

NEWSLETTER

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An inspiring start to 2025!



A very warm welcome back to a new term and a brand-new year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable festive break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. They have settled back into their routines brilliantly, and it is already clear that they are eager to learn and grow.

This term has started with a real buzz of excitement as we have launched new topics across the school, from exploring the wonders of Ancient Egypt to delving into the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. Alongside our lessons, we have wasted no time in making learning even more engaging with enrichment days and workshops that have truly brought these topics to life.

It has also been fantastic to see our school sports teams back in action. Our Rugby, Netball, and Football teams have hit the ground running, with training sessions, fixtures, and tournaments already well underway. Not to mention the impending swimming Gala taking place this term. Our children's dedication and teamwork are inspiring, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements as the term progresses.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, full of learning, opportunities, and success for all our children.

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- Monday 20th January - **4K to Neasden Temple; Netball match vs Heathfields; Year 6 visiting Humanist**
- Tuesday 21st January - **4B swimming; Year 1 Toy workshop**
- Wednesday 22nd January - **4B to Neasden Temple**
- Thursday 23rd January - **Football match vs Heathfield (away)**
- Friday 24th January - **4C to Neasden Temple; Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop**
- Monday 27th January - **5B to Mosque**
- Tuesday 28th January - **4B swimming**

Holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - **HALF TERM BREAK**

Friday 4th April - **TERM ENDS**

Tuesday 22nd - **TERM STARTS**

Monday 5th May - **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - **HALF TERM BREAK**

Friday 18th July - **END OF TERM**

Celebrations & Achievements

Congratulations to **Lewis (5W); James (4B) and Zoe (4K)** on their outstanding performances in 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' last week at Hampton Hill Theatre. They had been attending rehearsals since last September before putting on four shows last week, one of which Year 5 came to watch.



Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 Egyptian Day was an absolute hit! The children journeyed back in time to uncover the wonders of Ancient Egypt. They cracked hieroglyphic codes, explored treasures and even stepped into virtual tombs with VR.

The excitement was everywhere as they became little archaeologists for the day. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this unforgettable adventure happen!



Year 5/6 Fantasy Football League Update

The Year 5/6 Fantasy Football League continues to thrill! Leading the pack is **ThomasTheFrankEngine** (Louis B) with a remarkable 910 points. Hot on their heels is **Great Greeny LC** (Josh E) with 839 points, after an impressive 84-point game week. In third, **Frantastica FC** (Francesca R-R) stands strong with 809 points, just ahead of **Flaming Squid** (Lucas B) at 805 points. Finally, making his way into the top five is **Irn Brunich**, managed by self-proclaimed football expert Mr Kelly, with 740 points.

The race for the top is heating up—good luck to all our fantasy managers!

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1	<i>ThomasTheFrankEngine</i> Louis B	72	910
2	<i>Great Greeny LC</i> Josh E	84	839
3	<i>Frantastica FC</i> Francesca R-R	73	809
4	<i>Flaming Squid</i> Lucas B	67	805
5	<i>Irn Brunich</i> Mr Kelly	85	740

Year 5 theatre trip

Many of our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a night out at Hampton Hill Theatre to watch "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" last Thursday. It was a wonderful evening and the theatre staff and other members of the audience complimented the children on their conduct during the performance.

Molly in 5B, said *"It was brilliant. I loved watching all the singing and dancing on stage."*

Reception Storytelling Festival

Reception children have been learning about traditional tales.

We had a visit from The Freshwater Theatre Company who took the children on a story hunt. They learnt all about The Ugly Duckling, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man.



Year 6 Greek Day



Last week, Year 6 kick-started their Ancient Greek topic day by immersing themselves in a Greek day. The children looked wonderful dressed up as Ancient Greek citizens. In the morning, they learnt about Greek pottery (and the stories that were told on them); Greek Gods and Goddesses and they became Greek actors performing a Greek myth -

Pandora's Box. In the afternoon, they tasted a range of different Greek foods. What an engaging start to their topic!

Football match vs Archdeacon Cambridge's



The Chase Bridge netball team were victorious in their first home game of the season against Archdeacon with a winning score of 6-4! It was an exciting match with a brilliant team performance. Congratulations to **Ganeeve, Flo, Catriona, Francesca, Jess, Maya and Ronan.**