

# NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-  
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



## Edition 25: 27th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our hearts have been full of love for Coco, Milo, Popcorn, Fluffy, Bob, Fuzz Ball, Tiddles and Buttercup. They have been cuddled, played with and read to so much and we will miss them terribly, but we look forward to receiving updates from their new families! Last Saturday, we had a super day in the sunshine at the Ghyllgrove Community Cup. Also yesterday, boys and girls from Years 3 and 4 completed in a football tournament at Mayflower School. We are so proud of ALL the children who have represented our school at sport this week, but especially the girls football team. We definitely have the Lionesses of the future! The service at the Cathedral on Wednesday was absolutely incredible. The children performed beautifully and I have been inundated with positive feedback about the event. We wish you ALL a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - ready for the opening ceremony of our new playgrounds! The Mayor will be here to officially cut the red ribbon at 9am!

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)

## PE REMINDERS

All children are expected to take part in PE, unless you have written a letter to their teacher to explain the reason for the withdrawal.

Earrings must be removed before the PE lesson. If you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced, please consider doing this at the start of the Summer holidays.

All children must have a PE kit in school.

After Easter, PE days will be as follows:

EYFS - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2- Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday.

Year 5 - Thursday and Friday (swimming)

Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday



Harry with Popcorn!

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 97.7%  
Year 1 - 97.7%  
Year 2 - 94.9%  
Year 3 - 93.7%  
Year 4 - 98.3%  
Year 5 - 96.4%  
Year 6 - 94.0%  
**Total - 96.0%**



**WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!**



## IMPORTANT DATES:

13 April: First day of Summer Term  
13 April: 9am: Grand opening of our new playgrounds with The Mayor in attendance  
15<sup>th</sup> April: Team GB athlete visit (pm)  
17 April: Y5 swimming lessons begin  
24 April: PTA Break The Rules Day  
27 April: Y4 Mighty Oak at Anglia Ruskin University  
27<sup>th</sup> April: 2.30pm Meeting in hall about Year 6 residential  
1 May: INSET Day  
5<sup>th</sup> May: 9am EYFS Class assembly & presentation of Bibles  
11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATs  
14<sup>th</sup> May (pm): KS2 SATs treat  
18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Sports week  
20<sup>th</sup> May: 9am Year 4 Class assembly  
20<sup>th</sup> May: 10am Year 1 Class assembly  
20<sup>th</sup> May: 12pm Sports afternoon/family picnic  
1<sup>st</sup> June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check this week  
8<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics Screener Check this week

## HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week's Headteacher's Cup goes to Zaya in Year 1. Zaya made a fantastic model of our school using Lego. The attention to detail she used showed real creativity and critical thinking! Well done, Zaya!



## COMIC RELIEF UPDATE

Thank you all for your generous donations for Comic Relief last Friday. We raised the grand total of £205.69!



## OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Oliver for Collaboration  
Year 1 - Ronnie for Creativity  
Year 2 - Arthur for Critical Thinking  
Year 3 - Rosie for Collaboration  
Year 4 - Amelia for Courage and Challenge  
Year 5 - Theo - for Challenge and Collaboration  
Year 6 - All of Year 6 for Courage

