

# Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 1st March 2024

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## Headteacher's message

*Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in our collective worship time, we have been focussing on 'honesty'. We have discussed why it is important to be truthful and how honesty helps to build trust and friendship.

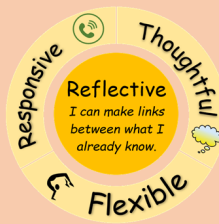
Some of you will have noticed that a few of the drain covers around the main walkways into the school are looking a little worse for wear. We have had these inspected and have ordered new covers. Hopefully this will mean less puddles! The current covers are safe, but I would appreciate it if you could avoid stepping on the drain covers in the interim.

Thank you to those of you who have already entered our World Book Day competitions. I have attached another copy of the letter sent out last week as a reminder. Remember that hats can be brought in on Thursday and emails of book scenes can be sent at any time between now and next Thursday.

Finally, FONS have signed us up for the 'bag 2 school' scheme. See the letter on the notice board below. The funds will go towards the play equipment fund.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



## School Diary Dates

Monday 4th March	Sycamore—Northam Library Visit
Wednesday 6th March	Juniper Swimming Cherry—Dental Nurse Visiting
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (Letter Attached)
Wednesday 13th March	Sycamore Swimming
Friday 15th March	School Disco
Wednesday 20th March	Juniper Swimming
Thursday 28th March	Easter Service

Spring Term	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
February Half Term	12th—16th Feb 2024
Non Pupil Day	19th Feb 2024
Easter Holiday	29 Mar—12 Apr 2024
Summer Term	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
Bank Holiday	6th May
May Half Term	27th—31st May 2024
Last Day of Term	23rd July 2023

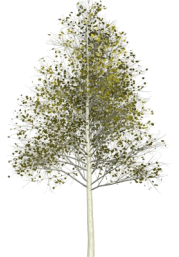
# Around The Classes



## The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been looking at the traditional tale of Rapunzel. We have used a version which is set in India. The children have had lots of discussions about the differences and similarities of life in India compared to England. We built towers using various equipment, we have looked at comparing height and length. We built a tower using milk crates and used our problem solving skills to be able to call up to Rapunzel at the top. We have painted our own faces and looked carefully at our skin, eye and hair colour. We have got a lovely display of our faces which the children can show you on World Book Day!



## Cherry Class

Another week has whizzed by! This week in Cherry class we have been thinking lots about what it means to be collaborative. We have lots of opportunities at school for teamwork and our lessons often involve pair and group work. The children have been thinking about what it means to work collaboratively with others and why it is important to be able to work as part of a team. A reminder please to send back our trip letter, we are really looking forward to it!



## Sycamore Class

What a busy and fun week Sycamore class has had. In our DT this week, we began our new unit about structures. The children enjoyed working in groups to complete the challenge of building the tallest, self-supporting structures that they could. We were really impressed with how well some of the children worked collaboratively to create their structures. Within our lesson we looked at some of the tallest buildings in the world. We set the challenge of finding out what the world's tallest building was and how tall it was. I was impressed with the number of children that did this research at home and we also learnt that Ronnie had been to the top of it! Can your child remember the building? Can you find out about any of the other tallest structures in the world?



## Juniper Class

This week in Juniper class we have been continuing with our exciting learning, following up on Juro8 the alien, and learning more about climate and weather. To start off the week we began by looking at the 5 times table, multiplying numbers by 5 and then eventually sharing, dividing numbers by 5. Can your child tell you what 45 divided by 9 is, or maybe what 5 x 5 equals? Afterwards, in English, we learnt what a report is and did our own research in order to gather more information for Juro8. We worked collaboratively to read through reports about our world, making notes as we went. Finally, in RE this week we started to learn about the events of Holy week, sequencing them in chronological order. Good job this week Junipers! Have a nice weekend.

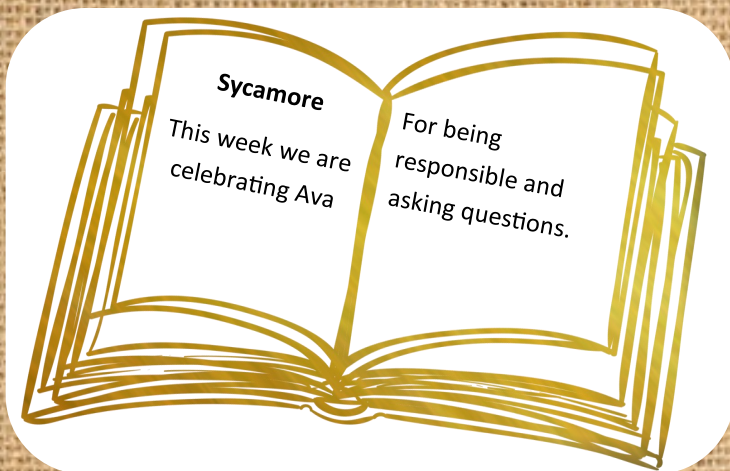
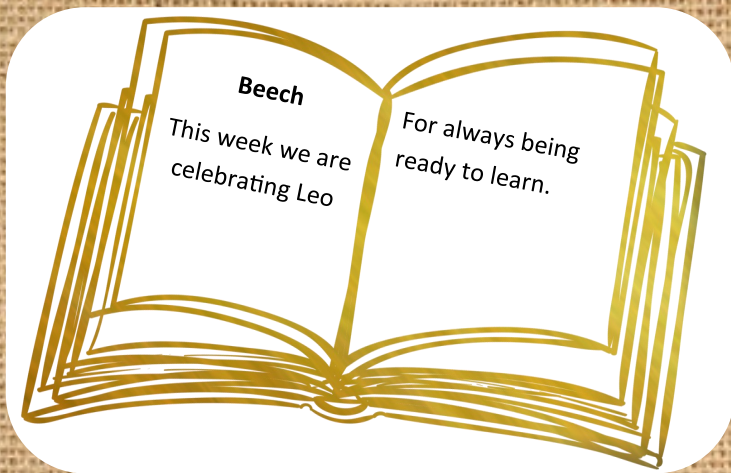
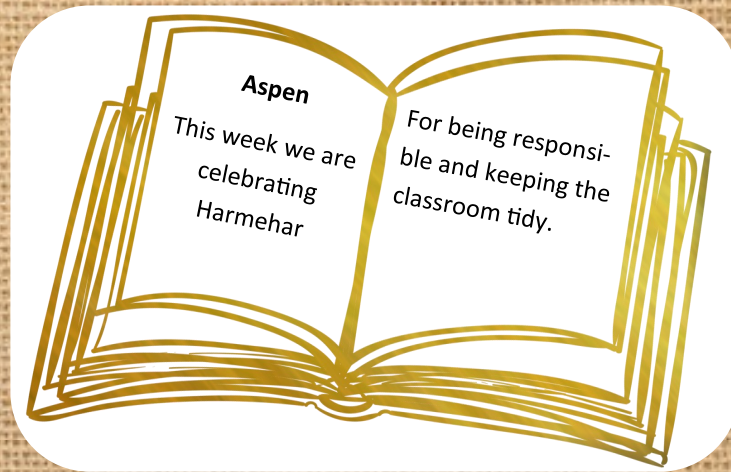


## The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we started learning about habitats. We searched for habitats in the Wilderness and found microhabitats under logs and in the long grass. In Art, we made a collage of a tropical climate. In RE we discussed different groups that we belong to. We also learnt the difference between weather and climate.



# Golden Book



# Notice Board



## Weekly Attendance



Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. *The Education Hub Blog 2023*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Woodlands - 99.26%

Cherry - 96.58%

Sycamore - 98.61%

Juniper - 93.65%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



## Learning in The Woodlands



Millie has been making Rangoli patterns using shapes and coloured sticks.



Stevie has built a tower for Rapunzel.



### Our Happy Place Ltd is looking for Holiday Club Staff.

I'm looking for someone who can work a selection of days throughout the Easter and Summer school holidays. I'd like to recruit someone who is proactive, able to use initiative and can work alongside other people well. Ideally, I'm looking for someone with Childcare experience, but this isn't essential. All job offers are subject to an enhanced DBS check. The hours will be 8.30-4.30 on the days you required to work with great rates of pay and reduced childcare throughout the holidays for the right candidate. Please get in contact with Jemma if you are interested and would like application forms.

Email: [ourhappyplaceltd@hotmail.com](mailto:ourhappyplaceltd@hotmail.com)  
Call: 07368 425219



### Our Happy Place Ltd is looking for Bank After school Club Staff.

I'm looking for someone who can work as bank staff to cover staff sickness and Holidays throughout the school year for after school club. You could be required to work at short notice but if you have a school aged child, they will be able to attend club free of charge on the days you work. Ideally, I'm looking for someone with Childcare experience, but this isn't essential. All job offers are subject to an enhanced DBS check. The hours will be 3 -5.30 on the days you required to work with great rates of pay. Please get in contact with Jemma if you are interested and would like application forms.

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# Notice Board



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that FONS has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for FONS

**Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for FONS, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you still have more room in your bag then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

**BAGS TO BE DROPPED AT ST GEORGES FRIDAYS ONLY AND NO CHRISTMAS JUMPERS PLEASE.**

**Bag2School** will be collecting from St Georges School on **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to St Georges and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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