

17TH MAY 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

Another busy week passes by as we approach the final week before half-term. Our children have been out on class trips, sporting events and Prep 3 & 4 departed on their residential adventure to North Devon. For many of them, this will be their first time away from home but I can tell you that spirits were high and they had an amazing time! Although they returned home slightly jaded I can assure you that they will be recalling stories and memories that will stay with them for a lifetime. Please spare a thought for the wonderful staff that organised this opportunity and lived every moment with them through the highs and lows. They will need the rest this weekend just as much as the children! There was a lovely scene on Monday afternoon as our Reception class took part in their weekly forest school session even though the rain was pouring down. Fully decked in water-proof gear the children were jumping and splashing in our 'mud pit' on the field and their faces said it all - a great deal of fun and happy children even though the weather was awful. We have sports days next week and please remember to order parent catering before Monday using the following links. EYFS / KS1 Cream Tea: <https://forms.office.com/e/iR7FdOeqSq>. KS2 Lunch: <https://forms.office.com/e/EeYgjdQnyh>. Have a great weekend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 20th May

Tuesday 21st May

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 6 move-up day.

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Thursday 23rd May

Friday 24th May

KS2 Sports Day.

Break up for half term - no clubs.



Around the classes

The Lodge

By Mrs Broome

This week we have all loved playing in the ice cream parlour role play area, we have been serving each other ice creams and talking about all of the different flavours. We have also played with strawberry ice cream (pink shaving foam) and have done some sponge painting to create ice creams which are displayed on the windows.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have been preparing for Sports Day! We have been engaging in physical activities which further develop our fine motor skills such as scissor skills and pegs and peg boards and our gross motor skills such as climbing, balancing and running. We are Sports Day ready!

Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

Reception have enjoyed learning about life cycles and in particular the Butterfly Life Cycle. We treated the children to their own caterpillars to care for and observe real-life metamorphosis in action as they transitioned into chrysalis and then transformed into beautiful butterflies! Reception have looked daily through magnifying glasses to report what they can see and share in their excitement as the butterflies arrived. I think the children are going to be sad to see them go but we will be releasing the butterflies soon so that their cycle can continue. 🦋



KS1 Trip to Stover Country Park

After a gloriously hot weekend, the weather took a turn for Prep 1 and 2's trip to Stover Country Park but this didn't stop the smiles on the children's faces. We were shown how to pond dip in the lake by Jo the ranger and discovered lots of water boatmen, newts, snails and more. Then we braved the forest to roll some logs over and found some land based mini beasts which proved successful too. A soggy but worthwhile trip.



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs Miller

Prep 1 used their first hand experiences at Stover Park this week to write their very own information guides on how to pond dip. They used lots of key features such as bullet points to list equipment and numbers to sequence the steps. They recalled lots of interesting information to make their writing exciting. Great job!



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 are nearing the end of their fraction unit in Maths and have learnt lots of skills about how to find halves, quarters and other fractions. This week they were posed the question about whether they would prefer $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of an amount of sweets. Through lots of investigation using sweets, they discovered they were equivalent amounts.

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

Prep 3 enjoyed Outdoor learning this week. They worked as a big group to collect sticks and keep the fire alight. They all enjoyed toasting marshmallows!



Work of the Week Friday 17th May

Harry Jeffery
Mali Eykyn
Henry Lovett
Molly Arthur
Rose Hooper
Willow Allen
Cosmo Bingham
Ben Jones
Henry Ball



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

The class have started their new Maths topic- money! They will use their learning from the past two decimals unit to calculate values of money, exchange and find totals. They enjoyed using a variety of coins to find how many different ways we can find amounts of money under £20.



Prep 5

By Louis Martin & Henry Lovett

This week, in Prep 5, we have been doing fantastic beasts, playing a football match against Highweek and some people went to ISA athletics. We also did our end of unit assessment on position and direction. In Science, we made oobleck and magic milk.



Prep 6

By Chris Partridge

Prep 6 have had another very busy week and happily free of SATs stress that most other Y6s have been under this week. We have been in training for Sports Day, working on our Enterprise projects and developing journalism skills. We have also celebrated some individual successes this week with Finn winning the Y6 boys ball throw at ISA regional athletics and Ben achieving a Gold Medal and Henry and Libbet achieving Silver Medals in the UKMT Year 8 Maths Challenge.



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP

Max Whiteway-Wilkinson

Joshua Bolton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Prep 3 & 4 Residential

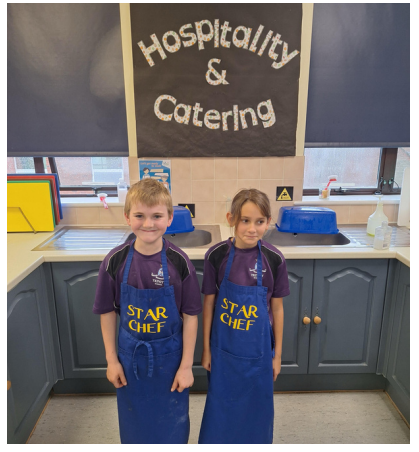
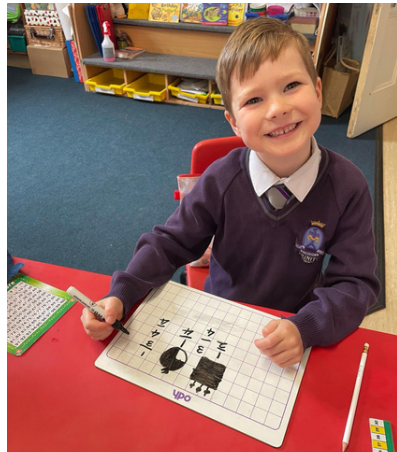


SW ISA Athletics



On Tuesday our Under 9 & 11 athletes travelled to Exeter Arena to take part in the SW ISA competition with the chance of qualifying for the national finals at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. All of the PE staff were so proud of the way the children performed and conducted themselves on the day. Every child competed with passion and courage which generated some fantastic results. We need to wait for official confirmation before announcing individual achievements but we know that we had a glut of pupils finishing in the top 5 in their event which is outstanding. It was also a pleasure to see how pupils supported each other across the age groups and showed great sportsmanship in both victory and defeat. Also a mention for our Prep 6 “sports journalists” who carried out their assignment with professionalism - hopefully we will be able to share their outcomes in the near future. A great day all round!

Prep Life Gallery



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