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Message from Mrs Jenkins

We have had another busy and productive week in school. This week we have had several changes in routine and staffing. I want to share how well the children have managed these small adjustments. Change can be unsettling, yet they have shown real resilience and a growing ability to adapt.

Learning to cope with change is an essential life skill. Some children find this easier than others, and that's completely natural. Our role is to support each child from their own starting point so they can build confidence in managing new routines and unexpected shifts. Change is a very real, ongoing, and inevitable part of life. By experiencing small, supported changes now, children become better equipped to handle the bigger transitions they will face in the future—such as moving schools, moving house, or coping with loss. These “desirable difficulties” help them develop independence, problem-solving skills, and emotional strength.

Thank you for the support you give at home. When school and home work together, children feel more secure and capable as they learn to manage new experiences.

We encourage you to embrace these small, desirable difficulties at home too. A few simple ideas that can help children practise flexibility include:

- Making small changes to routines, such as taking a different route to school or switching the order of bedtime tasks.
- Giving children advance notice of a change, then talking together afterwards about how they managed it to help them see that they have the skills to cope.
- Encouraging them to try new things, even when they feel unsure at first, and praising the effort rather than the outcome.

These gentle challenges help children build confidence in themselves and trust in the adults around them. Working together, we can help them grow into adaptable, resilient young people who feel ready for whatever life brings 😊

Attendance

Our school: 96.5%. National average: 95.8%.

Stars of the Week, Value Champion & Golden Cutlery Award Winners!

Reception : **Celeste**

Years 1&2 : **Benny**

Years 3&4: **Herbie**

Years 5&6: **William**

Values Champion: **Alfie H**

Golden Cutlery Award Winner:

KS1—Leo Parker

KS2—Poppy Burch

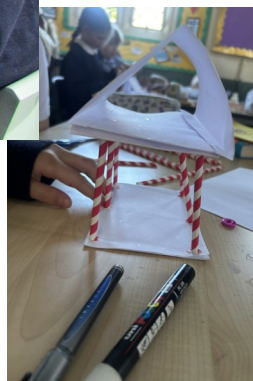
Year 1&2

Year 1 and 2 have been busy every Tuesday honing our tennis skills. We have learn how to control the balls with little taps and aimed at targets. The children have quickly got to grips with the basics and are enjoying building up volleying and fielding techniques in a mini game style lesson. We practised throwing over arm and aiming towards the goal and talked about when it is appropriate to use an under or over arm throw. The photos sum up our enthusiasm ! Enjoy your bank holiday Monday everyone and we look forward to seeing you: Friday 8th May for our class assembly in church.



Reception

This week there was great excitement as we took delivery of a brand new shed for our garden earlier this week. There was much discussion about what it might be for, could it be a 'new barn for the chicks' or maybe a toilet? We have been looking at pictures of outdoor toilets from long ago for our topic work so this was a natural link! Once we'd established it was a hiding place for Mrs Platt for when it all gets a bit too much, the focus soon turned to the fabulous sound the packaging card that we had removed made when we drew on it with our pens. Within minutes it was a shelter roof for the dinosaurs, then a wall for the house and then, once a suitable hole had been made, a post box! What a bunch of busy and imaginative little people. Other important news was that the children reached their goal of filling the jar full of stars together and their chosen reward was to do their reading in the garden today (yes, honestly that was what they wanted to do!).



Yrs 5 & 6

This week, Year 6 pupils have been busy applying their scientific understanding and creativity across both science and technology lessons.

In science, pupils carried out an exciting investigation to create their own homemade lava lamps. Using oil, water, food colouring and effervescent tablets, they explored the concept of density and observed how immiscible liquids behave. Pupils were fascinated to see that the oil and water separated into distinct layers, with the oil floating on top due to being less dense. When the tablets were added, a chemical reaction produced carbon dioxide gas, creating bubbles which carried coloured water upwards before it sank again.



In technology, pupils turned their attention to Ancient Greece, where they were challenged to design and build their own mini Greek temples. After researching key architectural features such as columns, symmetry and structure, pupils sketched their own designs, considering both appearance and stability. They then constructed their models using a range of materials, demonstrating careful measuring, cutting and joining skills. Many pupils showed great creativity in replicating classical features, while also ensuring their structures were strong and well-balanced.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week of hands-on learning, with pupils demonstrating curiosity, resilience and a growing ability to apply their knowledge across different subjects.

Thank you.....

We would like to say a huge thank you to Holly (Freya's mum) for so generously giving her time and expertise to clear and trim the wild garden area. Her hard work has made the space safer, more accessible, and even more enjoyable for all the children. We are really grateful for her support. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful outdoor space on our site, and we are committed to making sure more children can use it regularly. From the two-year-olds in Pre-School exploring nature for the first time, to our Year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in the new Forest School club, this area offers rich opportunities for learning, creativity, and adventure. Thank you again, Holly — your contribution makes a real difference to our school.

Message from School Council

On 5th June School Council are hosting a whole school Pyjama Day. This is to raise money for the children's House charities so please donate £2. You are allowed to bring a teddy but please keep it to just 1!

Diary Dates

May

8th	Assembly at St Michael's Church 8.45am. All parents and carers of children in Mr Grant's class warmly invited
6th	Little Rollright Farm—Reception
6th	CNSP Yr 3 Tennis Festival
8th May	Yr 1/2
13th	U10 Rugby Tournament, CN Rugby Club
11th-15th	Yr 6 SATS week
17th	Cricket Match Great Tew Cricket Ground
18th-21st	Yr 6 Bikeability
20th	Yr 4,5,6 Athletics Tournament, CN Rugby Club
22nd	Y3/4 Assembly at St Michael's Church 9am. All parents and carers of children in Miss Connor's class warmly invited
25th-29th	Summer Half Term

June

5th	Pyjama Day for everyone!
8th	Yr 4 Pottery Workshop, CNS
12th	Reception Assembly in Reception Classroom—all parents and carers in Mrs Platt's class warmly invited
17th	Yr 2 Cricket Festival
17th	CNSP U11 Cricket Festival
21st	Father's Day Colour Run
23rd	Moving Up Morning
24th	Sports Day for the whole school (reserve date Wednesday 1st July), Great Tew Centre

July

14th	KS2 Performance 2pm
15th	KS2 Performance 2pm & 6pm
17th	End of Year Leavers' Service for all parents