



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2024



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Thursday 28th March
End of Term 4

Monday 15th April
Term 5 Begins

Thursday 18th April
KS1 Spaceman Visit

Friday 10th May
Yr 6 SATS breakfast trial run

Mon - Thu 13th to 16th May
Year 6 SATS
Breakfast 8am

Sat & Sun 18th & 19th May
FIRPS Scarecrow Weekend

Dear Istead Rise families,

It was good to see so many of you attend last week's parent consultations. We hope you found the session informative and enjoyed looking at your child's work. We are delighted to share with you through this week's newsletter the amazing opportunities the children have experienced and enjoyed over the last two weeks. Next term is going to be just as busy, as we prepare Year 6 for the KS2 SATs, Year 4 for the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check), Year 2 for their SATs and Year 1 for the phonics screening. We are grateful for the support you give your child with their learning.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes,
Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher



Online Safety
Newsletter
April 2024

Nourish
contract catering

New School Lunch
Menu for Term 5

monkhouse
schoolwear specialists

Just to let you know our uniform supplier Simmonds has rebranded and is now trading as Monkhouse. You will be able to reach them with the usual website address or

Istead Rise School Uniform

| NOURISH contract catering | | | | |
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| WEEKLY MENU | | | | |
| LET'S SAVE THE WORLD TOGETHER | | | | |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| WEEK 1 Chicken & Tomato Pasta 12.95 Sweet Potato & Bean Pie 10.95 15th APRIL - 21st MAY 17th APRIL - 23rd MAY 19th APRIL - 25th MAY 21st APRIL - 27th MAY | WEEK 2 Chicken & Tomato Pasta 12.95 Sweet Potato & Bean Pie 10.95 22nd APRIL - 28th MAY 24th APRIL - 30th MAY 26th APRIL - 1st JUNE 28th APRIL - 4th JUNE | WEEK 3 Chicken & Tomato Pasta 12.95 Sweet Potato & Bean Pie 10.95 5th JUNE - 11th JUNE 7th JUNE - 13th JUNE 9th JUNE - 15th JUNE 11th JUNE - 17th JUNE | WEEK 4 Chicken & Tomato Pasta 12.95 Sweet Potato & Bean Pie 10.95 18th APRIL - 24th MAY 20th APRIL - 26th MAY 22nd APRIL - 28th MAY 24th APRIL - 30th MAY | WEEK 5 Chicken & Tomato Pasta 12.95 Sweet Potato & Bean Pie 10.95 1st JUNE - 7th JUNE 3rd JUNE - 9th JUNE 5th JUNE - 11th JUNE 7th JUNE - 13th JUNE |

Online Safety Newsletter April 2024

Poppy Playtime

Cyberbullying

Talking to strangers online

Group Chats



Please look out for our new signs outside of the school promoting good parking practice when dropping and picking up your child. We are having increasing amounts of complaints regarding this issue and would appreciate your cooperation with this.

A big well done to George and Harry for taking part in and coming 1st and 2nd in the Beavers District Cross Country race at the weekend and also to Nathan for coming 1st in the sibling's race.
A big well done to you all!



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EASTER BUNNY HUNT

HOP INTO EASTER FUN AT GRAVESEND PROMENADE!

Egg-citing Easter Bunny Hunt
Join us on Good Friday 29 March
from 11 am to 3 pm

The Band Stand, Fort Gardens
Gravesend Promenade.
£5 per Child (an Easter Egg for every paying Child is included)

SCAN QR TO FIND OUT MORE

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Olivia of Oak & Poppy, Millie H & Millie C of Willow have recently taken part in two dance competitions representing Zest Dance Academy. They won both events.

Millie C, Millie H & Poppy also passed their Tap & Ballet exams with Zest, here they are with their awards.

A fantastic achievement girls, well done from all of us at Istead Rise Primary!



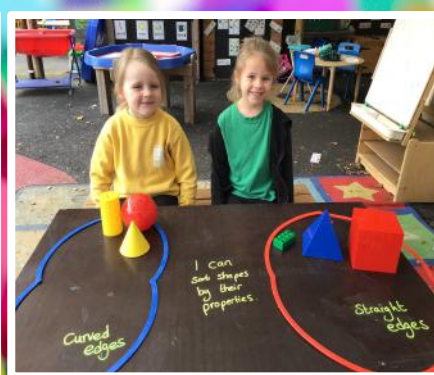
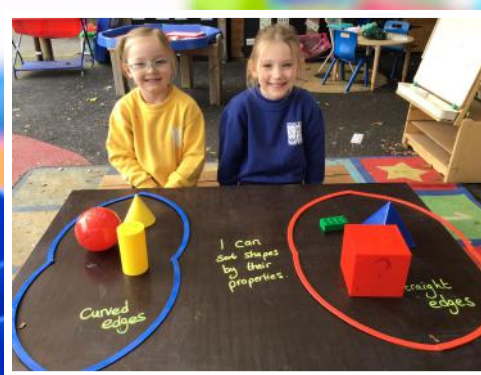
A very special visit

The children were so excited to have a very special visit from the fire service. We have learnt so much about fire safety and what to do in case of a fire. We were able to sit in the fire engine and listen to the siren. The firemen showed us different equipment and we were able to hold some of it. We then learnt how to use the hose - shooting water at a cone on the school field.



We have been mixing colours to see what new colours we can make.

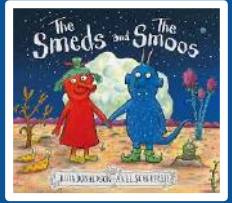




Maths
In maths we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We have looked at a cube, cuboid, cone, pyramid, cylinder and sphere. We have sorted the shapes into their properties - curved and straight edges.
After this we explored what 2D shapes we could see within our 3D shapes. We had so much fun using paint to print our 3D shapes onto paper!



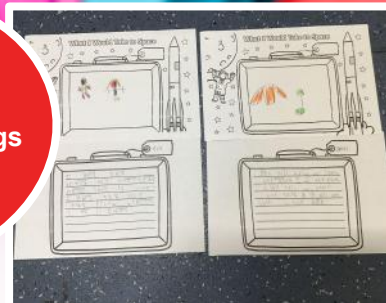
Theme: Julia Donaldson
The Smeds and the Smoos
We have been reading our Julia Donaldson book of the week: The Smeds and the Smoos. We have been practising reading alien words (our made up words) using our phonetic knowledge. We have been retelling the story and making our own rockets from junk modelling.



Frog spawn
We have been really lucky to have frog spawn donated to us. The children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and have been excited to watch the frogspawn turn into tadpoles. The children are checking everyday for new changes!



We have produced some amazing writing, thinking about things we would take to space.



Acorns



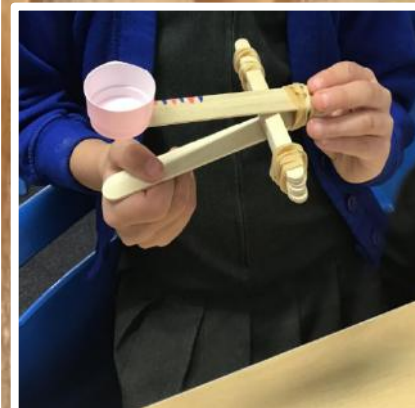
FIRPS Easter Activity

We completed the FIRPS annual Easter activities and won ourselves an Easter egg! We had so much fun! Thank you FIRPS!

Easter craft

Acorns have been very excited about Easter. We have been learning about why we celebrate Easter - listening to the Easter story. We went on to make our own Easter crafts. We have had lots of fun!

Palm



Palm class also embarked on an exciting engineering challenge by designing and constructing their very own catapults! While some initially found it challenging, the children demonstrated perseverance and determination!

Palm class have been exploring Buddhism in RE this term. They have embraced meditation and gained insights into the life of the Buddha. As a final activity, they explored the tradition of drinking green tea, a popular beverage Buddhists have to enhance focus.

"What did the tomato sauce say to the sausage when they were running late for school? Ketchup!" This was just one of the jokes Palm class programmed their animations to say during their computing lesson. They have loved learning about the process behind their favourite animated shows this term and giving it a go themselves!





We have continued our learning with the Beebots and can now give the Beebots more than one instruction at a time to get them from A to B.



Have a lovely Easter Break and enjoy the holiday!



The children have had a very practical, hands on approach in art this term again. Each week, they have been learning a different craft from wrapping, to weaving, to plaiting. We have also had the support of Mrs Mackie to help make each child a loom box to include all their craft into one design. I'm sure they will all look fantastic when they are complete!

In Science, we have been learning about different materials being absorbent and waterproof and completing experiments to gather proof.



It was a wet week at Forest School for Year 1. However, the rain never stopped the class from enjoying their last session in the forest. Oak Class braved the weather to toast a marshmallow over the campfire to sandwich between two chocolate biscuits to make a Smore. Everyone thought these were delicious.

Sycamore



Sycamore Class have had another fabulous couple of weeks. They have enjoyed learning about the Romans in History and Buddhism in R.E. The children finished the maths unit on mass and capacity and have just started a unit on adding and subtracting fractions. In art, the children enjoyed being creative with paint, oil pastels and pencils making Egyptian scrolls.

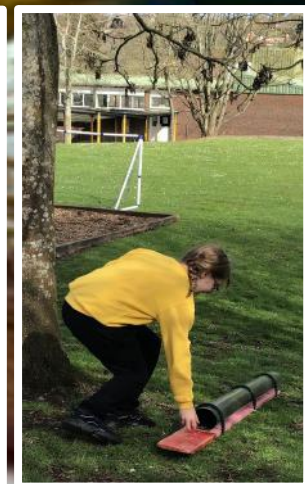


They thoroughly enjoyed all the learning themed around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and loved their superclass afternoon designing and making chocolate factories.





Thank you so much to our wonderful FIRPS team for organising the fun Easter events for us all!



It's been a fantastic final two weeks to Term 4!

In English we have completed our sequence of writing a diary, where the survivors of the dragons are forced to live underground. The children have really enjoyed our themes for writing this term and have helped to choose one of the sequences for next term, based on the quality of their sentences we have been doing as part of morning work.

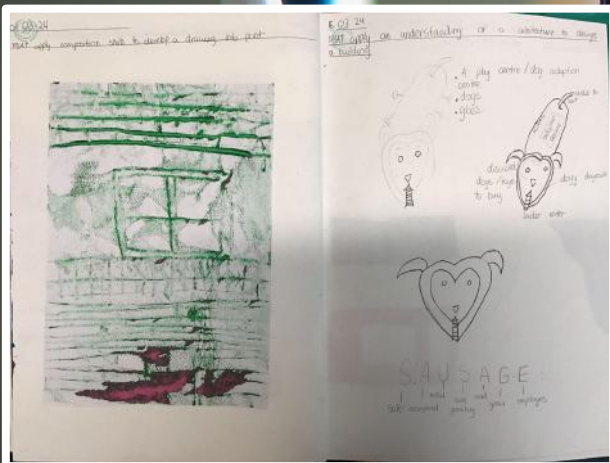
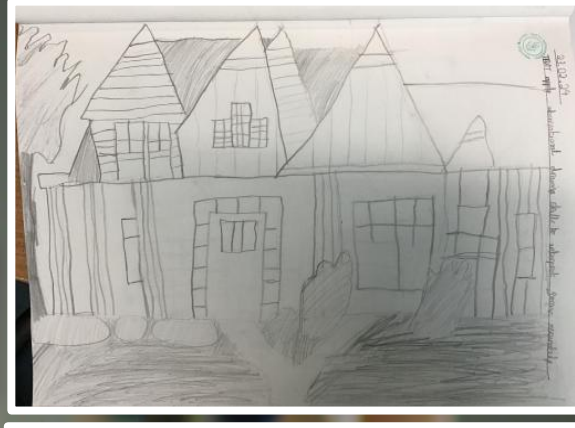
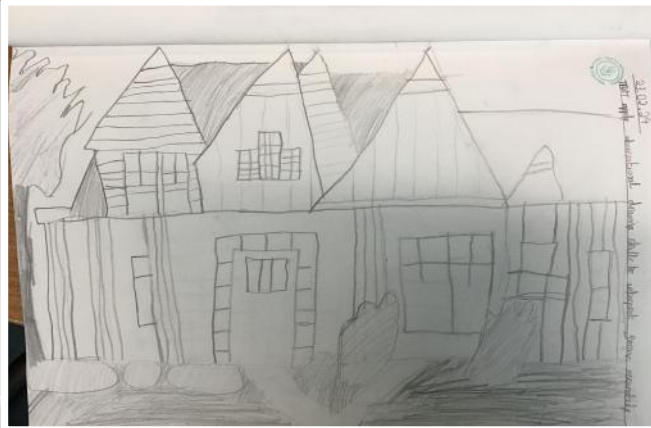
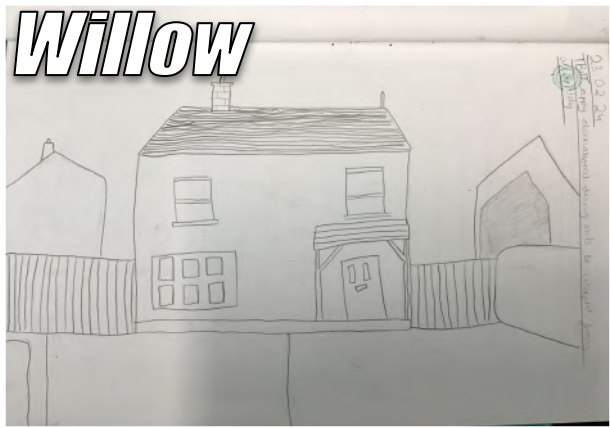
In Maths we have completed our work on fractions, including improper, mixed number and addition and subtraction of fractions, which they have done well at due to their knowledge of times tables.

Our unit on settlers in Geography has now ended, with the children completing some excellent maps of a new settlement. While in music we have finished our unit on 'Lean on me', which again they have thoroughly enjoyed - you may have heard them singing it at the end of the day last week.

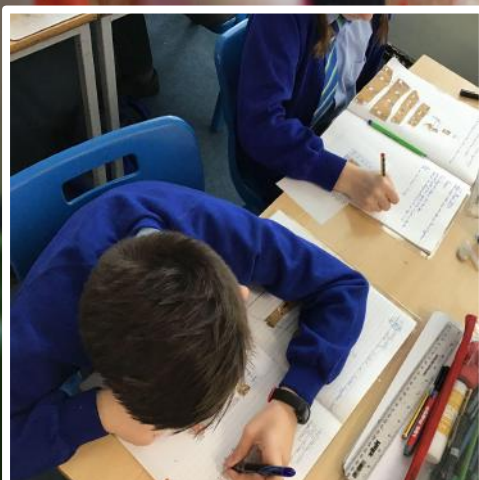
Can parents please double check the reading books that their children are bringing into school, as we have had instances over the past two weeks where children have been bringing in several books which are not needed and there has been an occasion where there has been an issue over ownership and books have gone missing, causing avoidable upset. Please make sure that your child only has their current reading book and their planner in their bags. Thank you.

Have a great Easter break, and we'll be back in Term 5 raring to go.

Willow



Willow have really enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Egyptians this term and had their last lesson on this topic on Monday. They've also had a wonderful time learning all about architecture during their art lessons and have produced some really amazing work!



Aspen



Year 6 had an egg-cellent time during the egg rolling competition!



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Primary School

Well done to our winners!
1st - Archie, 2nd - Cerys, 3rd - Jude.

Year 6 have been busy in preparation for SATs and have been working hard to make their own revision booklet which they are very proud of.

We finished off our WW2 History topic this week by looking at why WW2 ended. The class have really enjoyed this topic and are often discussing it and asking questions throughout other lessons.

Year 6 have produced some wonderful Science work this term and finished off the Earth and Space topic by researching different scientists - the most current one being Tim Peake.



Thank you to Nathan and his family for sharing some very interesting information about a family member, in relation to WW2. The children enjoyed this presentation. Well done to Nathan and Isaac for presenting this to the class.

Have a wonderful half term!



SEND & Inclusion



See beyond the spectrum!

SEN SESSIONS

At Athena Circus Academy our mission is to provide circus experiences to everyone!



Neurodiversity support

National Autistic Society
autism.org.uk

The ADHD Foundation
adhdfoundation.org.uk

The Dyslexia Association
dyslexia.uk.net

Tourettes Action
Tourettes-action.org.uk

Dyspraxia Foundation
dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk



autism
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AUTISM FRIENDLY SESSION

LOBBY ACTIVITIES
RETRO GAMING
LASER TAG

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM
FROM £5.95



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024**
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon - Fri in Half Terms 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

COCONUT TREE

One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March - Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

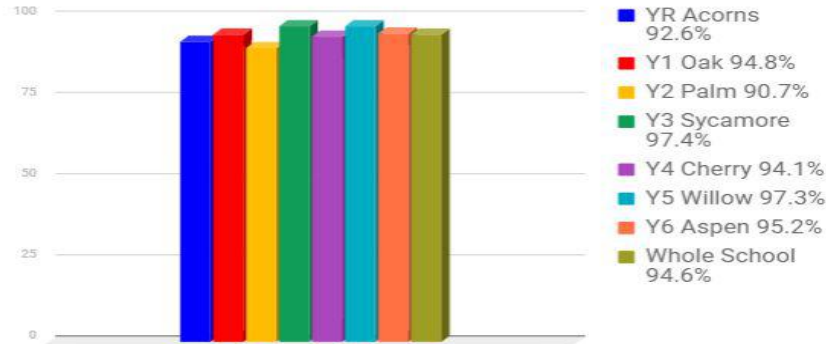
FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

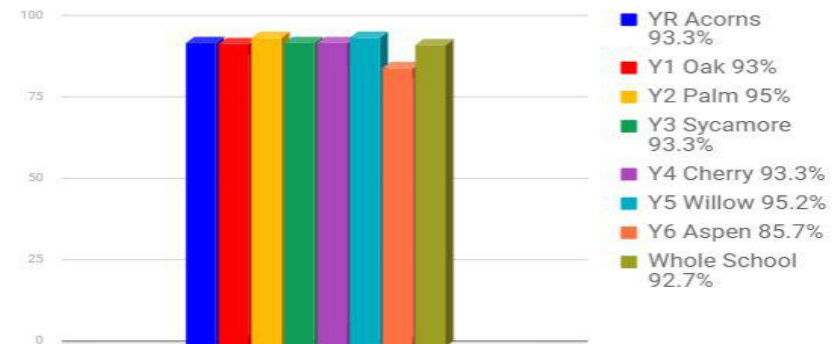


Attendance Class Awards
W/C 18.03.24
KS1 - Palm KS2 - Willow

W/C 25.03.24
KS1 - Oak KS2 - Sycamore



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 25.03.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 18.03.24

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 22.03

Acorns Class

Willow H for Respect, Vinnie for Perseverance
& Cara for Self Reflection

Oak Class

Archie for Perseverance, Ellie & Neda for Independence

Palm Class

Samantha for Self Reflection, Amber & Leo D for Independence

Sycamore Class

Sujaan for Independence, Alicia & William for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Oliver F for Self Reflection, Cooper M & Ruby WN for Independence

Willow Class

Brody & Lyra for Independence, Tommy for Respect

Aspen Class

Olivia, Cerys & Isabella for Perseverance

Week Ending 29.03

Acorns Class

Teddy & Aria for Perseverance

Oak Class

Jaxon for Perseverance, Valerie for Self Reflection & Jacob T for Respect

Palm Class

Ava for Independence, Leo D for Self Reflection & Bobby For Respect

Sycamore Class

Keira for Respect, Teddy for Self Reflection & Alf for Independence

Cherry Class

Oliver M for Respect, Louie for Perseverance
& Katelyn for Independence

Willow Class

Alfie & Kasey for Independence, Tess for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Ruby, Rohan & Nathan for Perseverance



Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

W/E 22.03

Amaia ,Evelyn, Nevaeh, Samuel,
Jack L, Darcey & Elliott of
Sycamore, Isaac of Aspen, Kai of
Cherry, Finn of Willow, Luna &
Devan of Palm, Jaxon of Oak

W/E 29.03

Kai of Cherry, Amaia,
Nevaeh, Jack L, Darcey
& Elliott of Sycamore, Devan &
Khenyang of Palm, Jaxson &
Olivia of Oak

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 22.03

Bradley & Teddy of Sycamore,
Mia & Nathan of Aspen,
Delphine, Cooper M, Freddie,
Edward, Samuel L & Martin of
Cherry, Harry & Ronak of
Willow, Felix of Palm, Abel &
Oliver of Acorns

W/E 29.03

Samuel L, Martin, Edward,
Cooper M & Freddie of Cherry,
Teddy & Bradley of Sycamore,
Ronnie, Alfie & Lillie of Willow,
Ronnie of Palm, Sophia & Ava
of Oak, Oliver of Acorns

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 22.03

Henry, Sujaan, Charlie, Harry,
Saskia & George of Sycamore,
Oliver of Aspen, Lucas, Esme,
Katelyn,Matilda & Otis of Cherry,
Charlie, Millie H, Thomas, Scarlett,
Jace, Tess, Molly & Harvey of
Willow, Leo D & Leo H of Palm,
Jaxon of Acorns

W/E 29.03

Esme of Cherry, Henry,
Sujaan, Charlie, Harry, Saskia
& George of Sycamore, Millie
H, Molly & Harvey of Willow,
Leo D & Leo H of Palm, Abel &
Jaxon of Acorns

Diamond Mathletics

W/E 22.03

Nihaal & Samuel-Yanis
of Cherry, Tyler of Palm,
Nathan & Neda of Oak

W/E 29.03

Nihaal, Matilda & Samuel-Yanis of
Cherry, Thomas, Scarlett & Jace of
Willow, Neda & Nathan of Oak,
Tyler of Palm



Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 22.03

Keira of Sycamore
& Leah-Marie of Cherry

W/E 29.03

Arabella, Joshua & Louie of
Cherry, Teddy of Sycamore

Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 22.03

Sujaan of Sycamore
& Alfie of Willow

W/E 29.03

Summer & Otis of Cherry,
Charlie of Sycamore

Platinum Peg Up Points

W/E 29.03

Nihaal & Matilda of Cherry

Congratulations for all your hard work!



W/E 22.03

Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Willow
3rd Sycamore

W/E 22.03

Most Valuable Player
1st Cooper G of Cherry
2nd Ronak of Willow
3rd Delphine of Cherry

The results
of week ending
29.03 will be in the
next newsletter
after the Easter
Holidays

Congratulations for all your hard work!

On Thursday 18th April 2024 Acorns, Oak & Palm Classes will be taking part in a 'Spaceman Workshop' with James Jefferson. You can also purchase a book by the author which he will sign for the children on the day of his visit. For full details please use this link [Spaceman Workshop](#)



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SAVE THE DATE

ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

SCARECROW WEEKEND

SATURDAY 18TH MAY -
SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024
10AM - 4PM

**FOLLOW THE TRAIL,
FIND THE LETTERS AND
SOLVE THE PUZZLE,
A PRIZE FOR EVERY ENTRY**

HEAD TO ISTEAD RISE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
FIELD TO COLLECT YOUR
TRAIL SHEET

Want to enter your own
scarecrow?
Please register via the
email below.
Prize for the scarecrow
with the most votes.

TO PREBOOK YOUR TRAIL SHEET EMAIL FIRPSISTEADRISE@GMAIL.COM
IT IS £3.50 TO ENTER AND ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE
CHILDREN OF ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE APRIL HALF TERM PLANNER - WEEK ONE

| TUESDAY 2ND APRIL | WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL | THURSDAY 4TH APRIL | FRIDAY 5TH APRIL | £25 FULL DAY £15 HALF DAY |
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| Nerf Wars | Easter Baking & African Drumming | Easter Bonnets & Circus Workshop | Finger Painting | |
| LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | |
| Easter Card Making | Easter Baking & African Drumming | Easter Bonnets & Circus Workshop | Easter Egg Hunt | |

TO BOOK CALL US ON 01474 814199
FROM AGES 5 - 12. FULL DAY SESSIONS ARE 08:00 - 17:00, HALF DAY SESSION 08:00 - 13:00 OR 12:00 - 17:00
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.MEOPHAMLEISURE.ORG

MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE APRIL HALF TERM PLANNER - WEEK TWO

| MONDAY 8TH APRIL | TUESDAY 9TH APRIL | WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL | THURSDAY 11TH APRIL | FRIDAY 12TH APRIL | £25 FULL DAY £15 HALF DAY |
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| Nature Crafts | Playdough | Painting | Just Dance | Biscuit Decorating | |
| LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | LUNCH TIME & GIANT INFLATABLES | |
| Trampolining | NEW Giant Inflatables | Karate | Creepy Claws | End of Half Term Disco | |

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