



## Diary Dates

### INSET Days

01.09.23, 04.09.23,  
27.03.24, 28.03.24,  
24.05.24

### Holidays 2023-2024

**New/Changed**

### Open Close

#### Summer 2024

Mon 15.04.24 Thu 24.04.24  
Mon 03.06.24 Tue 23.07.24

### Diary Dates

**Tue 26.03.23** Easter service.  
12.45pm @Cadmore church  
1.30pm School finishes

**Mon 15.04.24** School opens

**Tue 23.4.24** 11am – 11.45  
am Maths Stay and Learn  
Session year 1

**Wed 24.4.24** 11am –  
11.45am Maths Stay and  
Learn Session year 2

**Tue 30.4.24** 11am –  
11.45am Maths Stay and  
Learn Session year 3

**Wed 1.5.24** 11am –  
11.45am Maths Stay and  
Learn Session year 4

**Mon 13.5.24** Year 6 SATS  
week

**Thu 23.5.24** Last day

**Mon 3.6.24** School opens  
**Wed 19.6.24** Whole school  
trip to Cotswold Wildlife  
Park

**Fri 5.7.24** 2pm – 3.15pm  
Sports Day

**Mon 15.7.24 – Fri 19.7.24**  
Class 4 residential

**Tue 23.7.24** 12.45-1.30pm  
Leavers service at Cadmore  
church. School finishes at  
1.30pm

## Words from the Woods!

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

*'From small beginnings come great things'*  
*The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32*

Dear Parents,

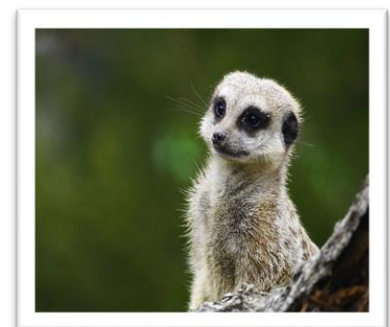
The children had a lovely Thursday, where they participated in a range of Easter activities including an Easter Egg hunt and an Easter bonnet competition!

Classes have also enjoyed their termly "Godly Play session" with Mrs Sims as they explored the Easter story.

Earlier this week, we had our first Stay and Play session for Class 1; where parents were invited to join reception class for a session. Due to its success and the insight it provided to parents, we have organised a Stay and Learn session for parents of children in Class 2 and Class 3 to come and join in with a maths session with their child. It is an excellent opportunity for you to learn how Maths Mastery is taught (very different to how we were taught in the olden days)! If you would like to attend, please complete the electronic form. <https://forms.office.com/e/zi1muP5VqP>

### Whole School Trip

We have arranged to go on a whole school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Wednesday 19th June. We have not had a whole school trip since before Covid. This trip ties in with lots of current learning that is going on across the school.



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The cost of the trip will be £30.00 per child which will pay for the cost of the coaches and entry to the Wildlife Park. Whilst there, the children will have a ride on the train and also an ice cream. The cost of the trip can be split into 3 payments of £10 if preferred. Please use Parent Pay to make payments.



### **Peripatetic Lessons**

We only have a few children that have signed up for peripatetic music lessons. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn a musical instrument. There is a wealth of evidence linking learning an instrument to improved memory, perseverance, reading and comprehension skills, mathematics and concentration. Lessons are delivered during school hours. If you would like to find out more or to sign your child up, please visit their website: <http://www.rockandpopfoundation.com>



### **Reading and vocabulary**

Did you know, that research has found that young children whose parents read to them daily, have been exposed to at least 290,000 more words by the time they enter school, than kids who aren't read to regularly? This means that, depending on how much daily reading time kids get, that number can go up to over a million words!

### **Easter Service**

We will be holding our annual Easter service at Cadmore End church (weather permitting) on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12.45pm. Classes 2-4 will lead the service with a selection of songs, poetry and stories. I hope you can join us.



### **Easter Holidays**

Just to remind you that school will finish on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm There will be no after school care on that day.

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## Donations

Do you have any of the following items that you could donate for EYFS? There is a reward of 5 house points per item.

- Pasta
- Plain flour
- Corn flour
- Table salt
- Cream of tarter
- Paper plates
- Masking tape
- Old socks (to make a sock puppet)



## News From The Classrooms

### Class 1

Class 1 have been busy learning about Kings and Queens!

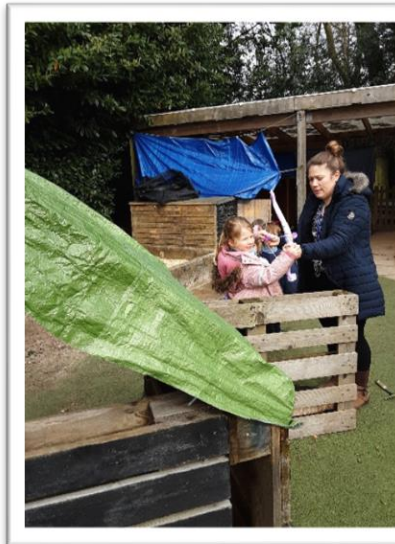
The children began by learning about King Charles III and his role as king. They then thought about what they would do if they were king or queen for the day and how they would help the nation. The children also had fun painting portraits of King Charles!

The class then learnt about some of the castles where the King may stay in the UK and found where these castles are in the country using google maps.

The children have enjoyed playing with the small world castle in the classroom and learnt some new vocabulary, 'arrow slit, moat and turret' when exploring the features of castles.

The class then pretended to be in their own castle in the outside area and use the pallets as pretend arrow slits to fire the bow and arrow across the garden!

Class 1 also went on a lovely class walk to look for signs of Spring! Have a lovely Easter break. EYFS Team



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## Class 2

Class 2 have been busy growing bean plants as part of our Plants Science unit. The children have kept a diary and recorded the growth of their bean each week. I look forward to finding out how big they grow when the children take them home.



In English, we have been looking at the book 'The King Who Banned the Dark.' and in History, we have found out about Kings and Queens. We thought it would be nice to send our King a 'Get Well' card.

Another busy term, the children have worked hard and are ready for a holiday. Enjoy your Easter break. Class 2 Team.



## Class 3

This term, Class 3's topic has been 'Crime and Punishment'. We have looked at how the British justice system has developed over the past thousand years. From the crucifixions of the Ancient Romans to the establishment of the Police Force under Sir Robert Peel, we have looked at how and where crimes and punishments came from.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading poetry by Michael Rosen. We have used these as inspiration to write our own free verse and rhyming poetry, exploring feelings and emotions.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions and their links to decimals. The Year 3s have also been learning about mass and how it is measured.

In science, we have been experimenting with forces and magnets. We have sorted magnetic and non-magnetic materials, investigated the strength of magnets and seen how magnets are used in everyday life.

In computing, we have been looking at using Microsoft PowerPoint to create branching stories with various different endings.

As an end to the term, Class 3 have put on an Easter Egg competition to celebrate this very important time of year! Enjoy your Easter break. Class 3 Team.

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#### Class 4

In English, the children have been really captivated by the incredible story of Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica in 'The Endurance'. They have learnt all about the geography of Antarctica and the story has afforded the children opportunities to write across many genres including diary, letter and report writing. As I write, we are just approaching the end of the story and the children are very excited to find out whether all the crew returned home safely!

There has been a real push on times tables in maths this term and creating a little healthy competition in class seems to have motivated all the children to secure them. We started the term immersed in the world of fractions, decimals and percentages and are now exploring area & perimeter of different shapes.

In our study of the Chang Dynasty, we have been using a cross-curricular link to computing to support our learning, the children have enjoyed researching and creating power points to explore this fascinating part of history.

Finally, as you can see below, we have some very talented artists in class 4. With guidance from Mrs Kane, the children have been studying the work of Claude Monet and have recreated some of his famous work in their own unique styles!



Have a lovely Easter break!

Mr Stone & Mrs Cane

As always, have a lovely weekend and, if I don't see you next week, a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Groom

Headteacher

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## Celebration Assembly

Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the Week	Ben	For working hard with his sharing and turn taking.
	Science		
	Maths	Maive	For brilliant reasoning and explanation about doubles.
	Writer	Dawson	For great use of sounds when spelling new words.
	Values	Celina	Empathy – For giving all her Easter eggs she found during the egg hunt to a younger peer who had only found two!
Class	Award	Name	Reason
2	Star of the Week	Ettie	For always being so helpful towards your teachers and peers.
	Science	Tony	For being enthusiastic towards our bean growing experiment.
	Maths	Rory	For showing a positive attitude towards your maths learning.
	Writer	Kasper	For making improvements in your letter formation and writing.
	Values	Declan	For showing our value of Love by being kind to people.
Class	Award	Name	Reason
3	Star of the Week	Elsie	For always working hard and trying her best!
	Science	Aubree	For leading an excellent science investigation
	Maths	Riley	For always applying himself and making excellent progress in maths.
	Writer	Amy	For her wonderful poetry writing
	Values	Archie	For always showing courage, empathy and honesty in all he does
Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the Week	Max	For your excellent attitude, focus and determination in all lessons this week!
	Science	Gabriella	For your excellent focus in lessons, starting your work promptly and completing it to a good standard.
	Maths	Isabel	For your excellent attitude and effort in lessons.
	Writer	Leonardo	For your excellent effort and writing in this week's diary activity.
	Values	Mimi & Gaby	For showing all our school values and responsibility showing a prospective student around!

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