

THE PREP WEEKLY

Friday, 1st May, 2026



A message from Mrs Hughes

Wow what a week it has been in Prep! The children have been absolutely amazing at working hard, enjoying their art, food tech, sport and drama lessons all alongside the excitement of our big production! It has to be recognised that Frozen was a massive success with every child in Prep 4 to Prep 6 contributing in a way that made the whole show come together. Our Nursery, Reception and KS1 children all got to see the dress rehearsal on Monday and I can honestly say each show they performed only got more and more brilliant! Thankyou to all staff who enabled this production to happen from support off stage, creating the set, directing and a lot of hard work rehearsing- it is amazing how a show of this scale can be put together! The rest of the school have been busy planting, learning inside and outside of the classroom and enjoying the warmer playtimes too.

The term is moving quickly and we have lovely events coming up including ISA Athletics for selected KS2 pupils on Tuesday, a trip for all KS1 pupils on Thursday and the very exciting Prep 3 and 4 Residential to North Devon is now only a week away!

I hope you all enjoy a lovely long weekend!

Week ahead!



Monday 4th May

- BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 5th May

- ISA Athletics (selected children) Exeter Arena times TBC

Wednesday 6th May

- No events

Thursday 7th May

- KS1 Trip to Stover (AM)

Friday 8th May

Prep Life!



Frozen

Well done

Prep 4/5/6





Around the classes



The Lodge By Mrs Bryant

This week at the Lodge has been particularly busy. In celebration of Space Week, the children designed rockets for our display board, using vibrant red paint for the body and shiny silver paper. Additionally, they crafted miniature Maypole wands from coloured ribbons and wooden sticks, preparing for next week's May dancing on the field. The children also planted tomato seedlings they grew from seeds in our gardening area and have been caring for various other plants they planted last week, including watering, and observing their growth.



The Stables by Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have continued to learn about Castles after celebrating St George's Day last week. The children have been decorating biscuits to turn them into the English Flag which have made a tasty treat to take home. We have looked at simple 2D shape magnets and the children have used these shapes to make their own Castle designs fit for a member of Royalty or maybe a brave and fearsome Knight! We are re looking at letter sounds that we have learnt and the children have been using the interactive whiteboard to copy these specific sounds and then gone on to writing other letters they have remembered or that they have in their names. Great work everyone.



Reception By Mrs Ganner

The Reception children have been finding out lots of interesting facts about minibeasts! The have enjoyed using non-fiction texts as well as the internet to find information to help them to complete their Minibeasts Fact Files!

Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May



In Literacy, we are working with the book, *What the Ladybird Heard*, by Julia Donaldson. The children mapped out the farmyard and then coloured them with water colours. They added the speech bubbles, made in ICT, for each animal's sound. We then went on to explore the use of speech marks in a text rather than speech bubbles.

Prep 2

by Mrs Miller

This week in Literacy we have been enjoying the book, *'What the Ladybird Heard'*. We have practised writing our own dialogue between characters and following and writing instructions. Using our brilliant listening skills, we followed lots of steps to find 'The Fine Prize Cow'



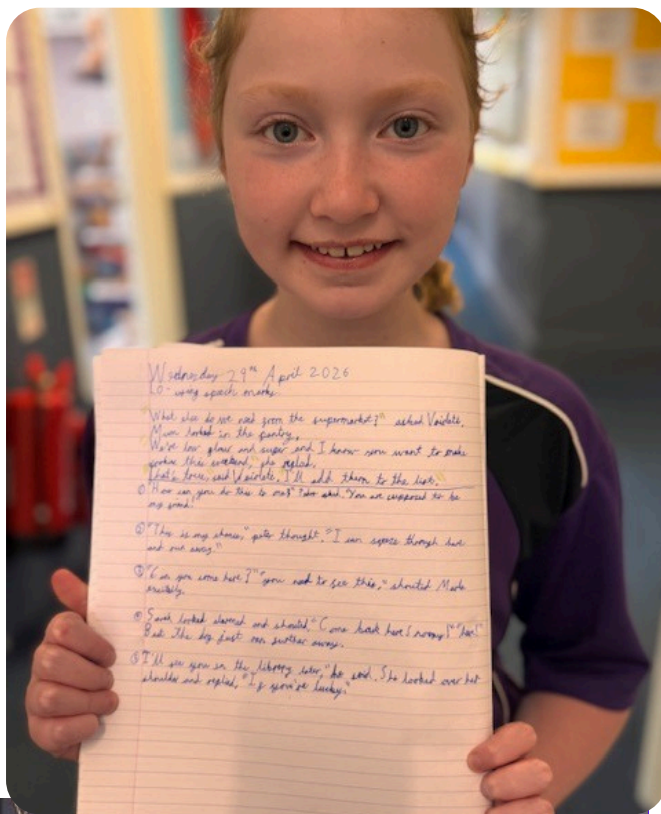
Prep 3

By Mrs Young



This week in Prep 3 the children have been learning about branching databases. The children learnt that branching databases are a classification tool used to identify objects by sorting them into smaller, specific groups using a series of yes/no questions. It starts with a broad category and branches out based on attributes. The children used the website j2e to create their own branching databases. Excellent work Prep 3!



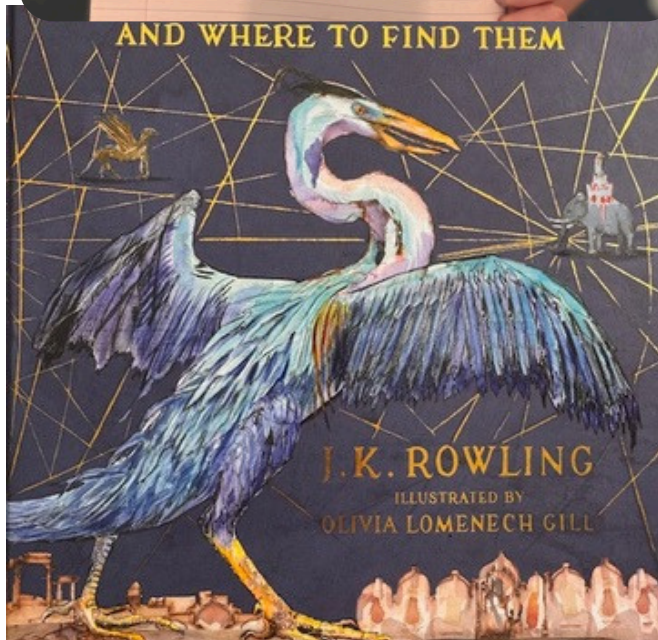


Around the classes

Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

The class have worked super hard this week using speech marks. They are showing excellent understanding of why speech marks are used and how speech marks and language is used to show who is speaking and how! The class have enjoyed this grammar focus after a week of formal letter letter writing. Next up- planning a newspaper report! Keep up the great efforts Prep 4!



Prep 5

By Mrs Sutton

Not only have Prep 5 done an outstanding job performing in 4 shows, they have been doing an excellent job of drawing angles using a protractor with amazing precision and using their knowledge of full turn and straight line angles to calculate missing angles. In English, they have been working on their Fantastic Beasts, bringing to life some lovely (and some horrific) creatures! They have also been finding out about the cause and effects of climate change on our planet and how it is impacting the fantastic beasts that live on it.



Prep 6

by Mrs Young



This week in RS Prep 6 learnt the importance of making good choices by exploring the concept of Karma in the Hindu faith. The children made and played an alternative game of Snakes and Ladders. The ultimate goal of the game was to reach Moksha by travelling through the game using positive Karma to reach the god Brahma. Super work Prep 6!



**House Points
winners will be
announced next
week!**



**Well done Eris
for passing her
Grade 1 Drums
in Rock and Pop
exam!**

