



BWA Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and productive week, I would like to share how proud we are of the learning taking place across the school. In this week's newsletter, you will find highlights from each class, celebrating the hard work, enthusiasm and achievements of our children.

I am also very much looking forward to our upcoming parent-teacher meetings for the English Stream. These meetings are an important opportunity to talk together about your child's progress and next steps. If you have not yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible. For those who have already booked, please remember to make a note of the time slot you have secured so that meetings can run smoothly for everyone.

I am aware that, following recent news about changes to the bilingual provision, some parents may be feeling worried about the potential impact on standards. Please be assured that our focus on high standards and high-quality provision remains as strong as ever. The quality of teaching and learning is a key priority for us, and we have the capacity, commitment and expertise to remain firmly focused on delivering the very best outcomes for all our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

I wish you all a very peaceful and enjoyable weekend together.

Séana Henry

Headteacher

Important dates:

Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September – Friday 6 February.

Last Day of Spring Term 1 - Friday 13 February.

Spring Half Term - Monday 16 to Friday 20 February.

First Day of Spring Term 2 – Monday 23 February.

Last Day of Spring Term 2 - Friday 27 March

Full term dates for both streams are [available on our website](#).

Important information:

- Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school**. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our [communication table](#) should help with any queries you have.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Serine
RB	Alessandro
Y1	Alaia
1B	French Week
Y2	Lanah
2B	French Week
Y3	Eylo
3B	French Week
Y4	Alex Thomas Fox
4B	Aleck
Y5	Sudeysi
5B	Ora
Y6	Keenan
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Rupert
RB	Alexandre
Y1	Eva
1B	French Week
Y2	Leo
2B	French Week
Y3	Olympe
3B	French Week
Y4	Thomas Harper - Hayes
4B	Amaury
Y5	Linh
5B	Romeo
Y6	Isobel

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

This week **Nursery** have been learning about firefighters and how they keep us safe from danger. The children have had a lot of fun creating their own storylines in their roleplay, reflecting what we have been learning about. In maths, the children learnt about surveys and have been experimenting with their own symbols and marks to answer questions about firefighters. The children were also very happy to get to make chocolate treats as part of our *Understanding of the World* lesson on states of matter.



In *Understanding the World* this week, **Reception** were talking about the different diets the dinosaurs had - herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. The children used their detective skills to find out if the dinosaur was herbivore, carnivore and omnivore by looking at what was in the 'dinosaur poo.'

Continuing with their topic of Traditional Tales, **RB** worked on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children roleplayed the story and created their own masks. Using their fine motor skills, the pupils had to add toppings to porridge using counters. They then used their Phonics knowledge to make wanted posters because they had to find Goldilocks.



In **Year 1**, the pupils have been learning all about Length and Height in maths. The children explored different units of measurement, using paper clips, hands and feet to measure a range of objects, before learning about centimetres to measure more precisely. They also enjoyed making their own rulers using centimetre squares. The children really enjoyed this maths unit and showed great enthusiasm and curiosity.

In Science, **Year 2** learned all about how to wash their hands properly to keep germs away. They carried out a fun experiment where they pretended pepper was a "virus" on their hands. When they added soap, the "germs" quickly ran away! This helped the pupils understand how important soap is for getting rid of germs and staying healthy.





Our Week – Key Stage 2

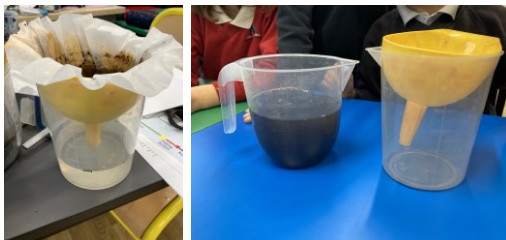
Year 3 have had a wonderful week. A particular highlight for the children was researching Egyptian pyramids, temples and monuments in their History topic of Ancient Egypt. They used Chromebooks and books to discover more about their monuments and created a poster to present to the class.



In Geography, **Year 4** have been learning all about Greenland, including its physical and human features, with a special focus on Nuuk (the capital city). Using the class Chromebooks, the children researched different aspects of life in Nuuk, such as homes, transport, weather, and daily routines. They then compared life in Nuuk with life here, spotting similarities and differences. This sparked some thoughtful discussions and helped develop their research skills. The children were particularly intrigued by the cold climate and agreed that Greenland is definitely not the place to forget your coat! Year 4 have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout this learning.

This week, **4B** took the information they learnt about [the role of a Member of Parliament](#) and turned it into a job advertisement, seeking candidates for a new MP. They included information such as who they work with, where the House of Commons is located, and created short job description based on the key issues MPs can help with, including pensions and problems with the NHS.

In PSHE, **Year 5** explored how to recognise and manage emotions through *Sad*, a book by Michael Rosen. Pupils reflected on different strategies they use to make themselves feel better when they are sad. They then created their own concertina books, telling thoughtful and imaginative stories about overcoming emotions. The activity encouraged creativity, empathy and emotional awareness, and the pupils were very proud of the finished books.



This week, **5B** carried out experiments to work out the most efficient way to separate mixtures of solids and liquid solutions. They used sieves, colanders, filters and magnets to mimic everyday uses of sorting such as recycling plants and water purification.

The **Year 6** pupils have been writing letters inspired by Shaun Tan's book *The Arrival*. They have used figurative language, direct address and sophisticated punctuation to craft some beautiful pieces of writing. Well done, Year 6!



Sports Update

Our Nursery children treated parents to a swashbuckling pirate dance performance last week. Dressed in their fantastic pirate costumes, the children confidently performed their routine and made everyone smile with their enthusiasm and energy.



After the performance, the fun continued as children and parents danced together to the YMCA, creating lots of laughter and special memories. All the children did brilliantly and had a wonderful time celebrating together.

Nursery Applications for September 2026

Applications for Nursery places for September 2026 close on **Friday 6 February 2026**.

We offer a combination of full-time and part-time places at our nurturing and self-contained Nursery, where children feel settled, happy and safe, whilst beginning to develop their learning and independence.

To find out more about the Nursery application process, including using the Government's free childcare funding and top-up costs, or to download an application form, please [visit our website](#).

Art Opportunity

Now in its eighth year, The Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4-18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and art professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.



Further information about the show and how to apply is available on their website at youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk. The closing date for entries is 5pm on Wednesday 4th March 2026

Wellbeing Resources

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars and groups across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. Next month, they are holding an online parent/carers group on **Understanding and Supporting your Child's Sleep**. This online group is for parents and carers of children aged 4 – 8, and will take place over 4 lunchtime sessions starting on Friday 27 February. To find out more or sign up, [visit their website](#).

You can sign up to their full programme of free webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Reception – Year 6\)](#). Their next webinars are on **Promoting Sibling Harmony** on [Monday 26 January at 7pm](#) and [Tuesday 27 January at 1.30pm](#).