

28th March 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter celebrations have been underway this week and the children have been learning about the Easter story and what this special time of year means to Christians.

It was wonderful to welcome parents and extended family to the church and school to join us for our Easter services. The children rejoiced and sang so beautifully.

Reverend Louise talked to the children about the Easter miracle and God's unconditional and everlasting love. Easter brings hope, new beginnings and eternal life.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3

The children are all invited to attend St James Church in Silsoe at 9.30am on Easter morning where there will also be an opportunity to see the ducklings that we hatched and cared for at school and are now living locally in Silsoe.

I wish all children, families and staff a very Happy Easter!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'S. Boyle', is located below the 'Best wishes,' text.

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher



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Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

Reception have enjoyed working together this week in PE to create obstacles. The children worked in groups and choose their own equipment. We had obstacles that improved our balancing and throwing skills as well as obstacles that were a challenge, such as throwing balls into a hoop.

We were very happy to see the sun out at last Tuesday afternoon and had lots of fun in the sun outside. The children enjoyed the mud kitchen, riding the bikes and scooters and playing with the farm area. We have also enjoyed creating Easter crafts and thinking about the meaning of the Easter story for Christians.

Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

In English, we have been writing a story about our 'Incredible Adventure'. The children have been using their amazing imagination to think of places to go and how they might get there.

In Maths, we have been continuing to think about volume and capacity. Children have explored this using water and containers. They have worked on vocabulary such as full, nearly empty and full.

We had a lovely time at Church and the children were really enthusiastic when singing the songs.

Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

This week year 2 got the chance to test the lunchboxes they had made to see if they would be suitable for use 'in the real world'. We discovered that some of the lunchboxes needed to be more waterproof and others needed to have stronger handles!

We have enjoyed finishing our work on The Bear and the Piano and have written some super stories inspired by this great book. We have also continued looking after the seeds we planted for our science experiment and are looking forward to seeing if our predictions were correct after the holiday.

Year 3 –Palm and Pine

Year 3 have had a great term learning new sewing skills to make their own pencil cases. We learnt 3 different types of stitch and then designed what we would like our pencil cases to look like. We added buttons to secure them and embellishments to suit our styles and interests. The children were all eager to finish them before half term so they could take the pencil cases home and show them off to family and friends. Well done Year 3!

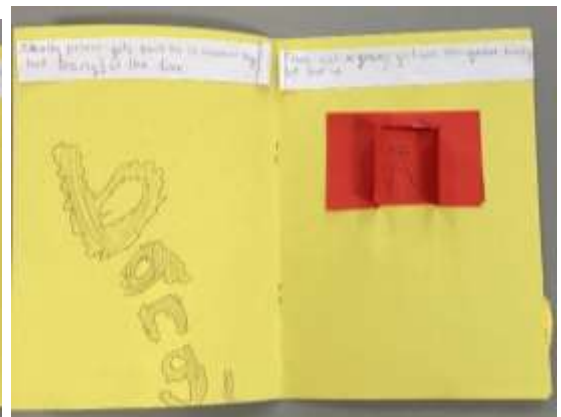


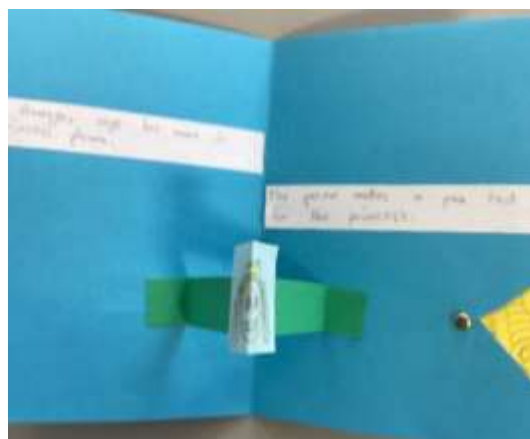
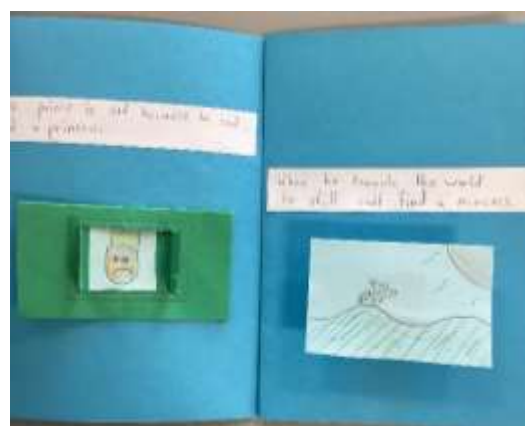


Year 4 – Elm and Oak

Year 4 have been using and applying all their DT learning from the term and making their very own pop-up story books for The Princess and the Pea. The children have shown great determination and resilience in learning to create some tricky features such as windows, concertinas and wheels!

We have also been continuing with our science learning on teeth. This week we have gathered results and written conclusions for our experiment on the effects of different liquids on our teeth. Ask us about what happened to the eggs!





Multiplication Table Focus – Year 4.

Summer 1

Each week in our times table lesson we will start by reviewing the previous weeks focus before moving on to the new weekly focus.

Week Beginning	15.04.24	22.04.24	29.04.24	06.05.24	13.05.24	20.05.24
Review	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
New Focus	X4	X8	X7	X6	X9	X12

In preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check you might like to practice with the following games –



[Multiplication Tables Check - Mathsframe](#)



[MTC Test - URBrainy](#)



[Times Tables Rock Stars:
Play \(trockstars.com\)](#)
SOUND CHECK OPTION

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Conifer class

This week we focused on Easter and completed lots of lovely crafts. We also made Easter nests and had a small Easter Egg hunt!

Attendance for this week

Acorn	91%	Chestnut	100%
Hawthorn	97.2%	Willow	100%
Maple	96.2%	Sycamore	94.4%
Palm	92.2%	Pine	94.4%
Elm	91.3%	Oak	97.8%
Conifer	93.2%		

Please find the link to the NHS website regarding 'Is my child well enough to be in school'
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child has a temperature for more than 2 days please take them to the doctor to get them checked for an infection.

Being late for school can affect your child's attendance, anyone arriving after 8.55 and entering through the front doors will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9.15 will be marked as an unauthorised absence which will affect their attendance (unless there is an acceptable explanation).

Star and Leaves awards

We will be recommencing the Star and Leaves awards when we return after the Easter holidays and have our next celebration worship.

General Information

School Vision

We have just started the process of rewriting our school vision and mission statement. The school vision aims to encapsulate the spirit and ethos of our school and is an integral part of our school identity and our daily activities. We would like to update how our vision is written in order to reflect the changes within our school community and to make it more accessible and 'child friendly.' The updated vision will be accompanied by a Bible verse which will be chosen to enhance and reflect our vision and will underpin the values of our school.

We are now beginning to gather together the views of children, staff, parents and governors so that we can create a vision which captures the nature and ethos of our school for everybody who is part of our school community. We would like as many of you as possible to complete the linked questionnaire so that we can truly represent what is most important to our school now and over the coming years. Please complete the anonymised questions and submit to us by 26th April. This will enable us to begin to formulate our new vision ready for launch in September.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further then please make an appointment to chat to Mrs Ambler via the school office. We look forward to receiving your input as we work together to create our new vision.

<https://forms.gle/HZDdqfz8Uh1irHJw5>

Easter services at Silsoe and Flitton Church

Reverend Simon and Reverend Louise Moore would like to invite you all to their Easter service

MESSY GOOD FRIDAY 10.30-12 SILSOE CHURCH, crafts, songs, refreshments, all welcome

EASTER SUNDAY 9.30 am, SILSOE CHURCH Easter Family Service at which we will have the **ducklings** that hatched out in Silsoe School

10.30 am, FLITTON CHURCH at which we will have **real lambs** in church with their shepherd.

Thank you to our PTA

We want to say a big thank you to our PTA who have enabled us to buy a range of books for diversity and inclusion to add to reading collection across the whole school.



Before and After school clubs run by outside companies

Please see details of clubs running before and after school but outside companies, please note the change of day for the Gymnastics club

Monday morning Performing Arts Collective Years 1 - 2 [Performing arts collective Year 1-2](#)

Tuesday PM Premier Education Dodgeball Years Reception – Year 2 [Premier-education](#)

Tuesday PM Choir This is already full. **Please note Choir will start again on 16th April**

Wednesday AM Premier Education Gymnastics club Years 1-4 [Premier-education](#)

Wednesday PM Jam Coding Years 1-4 [Jamcoding](#)

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Thursday PM Performing Arts Collective Years 3 – 4 [Performing arts collective Year 3-4](#)
Friday PM Tennis Club Years 2-4 Sign up via SCOpay.

Year 4 Preparing for transition to Middle School

We will be contacting all Year 4 parents toward the end of May regarding children walking to school without a parent. More information will be shared nearer the time, all children will still need to be accompanied to and from school after Easter.

Lost property

We have a large amount on un-named lost property. If your child has lost anything please come to the school office to check if we have it.

Anything uncollected by 4pm Thursday 28th March will be re-cycled or disposed of.

Easter Holidays

This is just a reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays next Thursday 28th March and will be returning after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 16th April.

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this school year. Please note dates which have changed or added have been highlighted.

16/04/2024	As usual	Children return to school
18/04/2024	10am-11.30am	Y4 Transfer Festival at Arnold Academy
24/04/2024	8am	Bags2school collection for PTA
25/04/2024	All Day	Y4 Bikeability – children to bring in bikes & cycle helmets
25/04/2024	4-5pm and 5.30-6pm	PTA Disco Buy tickets by clicking this link
13/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
14/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
15/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
16/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scholastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
17/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scholastic Book Fair Y3 and Y4
18/05/2024	7pm	PTA Quiz Night Book your table by clicking this link
22/05/2024	All Day	Reception trip to Standalone Farm
07/06/2024	All Day	Y2 Herrings Green trip
08/06/2024	All Day	Silsoe Lower School Football Tournament
12/06/2024	Morning	School Photographer – Class Portraits
24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
26/06/2024	3.45pm to 5.45pm	Book look & meet your new Teacher for 2024 to 2025
27/06/2024	All Day	Transition Day
28/06/2023	All Day	Y1 Mount Fitchett Trip

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01/07/2024	All Week	Sports Week – details to follow nearer the time
04/07/2024	PM details sent to parents	Singing Superstars concert – Details to be confirmed
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Patience

‘But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.’

Romans 8:25

Summer/Autumn 2024		Pupils Choice Extra Menu				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		15 APRIL, 7 MAY, 3 JUNE, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 23 SEPTEMBER, 14 OCTOBER				
WEEK 1	MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti Marinara (New)	Roast Beef with Gravy	Turkey Roast	Battered Fish Fillet
	MAIN MEAL 2	Cheese & Tomato Quiche (V)	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve)	Mince Slice (Ve) (New)	Favourite Quorn Hot Dog	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
	SIDE DISH	Pasta or Potato Wedges (Ve)	Brown & White Rice (Ve)	Roast Potatoes (Ve) or Wholemeal Pasta (Ve)	Diced Potatoes (Ve) or Garlic Bread (Ve)	Potato Wedges (Ve) or Tricolour Pasta (Ve)
	COLD OPTION	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll (V)	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette (V)	Egg Roll (V)
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
		22 APRIL, 13 MAY, 10 JUNE, 1 JULY, 22 JULY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 21 OCTOBER				
WEEK 2	MAIN MEAL 1	Tex Mex Beef Fajita	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fishcake
	MAIN MEAL 2	Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V)	Moroccan Tagine (Ve) (New)	Plant Balls with Gravy (Ve)	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta (Ve)	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
	SIDE DISH	Rice (Ve) or Tomato Bread (V)	Diced Potatoes (Ve) or Couscous (Ve)	Roast Potatoes (Ve) or Brown & White Rice (Ve)	Potato Wedges (Ve) or Hearty Bread (Ve)	Oven Chips (Ve) or Tricolour Pasta (Ve)
	COLD OPTION	Cheese Baguette (V)	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich (V)	Egg Roll (V)
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
		29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 7 OCTOBER				
WEEK 3	MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry (New)	Chicken Fillet with BBQ Sauce	Turkey Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy (New)	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
	MAIN MEAL 2	Homemade Sausage Roll (Ve) (New)	Quorn Burger in a Bun (V)	Rich Tomato Bolognese	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy (Ve)	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
	SIDE DISH	Rice (Ve) or Diced Potatoes (Ve)	Potato Wedges (Ve) or Spaghetti (Ve)	Roast Potatoes (Ve) or Wholemeal Pasta (Ve)	Herby Bread (Ve) or Diced Potatoes (Ve)	Oven Chips (Ve) or Tricolour Pasta (Ve)
	COLD OPTION	Cheese Sarnie Sandwich (V)	Cheese Baguette (V)	Tuna Roll	Ham Sandwich	Egg Roll (V)
	EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
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SILSOE LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Where: Wrest Park, Silsoe

When: Saturday 8th June 2024

Morning Tournament Registration 8:30am

Kick off 9am

Afternoon Tournament Registration 12:30pm

Kick off 1pm

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Messy Good Friday

Friday 29th March 10.30am-12noon

Silsoe Church

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ending with refreshments together.

Booking recommended on

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