

### Important Dates:

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	All	Book Sale
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5/6	CPR Training 'Little Life Savers' £2 donation
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	SATS WEEK
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	All	Book Sale
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	All	Book Sale
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5/6	Trip to Imperial War Museum
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May		HALF TERM
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6	Peter Pan and Wendy

### Morris Dancing

This week, the whole school enjoyed a special trip to the local church, where we were treated to a lively performance by a group of traditional Morris dancers. The dancers, dressed in their colourful costumes with bells and ribbons, captivated everyone as they performed their energetic routines. It was fascinating to watch the intricate footwork and hear the rhythmic jingling as they moved in time to the music.

Pupils had the chance to learn about the history and meaning behind Morris dancing, discovering how it has been an important part of English tradition for many years. The atmosphere was full of excitement, and there were plenty of smiles and claps as the performance unfolded.

It was a memorable experience for all, and a lovely opportunity to come together as a whole school while learning something new about our cultural heritage.



## Book Sale

Don't forget to keep supporting our Book Sale each Tuesday after school for the rest of this half term!

We look forward to seeing you there and hope you continue to enjoy finding some brilliant books to take home!

## Blossom Class – Mrs Green

Another fantastic week completed by the Blossoms. This term, to enable the children to become prepared for Year 1, I have increased the learning time by 5 minutes for each of our morning inputs. This sadly means a little less discovery. However, this ensures that the children's stamina for learning can increase in preparation for the transition.

In RE, this term we are exploring our wonderful planet, with the focus on how we can look after our planet and why it is important. The children had a wonderful idea about creating a recycling bin in our classroom for all our scrap paper. The children were so excited by this idea that they want to make sure the rest of the school has a recycling bin. So, together we have chosen posters which we like, and we are going to give them out to the rest of the school to encourage more recycling.

This week in maths the children in Blossoms have been developing their number knowledge of 16, 17 and 18. We have been exploring the composition of these numbers and how we can represent them in 'Tens and Ones.'

Finally, next week I will be carrying out Phonics Assessments on all the children in Blossoms. This means books won't be changed till Friday, but I will add some additional learning tasks that can be completed at home in their book bags on Monday.

## Willow Class – Miss Jones

This week in maths, we have been exploring length and height. The children have been using objects, rulers and metre sticks to measure accurately, and have been developing their problem-solving skills alongside this.

In science, we have been learning about microhabitats and why they are so important for ecosystems and food chains. The children loved exploring our school's natural area to spot different microhabitats – they were fantastic scientists, making careful observations and sharing their ideas.



## Maple Class – Mr Snook

### Slice, Share, and Solve!

This week, Maple Class has been diving deep into the world of fractions! Our Year 3 and 4 mathematicians have been busy exploring how to identify halves, quarters, and thirds, as well as understanding how numerators and denominators work together to represent parts of a whole.

To help bring their learning to life, we would love for you to use "fraction talk" at home whenever possible. Whether you are slicing a pizza into equal parts, measuring ingredients for a recipe, or even talking about how much of a glass of water is left, these real-world connections make a huge difference in building their confidence. Happy sharing!

## Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

This week, we have begun our biography writing unit focusing on Audrey Hepburn. The children have explored and identified the key features of a biography, preparing them well for when we begin our research next week.

Looking ahead, a reminder that we will be taking part in a CPR training session delivered by Little Life Savers next Friday 8th May in the village hall. We kindly ask for a £2 donation to support this wonderful cause, which provides free, life-saving training to schools.

## And finally... Our Game Changer

Carolynn Bain is a true Game Changer, using her passion for books to make a real difference. She founded **Afrori Books**, an award-winning independent bookshop in Brighton that specialises in celebrating Black authors, stories, and culture. The shop is more than just a place to buy books—it's a welcoming space where children and families can see themselves reflected in what they read and discover new voices that might otherwise be overlooked. Carolynn recently set an inspiring goal to sell 1,000 books, showing her determination to keep diverse stories on the shelves.

Supporting Afrori Books means supporting representation, inclusion, and a love of reading for all children. For parents, choosing to buy from shops like this—even just one book—can help ensure that every child has the chance to see their story told and feel that they truly belong.

