



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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Friday 2nd February
Number Day &
Parent Drop-Ins
Years 1 - 6

Thursday 8th February
Year 1 Trip
Chatham Dockyard

Friday 9th February
End of Term 3

Monday 19th February
Term 4 Begins

Friday 1st March
Year R
Hearing & Vision Tests

Thursday 7th March
Parent drop-ins
Years 1 - 6

Dear families of Istead Rise,

We have had another busy fortnight of fun and learning at our school. The work that pupils produce is always completed to a high standard, whether it is artwork, science investigations or completing tricky maths challenges.

Well done to Year 4 who are working extremely hard with learning their times tables facts, we wish them the best of luck in the Emile MTC World Cup Final next week.

We hope to see some of you at our next parent drop-in (Friday 2nd February) so pupils can directly share their amazing work with you.

Wishing you all a good weekend,
Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher



Nourish
contract catering

School Lunch
Menu



Please see the
attached letter re.
our UK Parliament
assembly for
Years 3 - 6
UK Parliament
Assembly KS2



We are delighted to be
supporting the NSPCC by
taking part in Number Day on
Friday 2nd February 2024.
For further details please use
this link- [NSPCC Number Day](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/number-day)



WOW! What an impressive number of pupils we have had reaching Gold and higher on **Mathletics**! Due to the changes in certificates now a much higher number of certificates is available, so to help you with finding additional space on your fridges and walls, presented certificates will be A4 going forward. There will be no other changes to them... just the size. Keep getting those points and heading towards the title of 'Legend'.

Mathletics



Attendance Class Awards



W/C 15.01.24

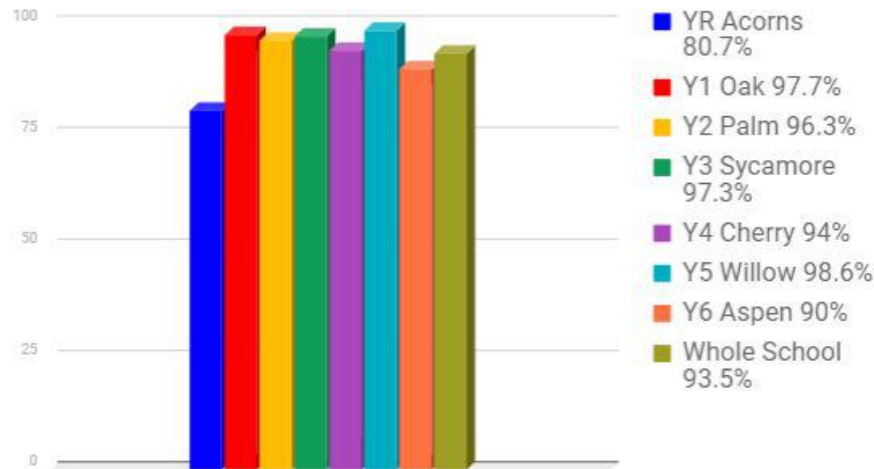
KS1 - Oak KS2 Willow

W/C 22.01.24

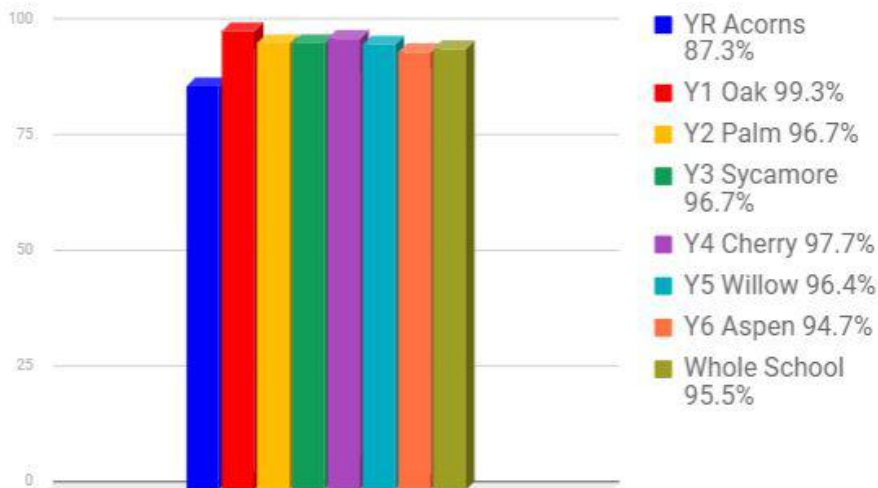
KS1 - Oak KS2 Cherry

We hope your child enjoyed receiving their attendance prize for last term at the attendance shop. Being in school everyday will support your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development.

Working together to improve punctuality and attendance



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 15.01.24



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 22.01.24



W/E 19.01
Winning Class
 1st Cherry
 2nd Willow
 3rd Aspen

W/E 19.01
Most Valuable Player
 1st Martin of Cherry
 2nd Cerys of Aspen
 3rd Mia of Aspen

W/E 26.01
Winning Class
 1st Willow
 2nd Aspen
 3rd Cherry

W/E 26.01
Most Valuable Player
 1st Ronak of Cherry
 2nd Cerys of Aspen
 3rd Charlie of Sycamore

***Congratulations
 for all your
 hard work!***

SEND & Inclusion











We are looking forward to supporting Children's Mental Health week.

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from the 5th to 11th February 2024, with the theme of My Voice Matters. It was set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

On **Friday 9th February 2024**, we would like children to take part in a fun **dress-up day** to celebrate what makes them unique. Children can dress-up however they choose to express themselves; their favourite party outfit, their favourite football kit, their clothes from their favourite hobby, get artistic and creative with an outfit, or it could be just as, "themselves" - however they feel most comfortable. Please **donate £1 to "Children's Mental Health Week"** through your ParentPay account

Upcoming Events

-  Autistic Girls at Tymberwood Primary Academy on 25/01/2024
-  Lego Club at St Botolphs Church Hall on 26/01/2024
-  Youth Club at Future Survival on 03/02/2024
-  Girls Group at Dartford YMCA Café on 22/02/2024
-  Lego Club Dartford at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 29/02/2024
-  Youth Club at Future Survival on 02/03/2024
-  Girls Group at Dartford YMCA Café on 14/03/2024
-  Lego Club Dartford at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 21/03/2024



The Smile Centre at Ifield School offer parent workshops to help with various needs. [Click this link to book.](#)



COMING UP!

BASICS FOR BEHAVIOUR Date: 22nd February 2024 Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

ANXIETY AND AUTISM Date: Tuesday 19th March 2024 Time: 09.30am to 12.30pm

AUTISTIC GIRLS – exploring difference: Wednesday 15th May 2024
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Mainstream Core Standards Guide for parents



Take a
look...

ARE YOU THE PARENT/CARER OF AN AUTISTIC/ADHD CHILD?

IF SO, THEN WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOU TO
JOIN OUR NEW WEEKLY, IN PERSON PARENT
SUPPORT GROUP.



Meeting weekly (term-time) at:
The Howard Venue Hextable BR8 7LG
Mondays 10 am- 11.45 am.
Diagnosis not required
Children under school age are welcome
to accompany parent.

For More Information on this meeting or our
other services, scan the QR code or email
Kertrina
contact@autismadhdparentsupport.co.uk

SCAN ME



IASK give free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for children, young people up to age 25, parents and carers. They are offering video and face-to-face information and drop-in sessions for parents and carers.

Face-to-face: Thursday 1st February from 12pm-2pm at Northfleet Youth Centre

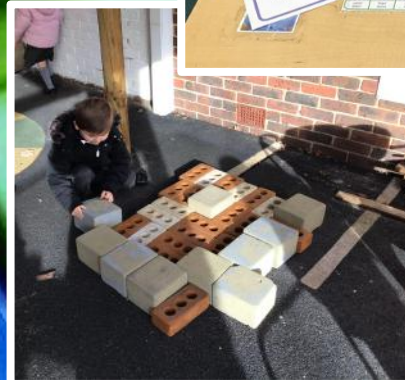
Video appointments for parents in the Dartford, Gravesham and Sevenoaks districts.
Bookable 30 minute slots available between 12pm-2pm on Monday 26th February.
To book, please call **03000 41 3000** or email iask@kent.gov.uk

Acorns



Our Topic: People who help us

Within this topic, we have been finding out about Florence Nightingale. There are so many interesting facts we have learnt about the history of hospitals and the changes Florence Nightingale made, which are still relevant today. We were inspired to get creative and paint a portrait of her. The children did a fantastic job!



We have really enjoyed our outside provision this week, exploring the different areas.

Maths

In Maths we have been learning about mass. We have been making predictions on different objects - which one will be heavier and which one will be lighter. We then tested our predictions using the scales.

Acorns



Topic: People who help us

This week we have been learning about the fire service. We have learnt about the protective clothes they wear, the fire engines they use, the people they help and the jobs they do when they are not on call. We have had so much fun role-playing putting out fires, saving cats from trees and rescuing people from cars.



Past and Present

We have been making comparisons between fire engines in the past and the fire engines we have today. The children were able to recognise that in the past there were no sirens, the wheels were bigger; they didn't have seats or a seatbelt.

Palm



In art Palm have been developing their clay making skills... Here they are making a clay base then using the score and slip method adding to it! Ronnie said "I'm making an octopus for my mum because it's her favourite animal"

Palm class have started multiplication and division in maths. They love working in pairs and using cubes to help them wizz through the questions!





We have been having a very creative week in Oak Class. In Art, we are making a large scale version of *Louise Bourgeois 'Maman' sculpture (1999)*. It will be quite scary when it is finished!

We have been spending time looking at how paper is folded to make different textures and have designed our own version of the 'Tree of Life'



During PSHE, the children were learning to work collaboratively with each other and follow instructions to make a table out of bricks.



Sycamore



Sycamore class continue to be inquisitive and curious and look forward to finding out interesting information about the body in science. We designed and tested protective structures and looked at how muscles in our arms work.

In English we just finished writing newspaper reports about King Midas. The children worked really hard on acquiring new skills of how to report using direct speech. We have just started a new sequence of learning about Mary Anning. In maths we have started a new unit of work on length and perimeter and the children are learning how to measure in mm, cm and m.

We spent some of our winnings from the FIRPS 'Loose change challenge' on Krispy Kreme doughnuts this week and we all thoroughly enjoyed our treat.

Cherry

We have now completed our narrative writing sequence and have moved on to writing a newspaper report, beginning this week with the features and sophisticated vocabulary required. In maths we have been working on division, beginning with dividing 2-digit numbers and moving into 3-digit numbers. We have also taken part in our league for this term's Emile Education MTC World Cup - which has brought out Year 4's competitive streak and has also demonstrated to them the speed, confidence and understanding of their times tables compared to the start of the year. Should we qualify from our league, then the National Final will take place next week. Fingers crossed! In Science we have looked at the role of bones in protecting our internal organs and also how they work in conjunction with our muscles. In music we have continued to learn and sing our 'Stop!' rap against bullying, while in RE we have looked at Hindu pilgrimages. We'll keep you up to date on our progress with the MTC World Cup!



Aspen

Year 6 have been busy in English over the past few weeks. We have now finished our essays which were fantastic pieces of writing. The children worked hard to make clear points and back these up with evidence throughout different paragraphs. Well done, Year 6! We have now started to write a description in which we will be using figurative language, a range of fronted adverbials (sentence starters) and adding in some dialogue too.

In Maths, we have been busy working on ratio, as well as our daily arithmetic practice.

Meopham Leisure Centre February Half Term Holiday Club



MONDAY 12TH FEB	TUESDAY 13TH FEB	WEDNESDAY 14TH FEB	THURSDAY 15TH FEB	FRIDAY 16TH FEB	AGE 5+ £25 FULL DAY £15 HALF DAY
Karate	Zumba	Card Making Valentines Day!	Nerf Games	Playdough Making	
Giant Inflatables Sports & Games	Giant Inflatables Arts & Crafts	Giant Inflatables Sports & Games	Giant Inflatables Arts & Crafts	Giant Inflatables Sports & Games	
Arts & Crafts Painting	Cooking Pancake Day!	Go Karting	Trampolining	End of Half Term Disco	

To Book call us on 01474 814199

From ages 5 - 12. Full day sessions are 08:00 - 17:00 and half day sessions are from 08:00 - 13:00 or 12:00 - 17:00

For more information visit our website www.meophamleisure.org or call us on 01474 814199

Willow



We have started an 'Installation and Sculpture' unit in art this term. Using a cardboard box, glitter, paint and glue, the children made their own 'miniature rooms'. When we put the Lego characters inside and took photos it made it look like a real space! The lesson allowed the children to use space and scale in an interesting way.

We also went to the Science Museum last week and the children had a wonderful time exploring the exhibits.



Gold Mathletics

W/E 19.01

Charlie, Millie H, Tess, Molly x 2,
Harvey & Lillie of Willow, Lily, Oliver,
Mia & Nathan of Aspen, George,
Saskia, Charlie, Teddy, Sujaan & Henry
of Sycamore, Sophia & Seren of Oak,
Leo D, Leo H, Ronnie & Felix of Palm,
Oliver & Jaxon of Acorns, Edward,
Martin, Cooper M, Delphine, Esme &
Otis of Cherry

W/E 26/01

George, Teddy, Sujaan &
Henry of Sycamore, Harry &
Ronak of Willow, Edward,
Oliver M, Samuel L, Delphine
& Esme of Cherry, Lily, Oliver,
Mia & Nathan of Aspen,
Sophia, Jacob F & Ava of Oak,
Oliver of Acorns, Leo H,
Ronnie & Felix of Palm

Platinum Mathletics

W/E 19.01

Thomas, Scarlett, Jace,
Charlie, Millie H & Tess of
Willow, Harry of Sycamore,
Nathan & Neda of Oak, Tyler
of Palm, Katelyn,
Samuel-Yanis, Matilda, Lucas
& Nihaal of Cherry

W/E 26.01

Saskia, Harry & Charlie of
Sycamore, Charlie, Millie H, Scarlett,
Thomas, Jace, Tess, Molly & Harvey
of Willow, Katelyn, Lucas, Matilda &
Nihaal of Cherry, Nathan & Neda of
Oak, Abel & Jaxon of Acorns, Leo D
& Tyler of Palm

Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 19.01

David of Willow

W/E 26.01

Jack R of Sycamore

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 19.01

Anais, Brody, Jace, Millie C,
Grace, Charlie, Tess, Molly,
Finn, Lillie, Millie H, Scarlett,
Lyra, Poppy, Ronak, Blake,
Theo, Harvey, Carter, Mila,
Tommy, Thomas & Alfie of
Willow, Sujaan, Stanley &
Evelyn of Sycamore,
Elvie-Rose of Cherry

W/E 26.01

Lucas, Jacob, Kasey, Harry &
David of Willow, Margaret,
Charlie & Alicia of Sycamore



Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 26.01

Matilda & Nihaal of Cherry

Congratulations
for all your
hard work!



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 19.01

Acorns Class

Amari for Independence & Jorge for Self Reflection
Oak Class

Ellie for Respect, Jacob T for Independence & Eliza for Self Reflection
Palm Class

Devan for Perseverance & Henry for Independence
Sycamore Class

Charlie & Charlotte for Independence, Alf for Respect
Cherry Class

Abril & Edward for Respect, Arabella for Independence
Willow Class

Molly for Respect, Charlie for Independence & Tommy for Perseverance
Aspen Class

Charlie C for Perseverance, Ollie & Lily for Perseverance

Week Ending 26.01

Acorns Class

Kaspa for Independence & Rosie for Perseverance
Oak Class

Seren & Carter for Independence, Sybil Rose for Perseverance
Palm Class

Ronnie & Chace for Independence, Mary Kate for Perseverance
Sycamore Class

Jack L for Respect, Keira for Perseverance & Teddy for Independence
Cherry

Emilia & Elvie Rose for Independence, Maya for Respect
Willow Class

Jacob for Independence, Poppy & Lyra for Self Reflection
Aspen Class

George & Archie for Perseverance, Oliver for Self Reflection

