



Peafield Pride

Newsletter 7th March 2025

Citizenship, Responsibility, Aspiration, Enjoyment

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week it has been here at school! We've had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate World Book Day, with children immersing themselves in the joy of reading and sharing their favourite books. It's always inspiring to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through during this special event. A huge thank you to Miss Allison for leading and to everyone, including our amazing staff, for their fantastic costumes, and of course, to the children for their brilliant outfits too! You all truly brought the day to life and made it even more memorable!



Mr Green took us all by surprise in his fabulous costume which the children loved!

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your incredible support of the Book Fair. Your generosity ensures that our children have access to even more fantastic books, helping to nurture their love of reading.

In addition, we were delighted to host our Coffee and Conversations session, where we explored the valuable topic of the Zones of Regulation. It was wonderful to connect with those

who attended, and we hope that the strategies shared will support you and your child in navigating emotions and fostering self-regulation.

As we move forward, we're excited to continue these engaging opportunities to work together and support our children's growth and development.

Warm regards,

Andrea Commins

Interim Headteacher



Class Capers

Early Years

Nursery



The Nursery has had a wonderful week, beginning with learning how to make pancakes. The children explored the ingredients and equipment, then practiced putting the steps in the correct order before making and enjoying their own pancakes. The experience was a hit, and they loved eating their creations!

With some beautiful weather this week, we were able to spend plenty of time outdoors in the sunshine. The children have also noticed early signs of Spring, including flowers beginning to bloom and the cheerful sounds of birds singing.

Acorns



This week we began our gymnastics sessions in Acorns!

We had great fun climbing, jumping, balancing and sliding. We had to be very careful as we navigated our way on the equipment, learning where to put our hands and feet.

Our favourite part was climbing high on the big blue frame! Let's see how brave we can get over the coming weeks...

Also, this week we have celebrated pancake day!

We learnt where pancake day originated from and what ingredients we need to make a pancake. In keeping with our healthy and safe enquiry we kept our pancake topping healthy by having lots of yummy fruit - bananas, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries with a squeeze of orange or lemon juice!

Some of us even made faces! 😊



Year 1 and 2



Working hard in KS1

What an exciting and action-packed week we've had in KS1! We've been honing our instruction-writing skills, with a special focus on using adverbs and time conjunctions to add more detail and precision to our writing.

In maths, we've made fantastic strides, exploring multiplication and division while practicing counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s. Our science lessons have been all about the wonders of spring, and the children have created vibrant, beautiful spring scenes to showcase their learning.

In PHSE, we've been discussing stress, exploring effective techniques for managing it, and learning how to relax when we need a break. What a week full of progress and discovery!



Year 3 and 4

Roman Reporters

After becoming skilled reporters, the children have been questioning Boudicca and Claudius about their experiences during the invasion of Britain. They've continued to gather information and hone their skills to create their own non-chronological reports. This week, we focused on crafting catchy, engaging subheadings for our information paragraphs.

"Bonkers Boudicca" and "Claudius Causing Chaos" are just a couple of examples of the fantastic work the children have produced.

Stay tuned for the final product, coming soon!



Save the date in your diary for Romans Rock! We will be working on this ready for a performance in the final week of term. Our performances will be at 2pm Monday 31 March and 5pm on Tuesday 1st April. We hope you will come to see it!



Year 5 and 6

It's been a busy week of English in Newlands, Dukeries, and Harlow! We've kicked off our exploration of playscripts, focusing on how their structure and layout guide actors in performing. The children have been learning how stage directions help actors know what to do, and how character names are written in bold, followed by their dialogue after a colon. The children had a blast acting out different scenes.



We also celebrated World Book Day with some fantastic interactive lessons and saw the most incredible outfits! A big thank you to all the families for their support in helping the children with their costumes – they truly made the day special!



Working together



Meet the Author

Parents' and Carers' Evenings



You will receive a letter on Monday where you can book appointments to see your child's class teacher on Tuesday 25th March or Thursday 27th March. If you have a child with additional needs, we will be running appointments to go through their SEND Support Plans at a different time. Thank you

🌟 Celebrating the Week 🌟

The whole range of school values was covered in the reasons why our amazing pupils got the GOLD awards this week - Well done to each of you who received your awards in family assembly for your personal achievements!

📖 Reading Superstars 📖

Well done to all those who received an award for being a Reading Superstar - all reading superstars have their names put into a pot and winners are drawn for Infants and Juniors. The winners are able to choose a new book to keep. As it is Book Week, we are doubling the prizes!

🏆 PRIDE OF PEAFIELD 🏆

Pride of Peafield Awards are given to children for showing pride in their work, or for something truly exceptional. This might be for trying really hard or reaching a milestone in handwriting and presentation, or might even be through a piece of spoken work, music or drama. We want the children to be proud of themselves! Well done all winners this week!

🦡 Be there Badger 🦡

Attendance this week

Whole School - 95% again - Keep going! We will be so thrilled if we exceed 96%
If you are struggling with attendance, please do get in touch - we will support you in any way we can.

Who has been here this week?

The cheers will be going up for **Dukeries Class this week who have claimed Be There Badger with an outstanding 100%!**



Be there Badger says, please be there ~~12.12.12~~ on time!

Just a quick reminder:

- The school gate is opened at 8.30am each morning for pupils to make their way to class.
- School starts at 8.45am when registers are taken.
- All class registers must be completed by 8.55am, children will be marked as late with the L (Late) code if they arrive after the register is completed.
- Registers will be closed at 9:15am. Children will be marked as late with the U code (Unauthorised absence) if they arrive after the registers close.

If you need to see the class teacher in the morning, please do consider these routines as they want to be there to listen if you need them, but are required to complete their registers on time. The best thing is to come in at 8.30am or to ask for a time that works for both of you so that we can offer our total focus to you.

- Afternoon registers are taken at 1.00pm.
- A full day counts as 2 attendance sessions.

Our full attendance policy can be found on the school website, or if you need sight of a paper copy, please ask the office.

Every school day matters.
Penalty Notice fines for school attendance are changing.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD.
Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave
Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. INSET days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there are 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. A school day is made up of 2 sessions - morning and afternoon.

First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or

Second Offence (within 3 years)
The second time a Penalty Notice is

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