

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from the Headteacher

Happy New Year to all our parents, carers, and families! I hope that you all had a good break over the Christmas holidays, and although it might already seem like a distant memory, I trust that it gave some much needed time to rest and spend time with friends and family. December is always such a busy month, and there seems to be something refreshing about January which appears much quieter and less hectic! On behalf of the staff, thank you for all the cards and gifts they received at the end of term; these are always a lovely gesture of your thanks and appreciation.

Our new term has begun superbly, and the children have settled wonderfully back into their routines and learning over the last week or so. One of the great things at the start of the term is being able to see the children getting a buzz from their new topics and themes this term, and all the excitement and potential learning that brings. You cannot help but notice in Reception every time I visit that there are castles, knights, dragons, and all sorts of other 'Turrets and Tiara' themed activities. Year Five this week had their immersive learning afternoon with a (very life-like) Egyptian mummy and tomb, carefully created by the Year Five Team! Year Two also welcomed one of our parents to talk about their job within healthcare, as part of their theme, 'Fit for Life'. The staff have really tried to capture the interests of the children when planning these themes, and so please do ask your child about theirs if they haven't already mentioned.

Have a great weekend, and please take care with the roads and paths with the weather.

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Teijash	Thea	-
Hazel (YR)	Sahara	Saanvika	-
Willow (YR)	Samuel	Aarav	-
Beech (Y1)	Sherwin	Caleb	Thomas
Elm (Y1)	Brianna	Sidvik	Grace
Lime (Y1)	Eloise	Harley	Ruben
Oak (Y2)	Malavika	Eva	Kendrick
Plane (Y2)	Adam	Alexandra	Zachary
Alder (Y3)	Katie	Tallulah	Riyon
Cedar (Y3)	Prahathi	Sianna	Alfie
Ash (Y4)	Kira	Robin	Skylar
Rowan (Y4)	Macie-Rose	Darcey C-C	Jess
Maple (Y5)	Archie	Lissy	Kobe
Sycamore (Y5)	Yarina	Aisha	Amelia Y
Aspen (Y6)	Kayden	Taya	Alex
Hawthorn (Y6)	Eva	Oliver	Nathan

Attendance Award
Well done to Oak class for the highest attendance of 98.6% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	336	3037
Disraeli	295	2750
Pratchett	343	2316
Redgrave	371	3655



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News, Updates & Reminders

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment clubs started this week for the Spring Term, we would like to remind parents/carers that clubs run up to **4.15pm** and children need to be collected from the pick-up location promptly (please see table below). For sports/dance clubs where children may be required to change, please note that children are required to wear their PE kits.

Day	Club	Pick-Up Location
Monday	Arts and Crafts	Y5 Sycamore
	Computing	Library
	Disney	Y5 Maple
	Knitting	Y6 Aspen
	Lego	Y4 Rowan
	Mindful Colouring	Y1 Lime
	Spanish	Y2 Plane
	Table Tennis	Library
	TTRS	Y3 Cedar
	Football	Y4 Ash
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts	Y6 Aspen
	Board Games	Y1 Elm
	Computing	Library
	Gymnastics	Y4 Ash
Wednesday	Arts and Crafts	Y2 Plane
	Choir	Y2 Oak
	Just Dance	Y3 Alder
	Football	Library
	Yoga	Y4 Ash
Thursday	Arts and Crafts	Y2 Oak
	Football	Y6 Aspen
	Netball	Y4 Ash
	Science	Y5 Sycamore

Please note that there will be no clubs the week commencing **Monday, 5th February** due to Pupil Learning Reviews taking place.

Cold Weather and Snow

With the temperature dropping over the last week, temperatures are extremely low and there is a higher chance of snow and ice. We are continuing to make sure our site is well-prepared with grit and salting, but we want to remind all our families to just take extra care in and around the site, particularly in the car park which can be very slippery underfoot.

Please ensure that your child/children come to school with suitable uniform to enable them to still go out at break and lunchtime, including warm coats, gloves, scarves, hats etc.

Should there be significant snowfall which compromises the operational running of the school, leading us to have to close, we will of course update you as soon as we are practically able. Closing the school is always a last resort for all concerned, but sometimes the site may not be accessible or safe enough to open. Should there be a need to let you know of a change to the school's normal operation, we would ensure that you receive messages via text and e-mail in the morning, ideally by 7am, but at the latest of 7.30am to allow you to make alternative arrangements. The school's status will always be updated on the [local authority closures page](#) too.

Thrive Ambassador School Accreditation

We are delighted to announce that we have been accredited as a Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in our environment and leadership. As you may know, the school has been working on our Thrive accreditation over the last year. Thrive offers a trauma-informed, whole school or setting approach to improving the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people.



Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday, 30th January

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, 30th January** at **2.15pm**.

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available [here](#). Please remember that if you complete the questionnaire that it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher.

Thank you and Best Wishes

Mrs. Doddanavar who is a parent volunteer here at Green Ridge, helps us change reading books and organising our library will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro next week. We wish you all best in this amazing experience and we thank you for all your time and hard work. Good Luck!

Pupil Learning Reviews

Our Pupil Learning Reviews will be taking place in a few weeks, just before we break for half term. The schedule for the appointments can be found below and you can book via your Arbor parent portal. Please note that bookings are open until **6:00pm** next **Sunday, 21st January** and will be available on a first come, first served basis so book early if you have limited availability.

Nursery - Little Acorns		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Monday, 5 th February	3.30-6.00pm	Miss. Jones
Tuesday, 6 th February	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. Lingeswaran
Wednesday, 7 th February	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. l'Anson

School		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Tuesday, 6 th February	4:00-7.30pm	Reception – Year Six
Thursday, 8 th February	4.00-6.30pm	Reception – Year Six

Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS1 – Online Relationships

Ask your child if they can name three times when they would need to ask for permission to do something online.

KS2 – Online Relationships

Ask your child if they can give three examples of showing respect online. This could be to different people or when using different devices. Why is it important to be kind online?

Right of the Week Article 4

Articles 4 – Making Rights Deal

This article highlights that governments must do everything in their power to ensure that every child, in their respective countries, can enjoy and uphold all of the rights in their convention.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Minimal Packaging, Maximum Impact

When packing snacks for school, we kindly request that you consider purchasing larger packs and decanting them into reusable Tupperware containers or wax wraps. This small change helps reduce the use of individually wrapped, single-use plastic snacks, making a significant impact on waste reduction.

A huge shout out to the children in Little Acorns who have been forming good habits by using reusable wax wraps!



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

How to Support during Sibling Rivalry or Disagreement

Disagreement and frustration is normal between sibling. When it happens:

Ensure each children has their own space to calm down and collect their thoughts.

Listen to each child so they get a chance to explain how they were feeling.

Suggest and model improved scenarios of how to manage the conflict.

Facilitate apologies, playing fairly, rephrasing comments and praise positive play afterwards.



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Important Dates & Events

Spring Term 1

Thursday 18 th January	1.30pm - Year Five Sycamore Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Monday 22 nd January	1.30pm - Young Voices Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Wednesday 24 th January	2.30pm - Year Four Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 25 th January	8.00am - Reception Trip to Windsor Castle 8.15am - Year Two Trip to Radlett Synagogue
Monday 29 th January	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 3 Recognising and Managing Emotions
Tuesday 30 th January	2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Monday 5 th February	3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Miss. Jones
Tuesday 6 th February	3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Mrs. Lingeswaran 4.00-7.30pm - Pupil Learning Reviews
Wednesday 7 th February	3.30-6.00pm – Acorns Pupil Learning Reviews with Mrs. l'Anson
Thursday 8 th February	4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Friday 9 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day Children Break for Half-Term