

### Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the first newsletter of 2024, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year! All children have started new topics. You will have received a year group leaflet explaining the topics we are covering over the first half of the Spring Term and any help that you can give from home is always very welcome. Thank you to those parents who helped with creative projects over the holidays which have helped to make fantastic classroom displays.

From Monday 29th January until Friday 2nd February we will be undertaking Work and Enterprise Week where children will be finding out all sorts of things about the world of work. Some year groups will be finding out what it is like to work in the community as a doctor or a fire fighter, while others will be thinking about how people can realise their ambitions. Children will be encouraged to think about what they are good at and what they might like to do as a job when they are older. All classes will go on a visit to a place of work or have a visitor from someone who works in the community.

Work and Enterprise Week forms part of our personal, social and health curriculum which encompasses life skills and ways to be safe, healthy and happy. If you are interested in knowing more about our curriculum themes, there is more information, including a full topic map of the year on our website. We are also running a series of drop in sessions for parents which are listed on the back of this newsletter. All parents are invited to come in and learn more about how we teach and what children learn whilst in school.

The world around us has changed very quickly and whilst new technologies offer so many opportunities and exciting new knowledge and ways of communicating than ever before they also hold risks, particularly to children. We work hard to ensure that children understand how to stay safe while using the internet, whether through a computer, telephone or game, and the risks of sending images or being in contact with people they do not know online. You can also help to protect them from putting themselves at risk by monitoring their use of online technologies and restricting access to social media. There are many places to seek further advice and information on the ever changing world of online technologies and the risks to young people. A particularly useful source of information which contains information as well as activities for parents and children of all ages is [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

School Streets is the Council's pioneering programme to transform roads outside schools so that pedestrians and cyclists are prioritised at school start and finish times. The schemes tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school. Pedestrian and cycle zone signs are placed at the entry/exit points of each School Street zone. Additional enforcement methods exist on a case by case basis. This may include the use of physical barriers and/or automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras that issue penalty notices. We encourage all families to walk, scoot or bike to school. There are designated scooter and bike racks in our playgrounds but please ensure you use an appropriate lock to secure anything left on the school site during the day.

Thank you for all of your support.

**Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher**

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### Reminders

#### Reading Development

Reading allows learners to develop their cognitive abilities, grow their knowledge and enrich their vocabulary. 15 minutes of daily reading can make people feel 69% more accomplished, 55% more relaxed and 33% happier!



#### School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



### Exploring Medical Careers

EYFS have been exploring their new topic of 'People who help us'. They have enjoyed role playing as doctors and nurses in the baby clinic using a range of medical equipment such as a stethoscope to listen to the babies heartbeat! They have been working together to make sure that the babies are healthy by giving them medicine.



### Studying How Plants Grow

This term, Year 2 have been learning about plants. This week they carried out their own investigation to find out if sunlight affects how well seeds develop into plants. The children made predictions on which plant pots will germinate the quickest and why they think this. They will present their findings when the plants sprout.



### Crafting Weather Weaves

Year 3 unleashed their creativity by crafting unique 'weather weaves'. The children created their own seasonal design, painted their backgrounds and then used different shades of wool to weave a gradient of colour. They enjoyed learning the skill of weaving, practising their 'over and under' technique and supporting each other.



## School Garden Maintenance

The Head Gardeners visited the school garden to see what resources are available. They discussed what they wanted to achieve this year, and came up with some plants, fruits and vegetables that they would like to grow. They also thought about how people make use of indoor spaces to grow small plants and herbs.



## 'Viridis Velo' Cycling Champions

Sporting their new 'Viridis Velo' cycling jerseys, our Cycling Champions came top of the teams overall at the third competitive YHPSCLEvent of this academic year. Four of our racers won medals as follows: Jayden Hurtado - Gold, Janai Bartlett - Silver, Mia Suarez-Swindells - Silver, and Leon Abdulrahman, bronze.



## Key Dates

### SPRING TERM 1 (2024)

**Year 6 Maple Class Assembly - New Hall**  
Thursday 25th January 2024 at 11:00am

**Year 4 Hawthorn Class Assembly - New Hall**  
Thursday 25th January 2024 at 9:05am

**Year 2 Willow Class Assembly - New Hall**  
Thursday 25th January 2024 at 10:30am

**Work & Enterprise Week**  
Week beginning Monday 29th January 2024

**Enterprise Fayre - Playground**  
Thursday 1st February 2024 at 3:30pm

**Children's Mental Health Week**  
Week beginning Monday 5th February 2024

**Safer Internet Day**  
Tuesday 6th February 2024

**Year 6 Chestnut Class Assembly - New Hall**  
Thursday 8th February 2024 at 11:00am

**Year 4 Hazel Class Assembly - New Hall**  
Thursday 8th February 2024 at 9:05am

**Year 2 Rowan Class Assembly - New Hall**  
Thursday 8th February 2024 at 10:30am

**Last Day of Term (School finishes at 3:30pm)**  
Friday 9th February 2024

**Half Term Holiday**  
Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

**Children Return to School**  
Monday 19th February 2024 at 8:55am

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 26th January	<u>Writing</u> : How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 2nd February	<u>Children's Mental Health Week</u> : How can I support my child's wellbeing through developing positive connections?
Friday 9th February	<u>Online safety</u> : How can I support my child to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively? (Safer Internet Day Parent Workshop)
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 25th January	<u>Speech and Language</u> : How can I use stories to support my child's language?

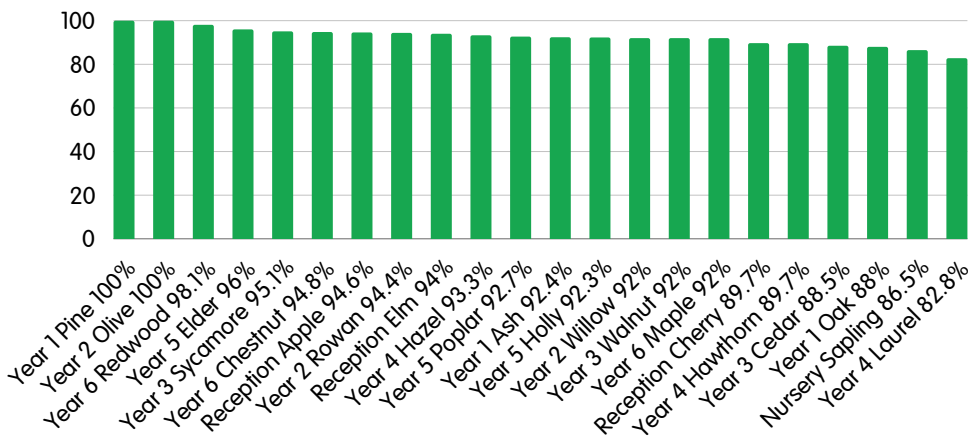
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.7%.

Well done to Year 1 Pine and Year 2 Olive class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



## Join Our Bike Bus

Pedal power to the max! Be part of our fantastic 'Bike Bus' group for a fun 20 minute group ride to school every Tuesday morning. Meet us at the Frampton Park Estate baptist church at 8:30am, or hop on along the route. For more details, email [darren@like2bike.uk](mailto:darren@like2bike.uk).



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