

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term

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A note from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope everybody had a good break over the Easter period – despite some of the wet weather and conditions which made it feel more like winter than spring! The children have come back brilliantly to school and settled straight back in with their new learning and topics for this term. There is a buzz of excitement about the new learning in History and Geography, and the teachers have set up WOW afternoons either this week or next for the pupils as part of their immersive experience and way-in to the new topics. Keep a look at out on X (formerly Twitter) for these.

We've welcomed Miss. Dilks, Mr. Davis, and Miss. Stanley this week to the Green Ridge team, and they have been getting to know children and staff across the school. Our building works continue, and we are not too far away from seeing the physical building being put together with the framework going in over the coming weeks. Exciting times!

We send our congratulations to Miss. Chalmers and her partner on the birth of baby Cooper, who was born on the 4th April. All are doing well, and we look forward to seeing Miss. Chalmers return in a few weeks' time to Year Two.

The summer term is always busy with lots of events and trips going on – so please ensure you look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for what is coming up this term.

Have a great weekend and good luck to those pupils in KS2 doing the cross-country event.

Mr. Aaron Wanford

Headteacher

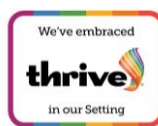


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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Tyler	Jonah	Thea	-
Hazel (YR)	Yuvan	Jeron	Bradley	-
Willow (YR)	James	Sophie	Hazel	-
Beech (Y1)	Nicolas	Lily-Rose	Pippa	Charlotte
Elm (Y1)	Alexander G	Nicholas	Gus	Georgia
Lime (Y1)	Mara	Alicja	Dhivonn	Donald
Oak (Y2)	Phoebe	Abigail	Jack	Ayyoub
Plane (Y2)	Amirah	Nathaniel	Alexandra	Ameliya
Alder (Y3)	Haadiya	Indy	Zac	Zavi
Cedar (Y3)	Jayden	Zoe	Jack	Aleksander
Ash (Y4)	Ella	Malachi	Grace	Mya
Rowan (Y4)	Sophie	Jonathon	Esmay	Megan
Maple (Y5)	Tanaya	Imogen	Ivan	Izzy
Sycamore (Y5)	Gaetan	Logan	Izzy	Alice
Aspen (Y6)	Aryan	Kyi-Michael	Olly	Zian
Hawthorn (Y6)	Kenzie	Eva	Ava B	Andy

Attendance Award

Well done to Oak class for the highest attendance of 98.7% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	165	6619
Disraeli	113	5763
Pratchett	136	5757
Redgrave	140	6717



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News, Updates & Reminders

Superhero Shake Friday

This week has seen the long-awaited return of what was formerly our 'Always child', which we have re-launched as Superhero Shake Friday, where one child in each class is nominated each week to come and have a milkshake with Mr. Wanford or one of the senior leaders, in recognition of their efforts in being a learning superhero. Children are recognised for their learning achievements, specifically relating to our learning powers in school, like working together, curiosity and imagination (just like the learning dots the children receive in class).



Managing Emotions and Zones of Regulation Workshop

As part of our drive to build strong home-school relationships, we will be offering parents/carers a program of workshops. Our first program will be Managing Emotions and ones of Regulation on **Wednesday, 24th April at 2.30pm.**

Here is an opportunity to find out how you can support your child with recognising different emotions. You will also gain an understanding of how you can support your child to manage their emotions and how we encourage this at school.

If you would like to come along for some wonderful shared learning, please sign up via this [link](#). We look forward to seeing you!

Parking

We kindly ask that when dropping/collecting please do not stop, park or drop off on the zig zag lines on President Road. We ask that you park/drop off safely and considerately around the development. Thank you for your support with this.

Parental Communications Policy

We are pleased to share our new Parental Communications Policy with parents/carers. You can find it on our website [here](#). We strongly encourage you to read through the policy which includes the who to contact document.

UKS2 Earth Week Sustainable Fashion

Next week we will be celebrating Earth Week and the children in UKS2 will be focusing on sustainable fashion. They will use old pieces of clothing to recreate outfits. The upcycling process will teach them how to be resourceful. We are therefore asking children to bring in any old, unwanted clothes that can be used for the project. Any unused clothing items will be put into a local Clothes Bank at the end of the week.



This half-term we are specifically looking for learners showing curiosity and investigative skills in their learning, and our first Superhero Shake Friday took place earlier this afternoon with groups for YR-Y2 and for Y3-Y6. The children loved the milkshake and biscuit treats in recognition for

their fantastic learning over the last week!



Careers Event

We will be holding a careers event for upper key stage two on Monday, 20th May at 1.30-3.00pm. We would really appreciate your help and support and are seeking parents/carers who are able to give up just a few hours of their time, to provide first-hand insights into your career journey and sharing valuable knowledge about your profession.

To express your interest in participating – or to recommend someone for the Careers Event – please complete the attached [form](#) or contact our school office.

If you have any further queries or require additional information, please complete the 'additional information' box on the form provided and Mr. Arnold will respond to you as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for support.

Site Update

The foundations for our new east wing have been well and truly laid in preparation for the frameworks to start going up.



PTA

Key Dates Coming Up...

PTA Event	Date
PTA Bingo Event	Friday, 17 th May
PTA Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 24 th May
PTA Summer Fete	Saturday, 8 th June

Bend the Rules for April Fool's

Thank you to everyone for joining in today, we saw some amazing outfits and fantastic hair with all the colours!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Self-image and Identity – KS1

There are some things we may see or experience online that make us question who we are/what we look like. Ensure your child recognises you as someone to talk through these emotions with.

Self-image and Identity – KS2

Remind your child that identities can be made-up online. Highlight the importance of using 'report' tools, keeping information private, and speaking to trusted adults if someone online is asking for excessive information.

Right of the Week Article

Article 24 – Health, Food, Water and the Environment

The discussions this week were vital in the lead up to the celebration of Earth Week. The children also linked this to our half-termly value of gratitude and felt thankful for our reliable access to food, medical care and water.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Earth Week across the school. From recycling workshops led by the Bucks recycling team to wildflower planting to support our pollinator friends, and even diving into the world of sustainable fashion, we have a jam-packed week filled with eco-friendly activities. Be sure to ask the children what they've been up to as we work together to make a positive impact on our planet!



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Setting Routines at Home

Setting routines at home are important for a number of reasons:

- Safety, belonging and building relationships
- Practicing life skills
- Health and wellbeing

How to introduce routine:

- Plan it ahead of time
- Explain the "why"
- Practise the routine together
- Celebrate when it is completed
- Keep it consistent!
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Routines could include bedtime, chores, getting ready, cooking meals, setting up games etc.



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Important Dates & Events

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 16 th April	Children Return to School 9.00am – YR Vision Screening 9.15am – Prospective YN 2024/25 Open Event
Thursday 18 th April	2.30pm – Y2 SATs Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Friday 19 th April	PTA Bend the Rules for April Fools
Tuesday 23 rd April	9.00am – Y1 Elm Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip
Wednesday 24 th April	9.00am – Y1 Lime Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip 2.30pm – Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop
Thursday 25 th April	6.00pm – Y6 SATs Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Friday 26 th April	9.00am – Y1 Beech Class 11B411 Horse Riding Trip
Thursday 2 nd May	2.30pm – Maths Mastery Parent Workshop
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Monday 13 th May	2.30pm – EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 5 'Marvellous Motor Skills'
Wednesday 15 th May	9.00am – Y3 11B411 Hiking Heroes
Friday 17 th May	PTA Bingo Event - TBC
Monday 20 th May	2.30pm – THRIVE and Understanding Behaviour Parent Workshop
Thursday 23 rd May	8.30am – Parent/Carer Book Look
Friday 24 th May	Children Break for Half-Term PTA Non-Uniform Day

Summer Term 2

Monday 3 rd June	Children Return to School 5.30-6.30pm – New YR 24/25 Parent/Carer Induction Talk
Tuesday 4 th June	6.30-7.30pm - Y6 IoW Residential Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Wednesday 5 th June	2.15-3.15pm - Y5 Secondary Transfer and 11+ Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 6 th June	8.45am - Y5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Saturday 8 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Monday 10 th June	Y3 11B411 – Messing About on the Water 5.30pm – New Nursery Parent Induction Meeting
Tuesday 11 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 12 th June	8.45am - Y4 Trip to The Hare Krishna Temple
Friday 14 th June	9.15am – Lower School (Y1-Y3) Sports Morning 12.00pm – School Picnic Lunch 1.15pm – Upper School (Y4-Y6) Sports Afternoon
Monday 17 th June	2.30-3.15pm – EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 6 'Managing Change'
Tuesday 18 th June	9.15am – EY Sports Morning and Picnic Lunch
Wednesday 19 th June	2.30pm – Y5 Sycamore Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	2.30pm – Y5 Maple Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th June	2.30pm – Y4 Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 27 th June	2.30pm – Y4 Ash Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 th July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 17 th July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Thursday 18 th July	4.30pm – Y6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 19 th July	2.00pm – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents/Carers Only)

GREEN RIDGE PTA PRESENTS

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BINGO!

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2024

Come join our Family Bingo Night!
Have a chance to win a prize
while having fun with friends.
Family friendly - kids welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

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BUCKS JUDO



Wednesdays

Session 1 | 7pm - 8pm | 5yrs - 16yrs
Session 2 | 8pm - 9pm | 16yrs +

First Session - 24th April 2024

First Session is FREE

Head Coach - Jodie Caller

3rd Dan | Level 2 Coach

6 x British Champion | Former Team GB Athlete

Venue

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