

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

# Wittering Weekly Roundup



What an exciting week we've had at school! We've been incredibly busy with a variety of school trips, clubs, and sports events that have brought so much joy to our students.

Year 5 had an extraordinary and unforgettable trip to the Houses of Parliament in London. The opportunity to deepen their understanding of democratic traditions and systems was incredibly inspiring, alongside experiencing a number of iconic landmarks.

Our Eco Warriors participated in an Earth Day celebration trip to Peterborough on Wednesday, where they engaged in some fantastic activities.

Year 4 enjoyed their last swimming lesson of the year.

On Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed an interactive and educational experience at Hazard Alley in Milton Keynes, which was enjoyed by all.

To finish off the week, some of our students from Year 4 and 5 took part in a SOKE sports event at AMVC they came 4th in the touch rugby tournament, we are incredibly proud of how well they played showing determination, strength, agility and sportsmanship!

Also a big thank you for your support during Wear Purple Day, as part of the Month of the Military Child. It was wonderful to see so many fabulous outfits!



# School Enrichment

## Earth Day for the Eco Warriors

12 of our Eco Warriors had a fantastic trip this week to celebrate Earth Day at The Green Backyard in Peterborough.

Throughout the day, they engaged in a variety of activities that were educational. They built obstacle courses, explored the fascinating world of insects, enjoyed a presentation from local council eco representatives and much more. Our Eco Warriors learnt a great deal about how recycling plays a crucial role in taking care of our planet.

It was a truly insightful and fun-filled day for everyone involved! We are so proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to protecting the environment.



## Hazard Alley Year 2

On Thursday Year 2 went to Hazard Alley, a fantastic role play safety centre.

Upon arrival, the children participated in an interactive workshop focussed on online safety. They were divided into six groups, which allowed them to explore various settings that demonstrated potential hazards found in a household, the importance of road safety, and much more.

During the activities, the students also looked at the impact of good and bad decisions and the impact these can have.

It truly was a wonderful day filled with lots of learning and fun activities!



# School Enrichment

## Houses of Parliament London - Year 5

Year 5 embarked on an unforgettable school trip to London, on Tuesday where they explored some of the country's most significant landmarks.

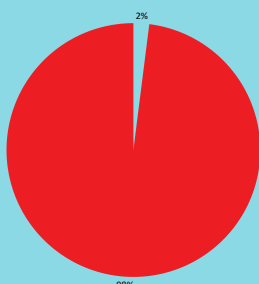
The day began with visits to Downing Street, The Cenotaph war memorial, and the Royal Horse Guards. After a lovely lunch in St James Park, they made their way to the Houses of Parliament. Here, our students enjoyed a comprehensive tour and even had the opportunity to witness a lively debate in the House of Commons!

To top it all off, our local MP, Sam Carling, joined us to speak with the pupils, sharing valuable insights about the role of Parliament. It truly was a fabulous day, filled with learning and excitement from start to finish!

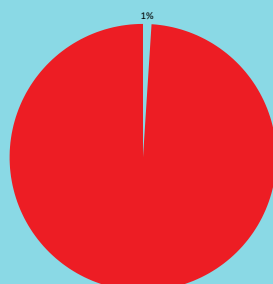


## Weekly Attendance

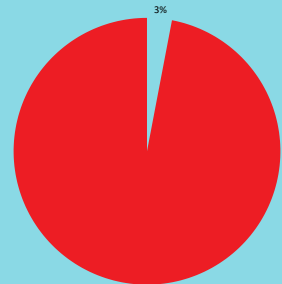
Our attendance across school this week is 96%. The top three year groups for attendance this week were:



Year 2



Year 1



Year 4

# Sports Events

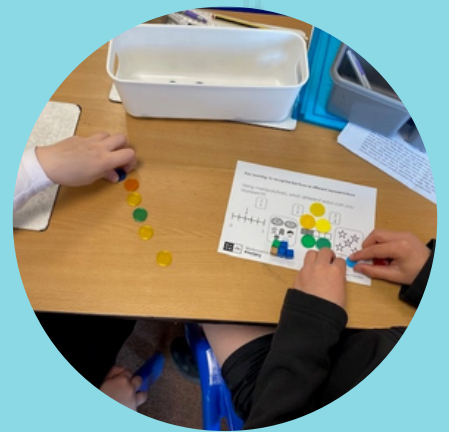
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## Key Stage 2

Fractions Action with Year 4!

Mrs March and Mrs White's class have been diving deep into the world of fractions this week! Using our Ark Maths resources, the children moved beyond pen and paper to build fractions  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{5}$  using a variety of maths equipment. By physically constructing these parts of a whole, the children gained a much clearer understanding for how different denominators change the size of a slice. It wasn't just a lesson—it was a hands-on exploration that turned complex numbers into a lot of fun!



# Community News

## Multiplication Tables Check

2026  
KS2  
Year 4

### A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

#### WHAT IS IT?

- Children answer multiplication questions up to  $12 \times 12$ , with greater emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, as these are generally the most difficult to recall
- The check is online and completed on screen
- It contains 25 questions, with 6 seconds to answer each one
- There is a 3-second pause between each question before the next one appears
- Before the check, children can answer 3 practice questions to become familiar with the format
- Each check usually takes less than 5 minutes per child
- There are multiple versions of the check - each question is generated randomly
- There is no official pass mark or threshold

#### WHO DOES IT?

- The Multiplication Tables Check is statutory for all Year 4 pupils in England
- Children do not need to re-sit the check if they do not achieve a high score
- Schools will share each child's result with parents or carers

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- The purpose is to see whether children can fluently recall multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$
- Secure times table knowledge helps children feel more confident in maths and supports later learning, including division, fractions and problem-solving
- The check helps schools identify children who may need extra support with times tables

#### WHEN IS IT?

- In 2026, schools must complete the check between Monday 1st June and Friday 12th June
- Additional time can be used from Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June for children who were absent or unable to complete the check during the main window

#### HOW TO HELP AT HOME

**Practise Little and Often**  
Short sessions of 5-10 minutes work best.

**Focus on Quick Recall**  
Children need to answer within a few seconds.

**Practise All Tables**  
Especially 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12.

**Use Games and Quizzes**  
To make practice fun.

**Use Real-life Maths**  
Cooking, shopping and travel can all involve multiplication.

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## Polite Reminders



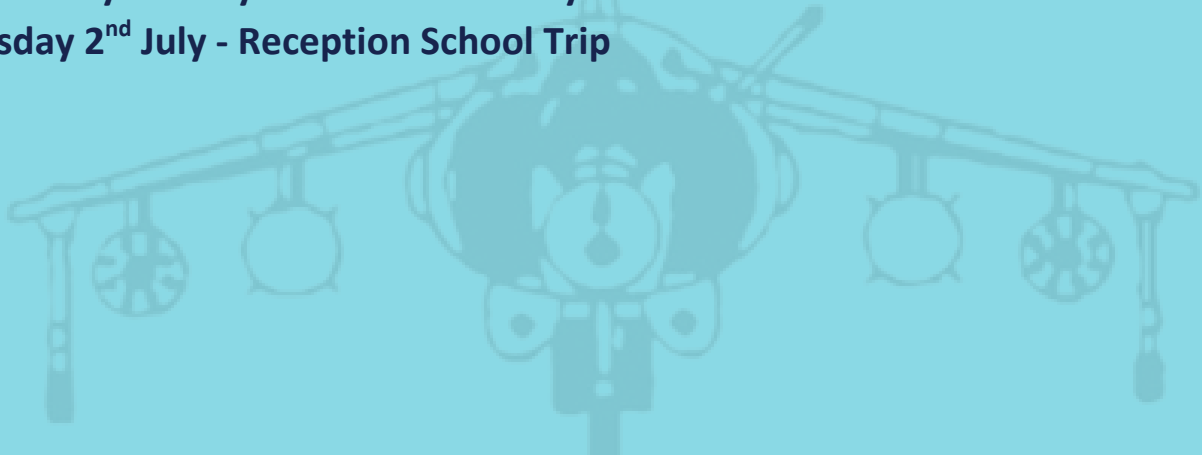
Toys and teddys should not be brought into school. We have a good selection of playground toys for break times and we have found increasing issues arising as a result of toys from home. Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.



If your child will be having a school dinner and you have not done so already, please make sure it has been pre booked on Parent Pay prior to 8am of that day. Or you may be asked to bring in a pack lunch. Thank you.

# Key dates this Half Term

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - KS1 Phonics Friday
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photos
- 11<sup>th</sup> May - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS
- 1<sup>st</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication test
- 8<sup>th</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics test Year 1 and Year 2s who did not previously pass
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Wear Yellow day in support of Cystic Fibrosis
- 19<sup>th</sup> June PTFA Dad's and Lad's Father's Day Shop
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Reserve Sports Day
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 & 4 School Trip
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Phonics Friday
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Residential
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Non Uniform day for Summer Fair tombola
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Reception School Trip



## Class Assembly Timetable

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Mrs Thrower's class
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Miss Griffiths' class
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Miss Sutherill's class



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