



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

Belonging & Respect
COMPASSION AGAPE STRENGTH PEACE SERVICE

NEWSLETTER – 9th MAY 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite a shorter week it has still been a busy week of learning.

Oak class have been exploring about different animals and, in Drawing Club, read Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson. **Chestnut class** have been thinking about our school in the past as well as learning more about what a parable is, focusing on the Prodigal Son. **Sycamore class** have had their next Ukulele lesson as well as understanding more about farming in Ancient Sumer whilst **Maple class** have compared the Minoans and Mycenaean and continued discussions in PSHE about Growing and Changing.

Yesterday children had worship led by Rev'd George on VE day and the children had been sent a **letter from a WW2 veteran** – Tom Jones, 103, who served as a wireless operator in the Burmese jungle. He shared in his letter more about his roles and experiences throughout the war, how he learnt the war had ended and his journey home. It was full of fascinating stories and anecdotes, as well as how Tom felt then and also now. Children wrote a letter back to him in response which we will send off for him to read.

Today children will be joining in four different activities in their teams as part of the **schools VE Day celebrations**, prior to parents joining us to watch the Country and Maypole dances, listen to a song and see some WW2 dancing they will have learnt.

Next week **Year 6 will sit their SATs tests**. These are set by the government and children across the country sit them. They are fixed in their timings and are formal in their delivery. We will have governors in school monitoring the process and may get visited by the Local Authority to also check our procedures. The Year 6's are very well prepared for these tests and have worked so very hard to ensure they are in the best place. I know they will all give their absolute best to what they face but it is important to remember that they are just a snapshot in time and do not celebrate all the other brilliant qualities they have.

As you will have read, I am having to take some time to recover and am therefore reducing my hours spent in school. I will be however be in school to support Year 6 pupils and staff through the tests next week each morning.

Have a lovely weekend, *Kind regards, Mrs. Sarah Smith*

	Ready, Respectful, Safe	Headteacher Value	RE
OAK	Jessie D & Charlotte H	Zosia S	Rupert R
CHESTNUT	Arno V-Z & Struan H	Hudson R-T	Alfie S
SYCAMORE	Jack C & Lola-Rae O	Barney W	Kaiden S
MAPLE	Miriam H & Blake F	Sophie S	Felix B

HOUSE POINTS: Air Earth Fire Water

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs. S. Smith

**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Leads:**

Mrs. K. Green & Ms L Pepler

**Governor Responsible for
Safeguarding: Revd. Sara Cliff**

Attendance figure - Whole school for
academic year: 94.34

All the **School Diary dates** can be found on the website under the news and events tab. You will find the online calendar there with diary dates for the rest of the academic year! Make you refresh the page!

Diary – WB 12th MAY

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK – Breakfast available for them from 8:15am in Maple
Christian Aid week

Monday

Tuesday

8:45 SEND Coffee Morning – SS OFFICE

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

2:15 Parent Forum

Rocksteady do have some spaces available in their current bands if anyone is interested in joining then please let us know and they could have a taster session on Thursday!

Children must be in school punctually and aim to attend every day. There is an increase in requests for early finishing, and holidays as well as pupils arriving late, and non-attendance without reason which cannot be accepted. The importance of regular full attendance must be reiterated. Appointments also need to be made around the school day. As a reminder the school day is from 8:55-3:15 with gates opening at 8:40.

SEND COFFEE MORNING Next session-
TUES 13th MAY 8:45am

Sunday 11th May 10.30am– Village church service with Bishop John attending. Be lovely to have some pupils in attendance to officially open the new

Please ensure children have a **PE kit in school at all times**. The children need a set of jogging suit bottoms and jumper (plain in colour and design) as when PE is outside, they do need an extra layer.

If needed, please can it go home Friday and then brought back in each Monday.

There are still children who don't have kit in school on PE Days. Please can you help ensure children are ready for the lessons they have.