

Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 8th March 2024

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Headteacher's message

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

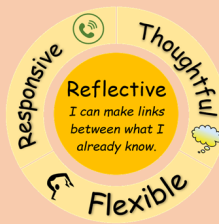
What beautiful weather we have had this week. It has been so nice to see the sunshine and the children enjoying more opportunities to learn outside. On Wednesday this week the children in Cherry class and Sycamore class enjoyed their first outdoor cricket session. The children are really enjoying these sessions and I have added some pictures to the notice board.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. I was really impressed by the effort made with the children's costumes this year. There was such an array of imaginative ideas. I always enjoy walking around the school bumping into Harry Potter, Pinocchio, Mr Bean or a member of the Paw Patrol. We also held a couple of competitions to celebrate the day. We had numerous entries for the hat competition. I have put details about the winners on the notice board along with some pictures from the day. Next Friday is Comic Relief and Disco day! See the notice board for further details.

Finally, we are missing many books from our phonics scheme, which have been sent home and not returned. Please can you look at home for them. They are Big Cat books and are very costly to keep replacing.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th March	Sycamore Swimming
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day—Come to school with crazy/funny hair for a £1 donation. School Disco— £2 pay at office Collect from classroom at 4.30pm
Wednesday 20th March	Juniper Swimming
Monday 25th March	Year 2 Eden Project Trip Year 1 Skern Lodge Trip
Wednesday 27th March	Sycamore 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

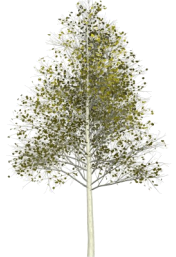


The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands in Drawing Club, we have been watching the cartoon Popeye. The children have really enjoyed the work we have been doing around this. We have chopped and tasted different fruits and vegetables. Lots of children loved the sweetness of the pineapple. We have made boats and tested them in the water, we have tested various items to see if they floated or sank. In the role play area we have been having picnics.

The children looked amazing on World Book Day and we had lots of time to sit and enjoy a variety of books. Please use your £1 book token.



Cherry Class

It was so lovely to enjoy World Book Day together this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to pop into the classroom and share a story with their child. There were so many fabulous costumes and we hope the children all enjoyed their day. In our science this term we are learning about the human body. Linking to this, we had a visit from a dental nurse this week. She came to talk to us about our teeth and why it is so important to look after them. The children asked her some really insightful questions. Have a great weekend.



Sycamore Class

What a fabulous week Sycamore Class have had! We began the week with a lovely (if a little wet!) trip up to Northam Library. The children really enjoyed spending time exploring the library, listening to a story and choosing their own book to bring back to school. They have been keen to read these books at any opportunity that they have had! On Wednesday we had a wonderful sunny cricket session. The children were learning how to bowl. They enjoyed playing a game of caterpillar cricket at the end. World Book Day on Thursday was a great success, and it was lovely to see all of the children's costumes and have a day to celebrate books. What has been your child's favourite part of the week?



Juniper Class

What a fun week it has been in Juniper class this week! We began the week with computing where we created music on laptops by drawing lines, the higher the line the higher the pitch, or the longer the line the longer the note. The children had a brilliant time creating music. After this, during DT we looked at how bridges are made and tested out what we had learnt by making a bridge between two chairs and testing how much weight it could take! Finally, this week we had World Book Day, and it was amazing to see everyone's costumes! The children designed a front cover for their favourite book, and we hot seated to find out more about the characters they had come as. It's been a wonderful week, see you all next week Junipers.

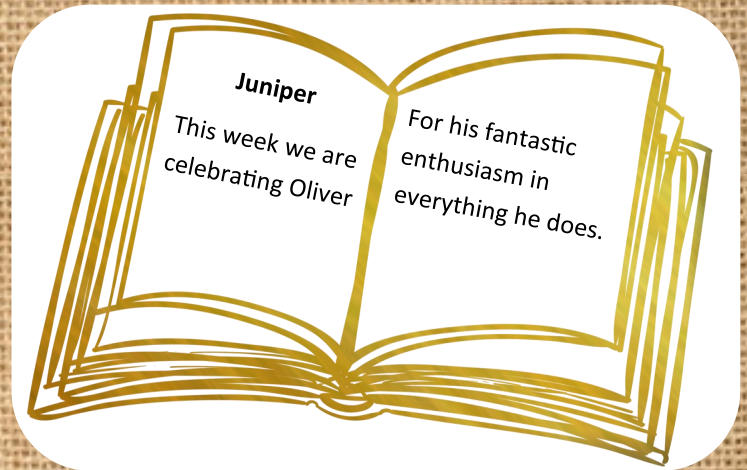
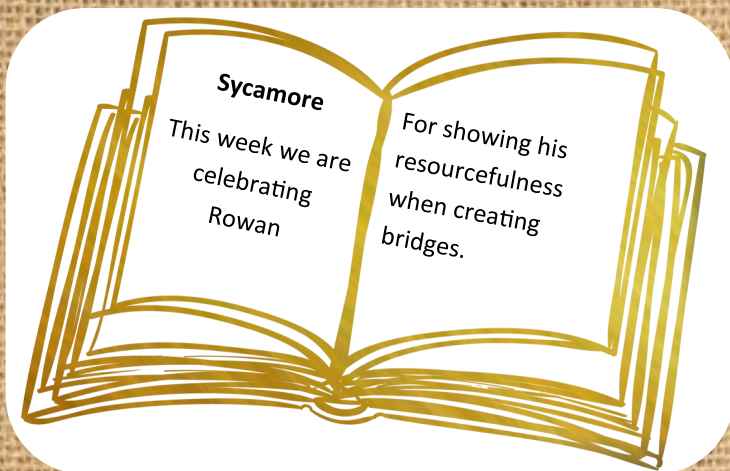
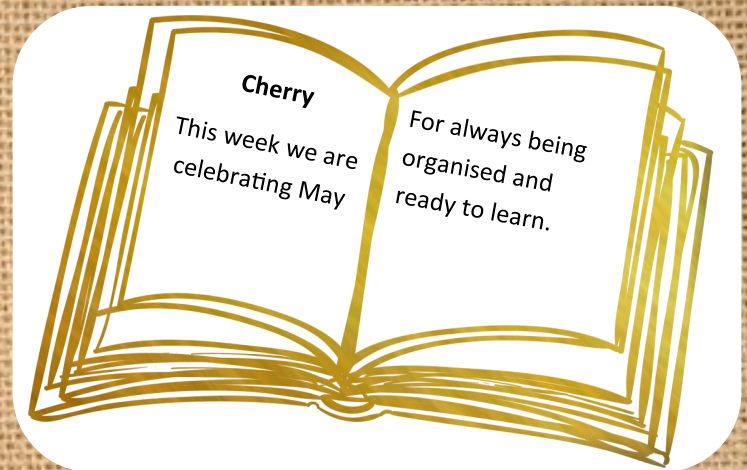
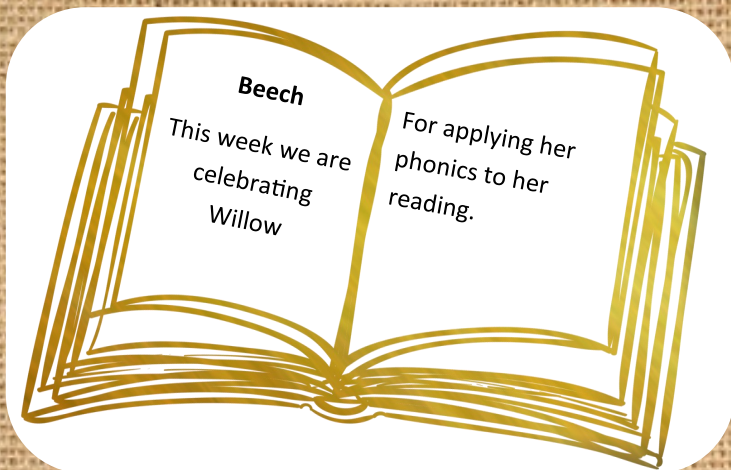
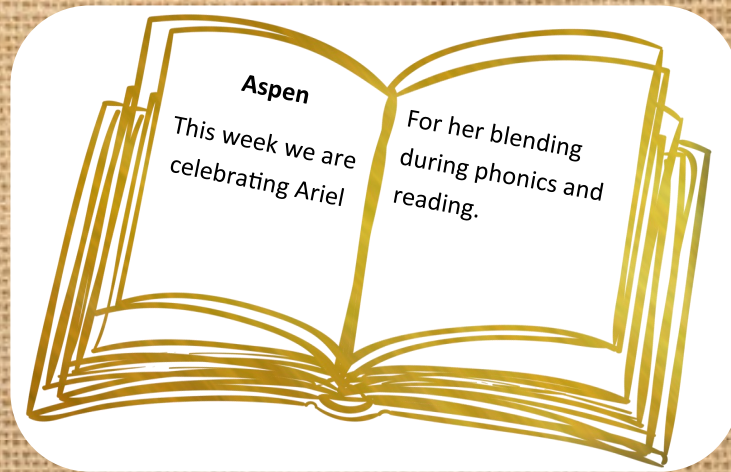


The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we continued to learn about different climates. In Art, we created pictures of desert habitats using sand. We learnt about the different animals and plants that live in polar and desert habitats. We thought about why each animal was suited to their habitat. We also explored using the computers to make our own music!



Golden Book



Notice Board



Book Scene Competition



We couldn't choose between these amazing book scenes! They are all winners! Can you guess which books they are from? Well done, Marcie, Isla and Ella

Hat Competition



We had loads of entries for the hat competition. There were many amazing designs, but the winner this year was Jordan who designed this stunning Thomas The Tank Engine hat! Well done Jordan.



World Book Day



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 **22nd 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

FONS



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 - 95.19%

Cherry - 95.73%

Sycamore - 92.59%

Juniper - 89.29%

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

Cricket Lessons



Cherry Dentist Visit



Notice Board



COMIC RELIEF

Friday 15th March 2024

Our school council have decided that to raise money for Comic Relief all the children can come to school with crazy, funny hair for a £1 donation. The children to wear their school uniform as normal.

School Disco

Please see poster to the right!
If your child is attending the disco next Friday, they will need to bring their disco clothes in a named bag and we will give them time to get changed before taking them to the disco.

