



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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Friday 14th February - End of Term 3

Monday 24th February - Term 4 Begins

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Thursday 27th March - Parent Drop-ins (Y1-6)

Friday 4th April 2025 - End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April - Term 5 Begins

Monday 5th May  
Bank Holiday School Closed

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May  
KS2 SATs (Y6)

Friday 23rd May - End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June - Term 6 Begins

Ever thought about volunteering as a school governor?

Want to know more?  
Scan the QR code to check out our website now!



We believe that effective governance is best delivered when school leaders are held to account and challenged on pupil outcomes as well as the quality of education provided.

You do not need to be from an education background - we value what people from outside the sector can offer!



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## Online Safety Newsletter

### Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?  
An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/views and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?  
Most there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. Their opinions can be expressed or interpreted as facts, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media  
What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childsafecentre.org.uk/about-us/what-we-see-on-social-media/>

What can I do to help my child?  
Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-safety>

### Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated P (moderate violence), meaning it is children under the age of 12.

What is Fortnite?  
There are different versions of which is free to play (Fortnite Royale), up to one hundred players remain.

What do I need to be aware of?  
• Chatting and inappropriate chat, which may mean your child inappropriate language. Ensure you players that make them feel uncomfortable.  
• In-app purchases: Players can restrict purchases and do not store it.

Parental Controls  
Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:  
• disable voice chat  
• filter language  
• manage which experiences your child can access based on their age  
• set a PIN to add friends  
• set a PIN for purchases  
• set time limits  
• set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features  
As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information  
You can find out more here:  
• <https://safety.withgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>  
• <https://parentzone.org.uk/articles/fortnite>

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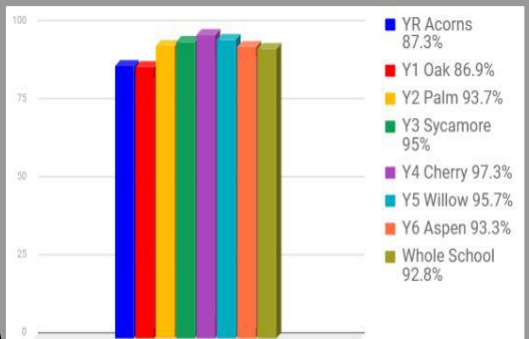
## Attendance Class Awards



W/C 16.12.24  
KS1 - Palm  
KS2 - Cherry

W/C 06.01.25  
KS1 - Oak  
KS2 - Cherry

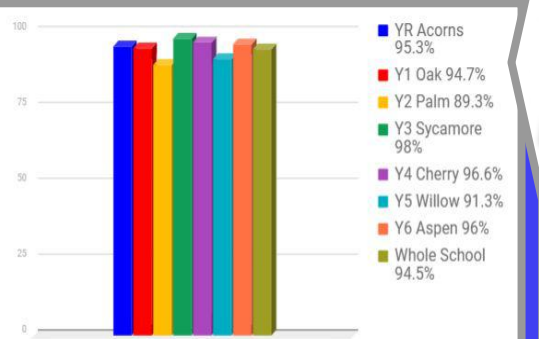
W/C 13.01.25  
KS1 - Acorns  
KS2 - Sycamore



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 16.12.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 06.01.25



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 13.01.25

# Eco Day



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# Acorns



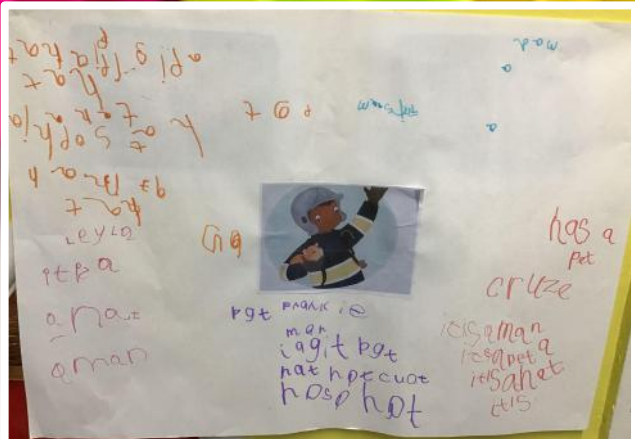
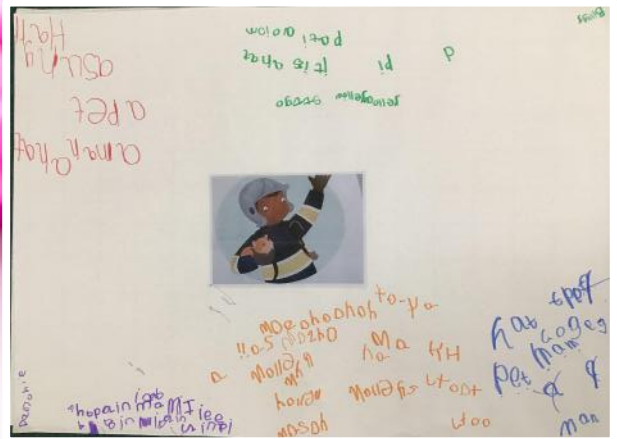
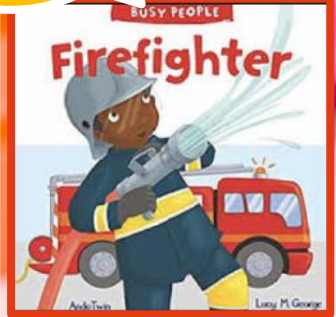
**Book of the week!**



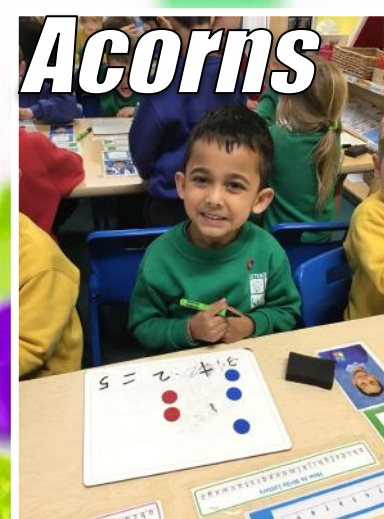
We have been learning lots of terminology this term already! In English, we have been practising our writing by describing a character from our story and then describing them using adjectives.



What a busy start to the term! The children have settled back in to school life really well, focussing on our new topic 'People who help us'.



# Acorns



In maths we have been ensuring that we know our numbers. Miss Kite called out a number and we had to find the correct number of counters to put on our five frame. We have also looked at combining two numbers to make a number sentence.



sh sh  
sh

ch ch  
chop  
chin

th th  
thin  
thin

The children have been working really hard on their phonics and writing since coming back to school. They have been using the terms 'digraph' and 'special friends' to recognise two letters that make one sound



# Oak



In DT, Oak class learnt different ways to join fabric together! They used safety pins, which they found a bit tricky at first. But with patience and perseverance, they learned how to use them effectively. Then they used PVA glue. They recognised they had to be careful because it's very runny. Finally, they used a stapler, this took a lot of strength! They did a great job and by the end of the term, they should have all the skills they need to make a puppet, which they're really excited about!

# Palm



Since the start of term 3 the children have been working so hard. They've been learning how to write a persuasive letter to save the Baboon on Moon and in maths they've been learning all about money. They also made some 'superhero' sculptures in art!





Sycamore Class has made a fantastic start to term 3, the children have been working hard. In English we are looking at the story of King Midas and learning how to write a newspaper report. In maths we have continued work on multiplication and division looking at place value charts, part-whole model and column a method. In history we have started learning about Ancient Greece and have focused on the timeline as well as some research about city states. In science our new topic is rocks, the children have enjoyed looking at rocks under magnifying glasses and thinking about how to group them.

# Cherry

# Willow



It's been a busy start to the new term, and hard to believe it's only been two weeks! The pupils of Cherry have returned from the Christmas break with an excellent attitude to their learning! In English, we have been working on a short narrative, with an emphasis on adjectives for description of setting and character, based on a young boy discovering a dragon in a cave and ending with the dragon escaping into the world above. This ending will lead into our next writing sequence, which will be a series of diary entries following the escape of the dragon. In Maths we have continued with our learning on multiplication and division, looking at factors and formal methods of multiplication. In Music this term we are working on learning a new song called 'Stop!', which is a rap about ending bullying, while our music appraisal is based on the genre of hip hop. In History we have started learning about the Vikings, which is an excellent follow up to our learning on Anglo-Saxons last term as they are both in England at the same time and so the children are able to inform their learning based on the leaning from last term. So far we have looked at where they came from and why they initiated raids on England. In RE this term we are looking at pilgrimage for Hindu's and have looked so far at their main beliefs and started work this week on the significance of their deities While in PE, we have started working on gymnastics, balances and dance.



Willow have made a great start to term 3, where they have continued their hardworking attitude that they finished term 2 with. In English we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter and will be writing a persuasive letter to Harry Kane asking him to help the school football team. In maths we are continuing our learning on fractions. Gymnastics is one of the sports we are focusing on this term and Coach James has been helping us learn about different types of balances and making a variety of shapes with our bodies.



# Aspen

Year 6 had fun at the beginning of term, finishing off their English sequence which was a set of instructions about 'How to Steal Christmas'. We have now started our new sequence of learning - writing an essay comparing 21st Century childhood to Victorian childhood.

Year 6 have enjoyed PE so far this term - gymnastics and dance. They have practised different movements and learnt about the different ways to travel.

In Maths, we have learnt about ratio - how to use the ratio symbol and how to simplify ratio. We have also looked at scale factors and used this learning to enlarge shapes by certain scale factors.



## Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



### Week Ending 20.12

#### Acorns Class

Finley for Independence, Henry for Respect  
& Mason for Perseverance

#### Oak Class

Cara for Perseverance  
Florence & Louie for Independence

#### Palm Class

Daisy & Nathan for Independence,  
Aubany for Respect

#### Sycamore Class

Freya for Respect, Theo H for Self Reflection  
& Sophie for Perseverance

#### Cherry Class

Nevaeh for Self Reflection, Charlotte for  
Respect & Constance for Independence

#### Willow Class

Maya for Perseverance, Katelyn for  
Independence & Emilia for Self Reflection

#### Aspen Class

Harry & Anais for Perseverance,  
Millie C for Respect

### Week Ending 10.01

#### Acorns Class

Cruze & Lyla for Respect, Harry for  
Independence

#### Oak Class

Harper for Self Reflection, Melissa for Respect &  
Kaspa for Independence

#### Palm Class

Carter & Jacob F for Self Reflection,  
Lennon for Independence

#### Sycamore Class

Darcy for Self Reflection, Devan for Respect  
& Tyler for Independence

#### Cherry Class

Amaia for Respect, Rosie for Independence  
& Keira for Self Reflection

#### Willow Class

Arabella & Samuel Yanis for Perseverance,  
Ted for Respect

#### Aspen Class

Jacob & Millie H for Independence  
& Jace for Perseverance

### Week Ending 17.01

#### Acorns Class

Adrik & Sophia for Perseverance, Anaya for  
Independence

#### Oak Class

Jorge & Jaxon for Respect,  
Leo for Independence

#### Palm Class

Rei & Seren for Perseverance,  
Arlo for Independence

#### Sycamore Class

Leo D for Respect,  
Henry & Felix for Perseverance

#### Cherry Class

Cruz & George for Respect,  
Samuel for Perseverance

#### Willow Class

Nihaal & Freddie for Independence,  
Joshua for Respect

#### Aspen Class

Mila & Kasey for Self Reflection, Lillie for  
Perseverance



**W/E 20.12**  
**Most Valuable Player**  
 1st Ronak of Aspen  
 2nd Khenyang of Sycamore  
 3rd Samuel Yanis of Willow

**W/E 20.12**  
**Winning Class**  
 1st Sycamore  
 2nd Willow  
 3rd Aspen

**W/E 10.01**  
**Most Valuable Player**  
 1st Samuel Yanis of Willow  
 2nd Sujaan of Cherry  
 3rd Khenyang of Sycamore

**W/E 10.01**  
**Winning Class**  
 1st Willow  
 2nd Cherry  
 3rd Sycamore

**W/E 17.01**  
**Most Valuable Player**  
 1st Charlie of Cherry  
 2nd Samuel Yanis of Willow  
 3rd Sujaan of Cherry

**W/E 17.01**  
**Winning Class**  
 1st Cherry  
 2nd Willow  
 3rd Sycamore



### Bronze Peg Up Points

**W/E 20.12**  
 William of Cherry

**W/E 17.01**  
 Bradley of Cherry

### Silver Peg Up Points

**W/E 20.12**  
 Annabelle of Sycamore, Seren,  
 Jacob F, Eliza, Carter & Adriana of  
 Palm, Summer of Willow, Freddie,  
 Molly & Theo of Aspen

**W/E 10.01**  
 Freya & Emilia of Sycamore

**W/E 17.01**  
 Daisy, Archie, Frank &  
 Louie of Palm



## Gold Mathletics

**W/E 20.12**  
 Theo H, Sophie, Annabelle, Ronnie, Bobby, Leo H,  
 Devan, Leo D, Khenyang & Tyler of Sycamore,  
 Otis, Edward, Arabella, Nihaal, Matilda, Esme,  
 Louie & Samuel L of Willow, Olivia & Seren of  
 Palm

**W/E 10.01**  
 Theo B, Raelie, Theo H, Sophie, Ronnie, Annabelle,  
 Felix, Leo H, Devan & Leo D of Sycamore  
 Edward, Nihaal, Samuel-Yanis & Samuel L of  
 Willow,  
 Henry, Nevaeh, George, Amaia & Saskia of Cherry  
 Jaxon, Olivia & Rei (x2) of Palm, Kayla & Clark of  
 Acorns

**W/E 17.01**  
 Theo B, Theo H, Bobby, Sophie, Ronnie, Felix &  
 Leo D of Sycamore, Samuel Yanis, Matilda & Louie  
 of Willow, Amaia, Henry, Saskia, Nevaeh, Jack L,  
 Harry & George of Cherry, Oliva & Jaxon of Palm



## Platinum Mathletics

**W/E 20.12**  
 Charlie of Cherry & Oscar of Palm

**W/E 10.01**  
 Khenyang & Tyler of Sycamore, Nihaal,  
 Otis & Edward of Willow, Charlie of  
 Cherry, Neda, Oscar & Seren of Palm

**W/E 17.01**  
 Leo D, Tyler & Khenyang of Sycamore,  
 Nihaal, Edward & Otis of Willow,  
 Charlie of Cherry, Oscar  
 & Neda of Palm

## Emerald Mathletics

**W/E 20.12**  
 Nathan of Palm

**W/E 10.01**  
 Nathan of Palm

**W/E 17.01**  
 Nathan of Palm

# WEEKLY MENU



LOOK OUT FOR OUR THEMED DAYS!

## WEEK ONE

- 4TH NOVEMBER
- 2ND DECEMBER
- 6TH JANUARY
- 3RD FEBRUARY
- 10TH MARCH

### MONDAY

Cheese & Bean Lasagne 1,3,4,7,9 V  
Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry 6 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers  
Rice Pudding & Syrup 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

### TUESDAY

Beef Stew & Dumpling 1  
Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Herby Bread 1,3,7,9, Green Beans, Carrots  
Apple Crumble 1 V G & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey & Gravy  
Falafel Burger 1,5 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice  
Cauliflower, Broccoli  
Fruit Jelly 6 V  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

### THURSDAY

Chicken Arrabiatta Pasta 1  
Biryani Balls in a Curry Sauce 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Chocolate & Vanilla Cake 1,7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

### FRIDAY

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Cheese & Tomato Puff 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9  
Ginger Biscuit 1,15 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots 6 V

## WEEK TWO

- 11TH NOVEMBER
- 9TH DECEMBER
- 13TH JANUARY
- 10TH FEBRUARY
- 17TH MARCH

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie 1  
Herby Tomato Pasta Twists 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas  
Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

Mild Chilli 4  
Pesto & Pea Penne 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rice, Seasonal Vegetables  
Toffee Apple Pudding 1 V G & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

Roast Chicken & Gravy  
Vegan Sausage Roll 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice  
Cabbage, Sweetcorn  
Chocolate Crispy Cake 1,3,7,14  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V  
Rice & Bean Burrito 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Baked Wedges, Green Beans, Cauliflower  
Fruit Loaf 1,3,7,9  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

Salmon Fish Cake 1,7,8  
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks  
Jaffa Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots 6 V

## WEEK THREE

- 18TH NOVEMBER
- 16TH DECEMBER
- 20TH JANUARY
- 24TH FEBRUARY
- 24TH MARCH

Katsu Chicken Nugget 1  
Cheesy Pasta Bake 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rice, Sweetcorn, Peppers  
Chocolate Whip 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

Cheese & Onion Pinwheel 1,7 V  
Spaghetti Vegetable Bolognese 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
New Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots  
Syrup Sponge 1 V G & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

Savoury Mince & Yorkshire Puddings 1,7,9  
Samosa Puff 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas  
Fruit Jelly 6 V  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles 1,3,16  
Potato & Vegetable Cake with Tomato Sauce 6 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Garlic Bread 1,3,7,9, Seasonal Vegetables  
Cinnamon Roll 1,3,7,9  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

Sausages 1,6  
Quorn Sausage 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Chips, Peas  
Baked Beans, Roasted Onions  
Apple Flapjack 1,15 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

## WEEK FOUR

- 25TH NOVEMBER
- 6TH JANUARY
- 27TH JANUARY
- 3RD MARCH
- 31ST MARCH

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 V  
Meatfree Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 6 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rainbow Pasta 1 V G, Sweetcorn, Peppers  
Strawberry Mousse 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

Chicken Curry  
Tomato Spaghetti 1 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rice, Seasonal Vegetables  
Banana Loaf 1 V G & Chocolate Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Fruit Pots 6 V

Roast Chicken & Gravy  
Chinese Tofu wrap 1,3,16 V G  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Rustic Roast Potatoes or Jollof Rice  
Green Beans, Carrots  
Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

Bolognese Penne Pasta 1  
Cheesy Cajun Wedges 4,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Cauliflower Broccoli  
Jam & Vanilla Cake 1 V G  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 V G  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots 6 V

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Bruschetta 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9  
Coconut Cookie 1,7  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots 6 V

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3,7,9. Some of our schools may use pre-prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and cerealia. Please discuss with your manager.

VG Vegan V Vegetarian  
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk  
8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeraiac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten



**EAT YOUR VEGGIES!**