



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025



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

Friday 28th March
FIRPS Mother's Day Shop
Details to Follow

Friday 4th April 2025
End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April
Term 5 Begins

Monday 5th May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

Tuesday 6th May
Dover Castle Trip
Year 4

Monday - Thursday
12th-15th May
(8am Breakfast)
SATs Week

Friday 23rd May
End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June
Term 6 Begins

Wednesday 4th June
Harry Potter World Trip
Year 3

NOURISH
2025 WINNER

WE'VE WON BIG AT THE 2025 CONTRACT CATERING AWARDS!

We are absolutely thrilled to share that Nourish has been recognised in a big way at the 2025 Contract Catering Awards!

A huge congratulations to our incredible founder, Azealia Ryan Murphy, for winning:

- SENIOR EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR
- EDUCATION AWARD

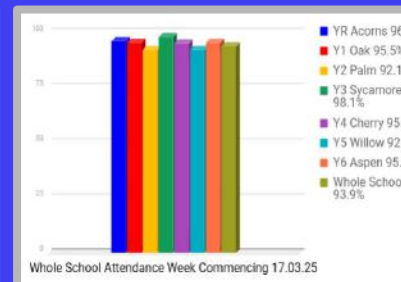
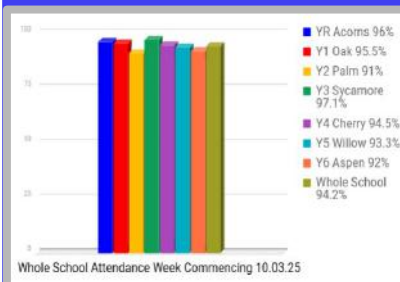
The ceremony celebrated 15 outstanding winners, honoring their dedication and hardwork in the industry. We are so proud to be part of this achievement and to see the sector's passion and leadership recognised at such a prestigious level.

This is a huge moment for Nourish, and we couldn't have done it without our amazing team. Here's to continued success!

Congratulations to our catering company Nourish for their recognition at this year's contract catering awards. Nourish Weekly Menu



Year R, 1 & 2 Mums look out for your special message in the Mother's Day supplement in next week's Kent Messenger



Guitar Tuition

Available in school on a 1-1 basis

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We would like to congratulate Mrs Neal who got married recently and is now Mrs Frost. We wish her and Mr Frost all the best for their future together.

Attendance Class Awards



W/C 10.03.25
KS1 - Acorns
KS2 - Sycamore



W/C 17.03.25
KS1 - Acorns
KS2 - Sycamore



Rocksteady Music



This week we had our Rocksteady concert to pupils, which was a great success. It was amazing to see the improvements the children have made since the last concert. The rest of the school thoroughly enjoyed watching the performances and the parents of those children who are taking part in Rocksteady Music lessons are in for a real treat when they watch the performance next Monday. Due to the concert on Monday, this will take the place of the usual Rocksteady Music lessons, and so all pupils will need to come into school at the normal start time for the school day. Parents of those children who take these lessons will be able to take their seats from 9:15am, with the concert due to begin at 9:30am.



Science - STEM Week

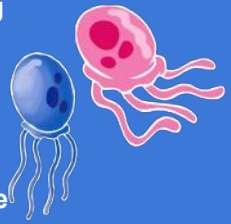


Year 6 looked at seed dispersal and buddied up with Reception children when planting new trees on the top field. Reception explored the adaptations of sea creatures taking part in sea yoga and the making of a jellyfish or a crab



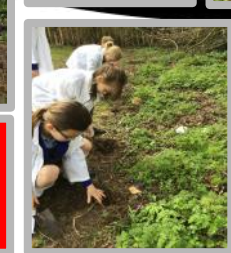
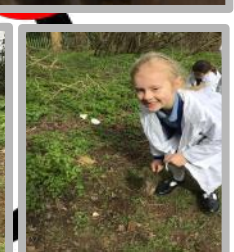
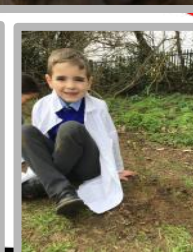
Science - STEM Week

Year 1 also took part in making jellyfish and crabs whilst exploring the adaptations of sea creatures. The class also enjoyed planting new trees around the school to support new growth and changes in the environment.





Science - STEM Week



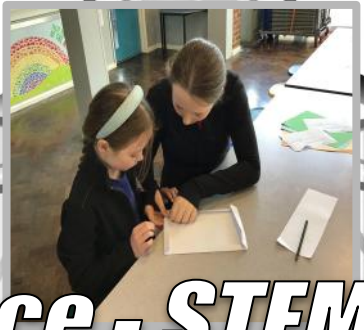
Year 2 and 3 enjoyed a workshop together where they explored the adaptations of a caterpillar. Each one of them made a caterpillar that could change into a butterfly. Palm and Sycamore planted some trees around the school site in the hope they will entice more wildlife to the school's grounds.



Science - STEM Week



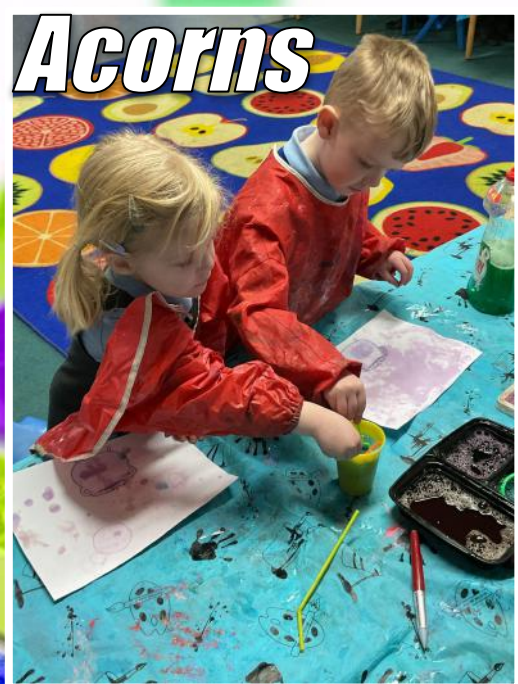
Year 4 had a great time learning all about the history and engineering of the discus. The class made three different types of discus before testing each one for distance. Each group then chose their best and went head to head in a class competition. The winning group travelled over 50 metres. Well done everyone.



Science - STEM Week



Year 5 had a lot of fun using their engineering skills to make a paper boat that could hold the most weight. This tested their perseverance skills. The groups made adaptations and changes (this year's Science week theme) and tested them again. Some were a complete success and others unfortunately sank. The class learnt that trial and error is all part of being a great engineer.



The children have been having great fun reading books by Julia Donaldson this term. They have acted out the stories, made potions dressed as witches and created bubble painting with their cauldrons. Their writing has been phenomenal! Well done Acorns.

the log 1+1=2
 the log 2+2=4
 the log 3+3=6
 the log 4+4=8
 the log 0+1



Acorns



During PE, we have been practising jumping and landing correctly using our arms as a balance.



During Maths this week, we have been looking at different ways of making and showing numbers up to 10. The children have been fantastic with their number bonds and have really enjoyed extending themselves.

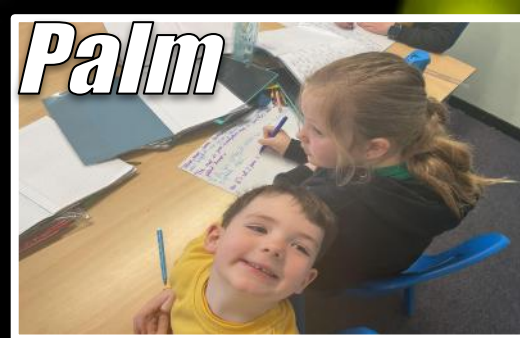




For computing, Oak Class are learning about programming with Bee-Bots, mastering instructions and teamwork! Last week, they planned routes and took turns controlling and acting as the bee-bots. They learnt sequences and problem-solving, while having fun!

In Maths, Oak Class are learning about mass and identifying lighter and heavier objects. They've really enjoyed using scales to determine the mass of objects and quickly moved onto using cubes to measure their mass! They've been predicting and observing the effects of adding or removing cubes and have confidently discussed their findings with each other.

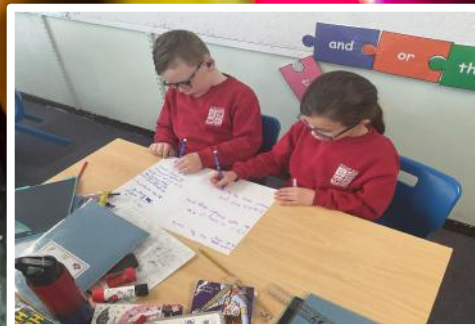




Palm



Palm class has continued to work exceptionally hard! They really enjoyed taking part in STEM week and making their wonderful caterpillars. They've also been working really hard in English, learning how to write a narrative. They've used lots of team work during these lessons and have supported each other well.



Sycamore



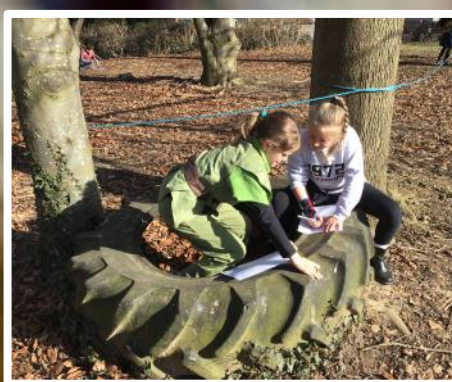
Year 3 have had a great couple of weeks. In English they have finished describing the chocolate factory using powerful descriptive phrases. In maths we finished our first unit on fractions and have just moved onto mass and capacity. In history we continue to find out about the Romans. In science we investigated reflection using mirrors and discovered that images and actions in mirrors are reversed and that a reflection can reflect on itself back and forth. The class were super excited to start swimming lessons and have made a magnificent start to their swimming journey.



Cherry

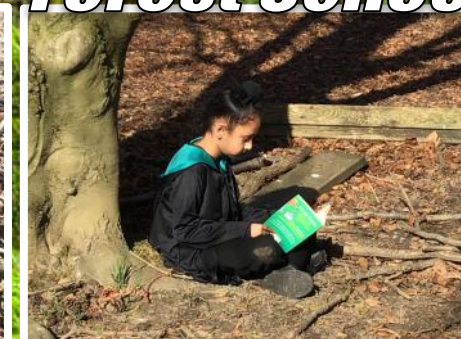
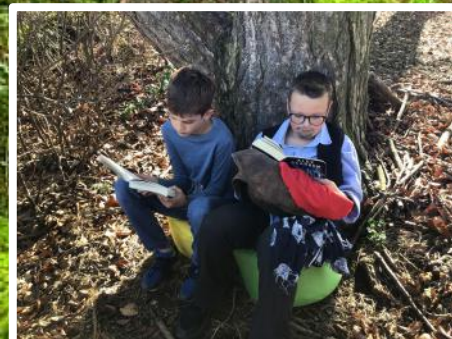


It's been another busy time in Cherry. In English we are now coming to the end of our writing sequence for a newspaper report, and the children have really enjoyed the subject matter of a giant monster attacking New York City! In guided reading we are coming to the end of our novel, and again the children have really enjoyed How to Train your Dragon, it has been really nice for the children to read the complete novel in class. In maths we have come to the end of our work on fractions and next we will be moving onto decimals. In science we have looked at food chains and food webs this week, something that was also mentioned on our school trip to Tyland Barn this week, which was an excellent day out! In RE we have been looking at which sites Buddhists visit on pilgrimage, while in music we have continued learning Lean on Me. Hard to believe that we're almost at the end of Term 4.





Forest School - Cherry Class

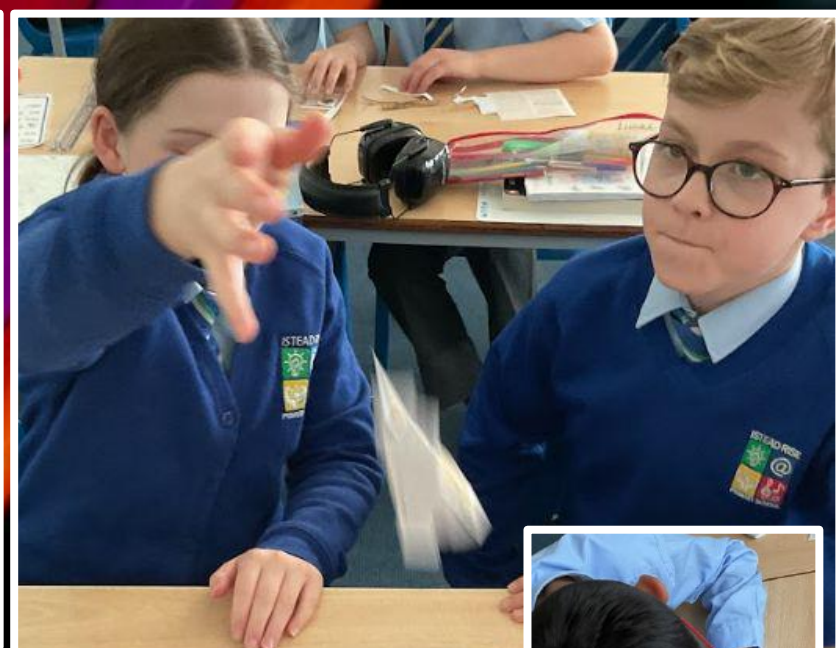


Year 4 has really enjoyed Forest School so far this term. Our topic is Land Base Management. As we celebrated World Book Day on our Forest School day, we decided to take our reading books outside to find somewhere quiet to read them. The hammock was a very popular place to read.

Last week, we entered the main Forest School site. Cherry took part in many activities including: planting of trees - part of our STEM workshops; climbing; 'baking' mud pies and making bird feeders. It has been a great start to the term. Look out for photos from our Nature Reserve visit to Tyland Barn in the next issue of the newsletter.

Mrs T Clark.





In Year 5 we have continued our focus on the Ancient Egyptians. In English we have completed our scientific report all about mummification and will be moving on to writing a recount about the journey to the afterlife. This week we have spent some time looking at a range of Ancient Egyptian artefacts, learning how to write using hieroglyphics and challenging each other to a game of senet, which became very competitive for some of the children. We also took a look at some significant places in Egypt such as the Great Pyramid of Giza, The Valley of the Kings, the Great Sphinx and the Ancient City of Thebes.



Aspen



Year 6 has been busy as always! We have been completing lots of revision for Maths recently - recapping fractions, angles, area and perimeter. We have also been working hard during reading - checking to make sure we understand what the question is asking us to do and how to answer longer questions. I have been so impressed with Year 6's perseverance and positive attitude towards their revision. Well done Year 6!



What a fantastic day Year 6 have had during our WW2 workshop!



Quiz time!





Becoming bomb disposal experts!





Tennis Together



FREE TENNIS OPEN DAY

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Tennis Together



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- 11-11.30AM- FAMILY TIME (PARENT & CHILD)
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Friday, 11 April 2025
10AM - 2PM

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**fun, friendship, challenge,
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Thursdays during term time

At Longfield Hill Community Hall

From 5pm - 6pm

Please bring along an adult so they can find out what Beavers is all about too! We are always happy to welcome new adults into our group.

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Any questions? Get in touch with Christine (Group Lead Volunteer):
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Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 14.03

**Khenyang, Emilia & Ashiya
of Sycamore**

W/E 21.03

Louie & Archie of Palm

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 14.03

**Darcey & Alf of Cherry, Theo
B, Ronnie, Mary Kate & Felix
of Sycamore**

Platinum Peg Up Points

W/E 14.03

**Benjamin, Elena, Lennon &
Olivia of Palm**

W/E 21.03

**Rei, Milan, Jacob T, Frank &
Aubany of Palm**



W/E 14.03

**Most Valuable Player
1st Ronak of Aspen
2nd Molly of Aspen
3rd Tyler of Sycamore**

W/E 14.03

**Winning Class
1st Willow
2nd Aspen
3rd Sycamore**

W/E 21.03

**Most Valuable Player
1st Tyler of Sycamore
2nd Leo of Sycamore
3rd Rajan of Willow**

W/E 21.03

**Winning Class
1st Sycamore
2nd Willow
3rd Aspen**



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 14.03

Acorns Class

**George B & Henry for Independence, Sophia for Respect
& Tyrell for Self Reflection**

Oak Class

**Rosie for Independence, Amari for Self Reflection
& Ava for Perseverance**

Palm Class

**Milan for Respect, Jaxon & Aubany for Self Reflection
Sycamore Class**

**Freya & Khenyang for Perseverance, Emilia for Self Reflection
Cherry Class**

**Darcey, Nevaeh & Harry for Perseverance
Willow Class**

**Summer for Perseverance, Matilda for Independence
& Arabella for Self Reflection**

Aspen Class

Lucas for Respect, Millie H & Jace for Self Reflection

Week Ending 21.03

Acorns Class

Harry & Leyla for Self Reflection, Billy for Perseverance

Oak Class

Louie & Lillie for Self Reflection, Willow H for Perseverance

Palm Class

**Adriana & Daisy for Self Reflection, Ava Perseverance
Sycamore Class**

**Ronnie for Perseverance, Henry for Respect
& Aria for Self Reflection**

Cherry Class

Whole Class for Respect

Willow Class

**Maya & Oliver M for Respect, Katelyn for Perseverance
Aspen Class**

Whole Class Perseverance



W/E 14.03

Evelyn of Cherry, Ashiya, Zachary & Raelie of Sycamore, Lennon of Palm & Mila of Aspen

W/E 21.03

Freya, Ashiya, Aria, Henry & Raelie of Sycamore, Teddy of Cherry, Charlie, Eliza & Lennon of Palm, Tris & Harry of Acorns

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 14.03

Louie, Matilda, Samuel L & Arabella of Willow, Kasey, Millie H, Harry & Blake of Aspen, George & Saskia of Cherry, Annabelle, Bobby & Sophie of Sycamore, Seren of Palm, Kayla of Acorns

W/E 21.03

Annabelle & Devan of Sycamore, Samuel L of Willow, Nevaeh, Harry & Saskia of Cherry, Ellie & Rei of Palm

Emerald Mathletics

W/E 14.03

Otis, Nihaal, Edward & Samuel Yanis of Willow, Jace, Harvey, Scarlett, Ronak, Tess, Thomas & Molloy of Aspen, Henry, of Cherry, Leo D, Ronnie, Felix & Leo H of Sycamore, Jaxon, Olivia & Oscar of Palm, Clark of Acorns

W/E 21.03

Sophie, Leo D, Ronnie, Felix & Leo H of Sycamore, Edward, Samuel Yanis, Louie & Matilda of Willow, Henry, Jack L & George of Cherry, Jaxon, Olivia & Oscar of Palm, Kayla & Clark of Acorns

Diamond Mathletics

W/E 14.03

Tyler & Khenyang of Sycamore

W/E 21.03

Tyler & Khenyang of Sycamore, Nihaal of Willow, Neda of Palm

WELL DONE**Epic Mathletics**

W/E 14.03

Nathan of Palm

W/E 21.03

Nathan of Palm

HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12

**MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE
EASTER HOLIDAY TIMETABLE****WEEK ONE:**

MONDAY 7TH APRIL	TUESDAY 8TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL	THURSDAY 10TH APRIL	FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
JEWELLERY MAKING	NERF WARS	PLAYDOUGH MAKING	CREEPY CLAWS	SWEET TREAT DECORATING
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HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12

**MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE
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MONDAY 14TH APRIL	TUESDAY 15TH APRIL	WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL	THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
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