn outside the classroom in such a memorable way.

We also want to commend all the children for their hard work and dedication throughout this spring term. Their enthusiasm and commitment to learning have been amazing, impressing all of the adults in their classes. As we head into the half term break, we wish all our families a restful and enjoyable time together. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the next term.

The Year 3 Team

WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 4



YEAR 4

In Art, we've been exploring the works of artist Alberto Giacometti. The children have shown great enthusiasm in studying his special use of colours and his fascinating sculptures. The highlight of the unit was when the children created their own pieces of art using complementary colours, they looked so effective!

In PE, the children have been working hard on their cricket and rounders skills. We have been particularly impressed with their dedication to practicing their throwing and catching techniques. Their teamwork and sportsmanship have really shone through, and we are excited to see how they continue to develop in the future!

Swimming has now come to a close for Year 4, and we couldn't be prouder of the progress the children have made. It has been wonderful to see them improve their water confidence and technique over the course of the term. Perhaps some of our students will go on to become future Olympians!

In Science, the children have been thoroughly enjoying our unit on animals, including humans. They've been experimenting and asking insightful scientific questions, particularly around human digestion. Their curiosity and ability to engage in scientific thinking have been fantastic, and we are so proud of the progress they've made.

Looking ahead to next term, we'll be focusing on Decimals in Maths, learning about What Sikhs Believe in RE, and exploring the Water Cycle in Geography.

We want to wish all Year 4 families a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the summer term!

Miss Million, Miss Bruty, Ms Vagg and Mr Galley



WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 5



YEAR 5

Year 5 have shown great resilience and determination towards all of their learning throughout the Spring Term. We had our trip to Southwark Cathedral where the children learnt about Christian symbols, had a tour of the Cathedral and created their very own candles. We also recently took part in our Charity Big Spring Sing to show our support for our chosen charity for the year, Christian Aid. The children were very well behaved and sang beautifully! Thank you to the parents who gave a donation and also to the parent helpers.

In DT this half term, we did our systems unit with the question 'How can we keep safe on the roads?'. The children worked in groups to create a bike safety belt. They designed it, made a prototype and then created a bike light using the micro: bits. The children also had the opportunity to present their ideas. There were some incredible creations – perfect for Dragon's Den! We also discussed the British inventor, Emily Brooke (MBE), who invented the Beryl bike light projector.

We finished our Ancient Greek Unit in History and have now moved on to looking at the Maya Civilisation and how this compares to the Anglo Saxons. The children completed their Map skills – 4 and 6 figure grid references - in Geography and will be moving on to Ordnance Survey (OS) map and field work unit in the summer.

We have lots to look forward to in the Summer term, including Sports Day, a geography-based school trip, a 2-mile run in the park amongst many more exciting activities so watch this space!

Well done again to all of Year 5 for their super efforts this term and we hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Mrs Bailey, Mr Tibbert, Miss Fryer, Mrs Cunningham, Miss Wilkins, Mrs Debenham

WHAT'S NEW FROM YEAR 6



YEAR 6

In Maths, we have been learning how to: convert between fractions, decimals and percentages using different methods; find percentages of amounts; and solve the more challenging reasoning and problem-solving style questions. Our writing sessions have consisted of practising using the passive voice, the impersonal tone, modal verbs, the subjunctive, language of debate and formal vocabulary. This was to prepare us for subsequently producing our next extended piece of writing: a formal, balanced argument on the benefits of both homeschool and public school. The children's writing has been incredible - WOW!

In Geography, Year 6 have been learning about settlements, including the different types of settlements that exist and their patterns. Furthermore, we have begun our new topic 'Windrush generation' in History, starting with finding out about the Caribbean Islands and their history. Within Science, the pupils have been discussing what 'Light' is in Physics - such as how light travels, how shadows are made and what the 'visible spectrum' is.

Our Art lessons have involved the very tricky skill of producing a one-point perspective drawing, thinking about the concept of illusions, the horizon line and the vanishing point. In PE, we have continued learning different throws in Judo sessions with coach Laurence and also how to play Ultimate Frisbee - practising the various throws and catches and even building up to playing matches on the MUGA!

Lastly, we are excited to share with you that Year 6 will be performing the Latin song 'Dona Nobis Pacem' at the upcoming Easter service which we have been rehearsing in our Music lessons. Please do join us at St John's to hear their lovely singing!

Have a lovely Easter everyone.

The Year 6 Team



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 / 2025

Summer Term

Term time:

Tuesday 22 April to Friday 23 May 2025 (except May Day bank holiday on 5 May 2025)

Half-term holiday:

Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
(Spring bank holiday on 26 May)

Term time:

Monday 2 June to Tuesday 22 July 2025 (school closes at 1.30pm)

Staff Inset Days:

Friday 13 June 2025
[no children in school on this day]

Summer holiday:

Wednesday 23 July to Friday 29 August 2025

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Term time:

Monday 1 September to Friday 24 October 2025

Staff Inset Days:

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
[no children in school these days]

Half-term holiday:

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

Term time:

Monday 3 November to Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas and New Year holiday:

Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

Spring Term

Term time:

Monday 5 January to Friday 13 February 2026

Staff Inset Day:

Monday 5th January 2026
[no children in school this day]

Half-term holiday:

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026

Term time:

Monday 23 February to Friday 27 March 2026

Easter holiday:

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026

Summer Term

Term time:

Monday 13 April to Friday 22 May 2026 (except May Day bank holiday on 4 May 2026)

Half-term holiday:

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 (spring bank holiday on 25 May)

Term time:

Monday 1 June to Monday 20 July 2026

Staff Inset Days:

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

[no children in school these days]

