



Headteacher's Blog

6TH MAY 2025

Round up of last week...

It definitely felt like the the start of the summer term last week with so much sunshine and lots of outdoor learning and playing.

The summer curriculum got underway with all of our KS1 and KS2 children beginning their new Geography units with some fieldwork. For KS1, ahead of diving into a study of The United Kingdom - our island home, the children took some time to learn how to use geographical vocabulary to guide others on a route. The children started by using compass directions to move their partner around a grid, before moving on to using a compass and a map to plan a route around the school. You can see our KS1 learners in action on pg 2.

Our LKS2 Geographers will be looking beyond the United Kingdom as they take a closer look at the continent of Europe, but first, they have taken some time to learn the difference between weather and climate. The children have measured the weather over the course of the week with a focus on the temperature (what a week to do that!) and cloud cover.

Over in UKS2, South America will be the focus of the Geographical study, but ahead of this, in fieldwork, children are learning the differences between commercial, residential and recreational land use. This involved taking a walk around the local area and identifying the different buildings on a basic sketch map before returning to create their own sketch maps including their findings as well as showing ordnance survey symbols.

In our assemblies last week, the children found out about VE day and why our country will be marking the 80th anniversary of this event in the week to come. The children had a great sing along with Vera to We'll Meet Again

What's on this week...

Please can we encourage children to bring in their family pictures, photos or writing about family members / friends who played a part in WW2. We look forward to sharing these together in assemblies next week.

It's Chestnut Class family lunch on Wednesday, please book your place by 3pm on Monday. We look forward to seeing you for roast dinner at 11.45. Please come to the main entrance.

It's Sycamore Class assembly on Thursday afternoon. Our Sycamores look forward to welcoming their family and friends at 14.30. Please come to the main entrance.

You never quite know what you're going to get weather-wise in May but please can children come prepared for all eventualities with a shower proof coat, sunhat and sunscreen. Particularly for our younger children, it's helpful if they have sunscreen applied in the morning before school. That way, they won't need to reapply until lunchtime. Lots of children missed their morning play last week because it took so long to get their cream applied! Waterbottles are also a must in this warmer weather.

With regard to uniform, please can I remind everyone that school shoes should be leather / leather look. Sports trainers are not permitted unless it is a PE day.





A huge well done to...

*Isaac Guthrie, Phoenix Dundas, Emmie Gattens,
Florence Jones, Isabella Inglis, Henry Frost, Frankie
Turnbull, Tom Rose, Henry Knox, Katy Hutchins, Liam
De Villiers, Henry Hudson, Alex Jepson.*

We are very proud of you all!

**Skilled and very much enjoyed KSI field
work in action...**



**As well as being a great week for some
Geography fieldwork, the good weather
was perfect for some outdoor DT as
LKS2 began making their birdboxes.
Just take a look at all of the skills on
display...**



HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

We'll continue listening to the music that would have been the sound track to the very first VE day. Here's Blue Birds Over The White Cliffs of Dover.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNMW9wdorZA>

