



Headteacher Update

I can't quite believe how quickly the Spring Term has gone and that after the Easter break we will be into the summer term!

It was great to see so many of you at the Celebration of Achievement afternoon on Tuesday and I enjoyed looking at all the children's work on display. I have included some photos below.

We are just finalising dates, timings, and transport for our educational visits after Easter. This is where we are planning on taking the children:

Year R:	Blashford Lakes Nature Reserve
Year 1 / 2:	Russell Coates Museum
Year 3 / 4:	Moors Valley Country Park and Bike/walk over the heathland.
Year 4:	Hooke Court residential

Dr Bike visited us at the start of the week and checked over and repaired a number of bikes. They are hoping to return in June.

After some careful consideration, Mr West has chosen Lauren (Snowy Owls 2) and Emily (Tawny Owls 3) as the winners of the Maths Number Competition. Both children have received a special certificate.

A massive thank you again for your support with the Sponsored Bounce. You managed to raise an incredible **£1,868.30** which is the highest amount ever! Each child that took part should have received a certificate with their total number of bounces. The children with the most bounces per class and sponsorship money won an Easter egg. Thanks again to the PTA for arranging the event!

Next term we will continue our focus on reading, reasoning and problem solving in maths as well as retrieval practice (helping learning stick in the children's long-term memory). We will provide further details about this and how you can help at home during the summer term.

I would like to wish all families a wonderful Easter period and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 17th April.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

'Where **children** are at the **heart** of **everything** we do'

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Please find details of events for the **Summer Term** below.

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 93.1%
Tawny Owls 1 – 96.7%
Tawny Owls 2 – 95.7%
Tawny Owls 3 – 97.7%
Snowy Owls 1 – 98.3%
Snowy Owls 2 – 94.8%
Snowy Owls 3 – 96.3%

Whole School 96.1% (joint highest total!) 😊

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

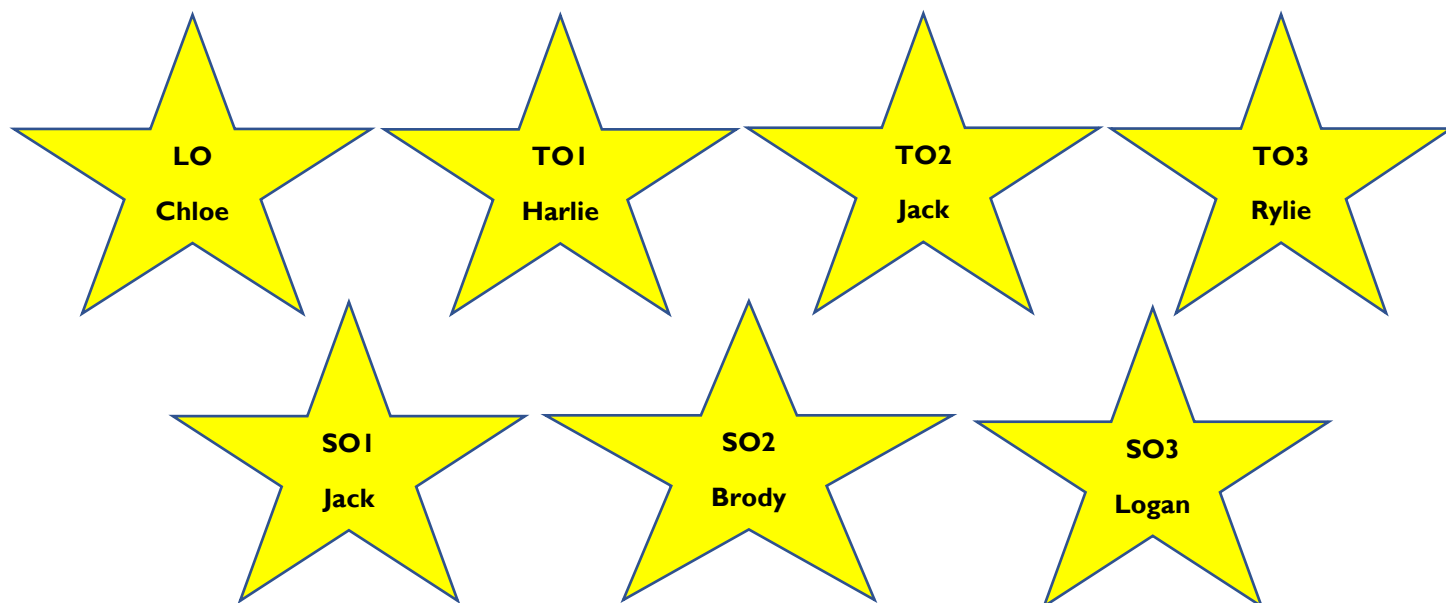
**Gates open at 08:30
School finishes at 15:00**

A huge thank you to Dorset Council for donating 5 oak trees as part of the King's Coronation celebrations and to Helen from Wild Places Garden Design for planting them. Some of our **Eco Warriors** were also able to help.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children for being our latest **Stars of the Week**:



Our **Stars of the Week**!



Owen, Harley, Kieran, Oliver, Charlotte, Grace and Keilan will be appearing on BBC Radio Solent as part of the 'Rings a Bell' segment. They will feature daily from 3pm the week of 17th April.

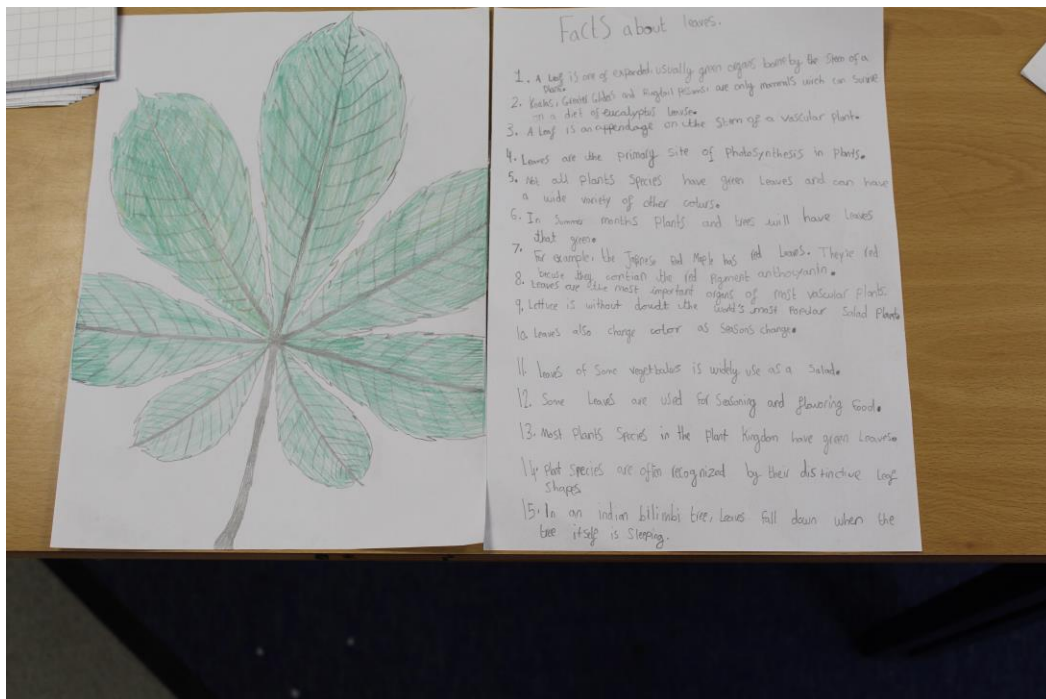
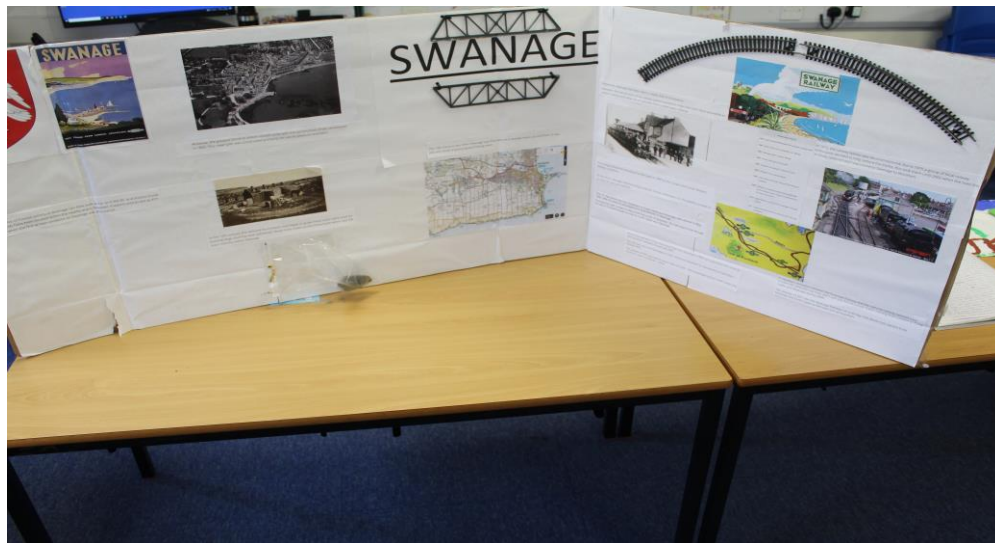
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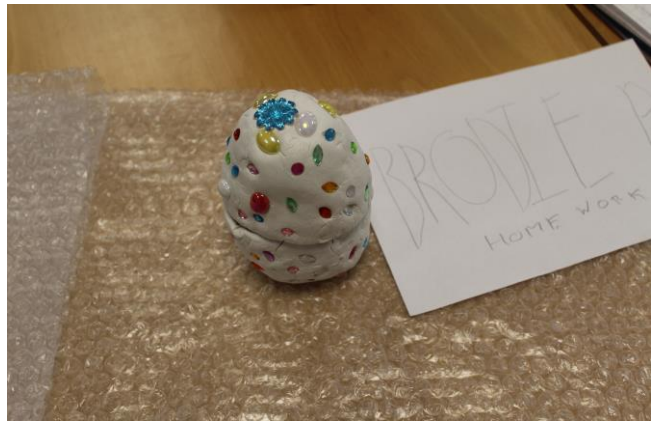
Some photos from Reception's Easter Egg hunt and Teddy Bears' picnic!

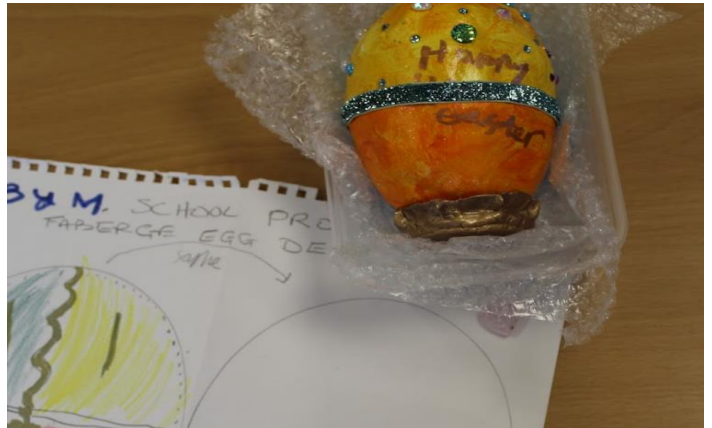


Photos from Celebration of Achievement afternoon











1. Raffle prize donations.
2. Would your work or business be able to sponsor a stall or a game?
3. Do you or your friends or family live on a main road in the village? Would you be happy to advertise our Summer Fayre on an estate agent sign in your front garden?

If you can help support our Summer Fayre, please contact Tracy from our PTA or the school office.



Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Term Dates

Summer term



May

Monday 1st
May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola donations for our Summer Fayre



Wear red, white and blue for the King's Coronation.

Monday 8th
King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Friday 26th
Break the rules day



Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Half Term



June

Monday 5th
Inset Day



Friday 9th
15:00-19:00
Summer Fayre



Friday 16th
Start of Ice-Cream Fridays

UPCOMING EVENTS



July

Friday 7th
Transfer Day

Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th
Year 4 Residential Trip to Hooke Court



Dates to be confirmed
Sports Day
Year 4 Leavers Assembly
Year 4 Leavers Party

Friday 21st
Last day of term



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Clubs

Rippa Rugby (Year 1-4) <https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/>

Rippa Rugby is continuing during the second half of the Spring Term. Please use the link above to book a space.



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)



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COACHING CONSULTANCY AVAILABLE

WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?
It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

WHO IS IT FOR?
It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times:

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

COACHING CONSULTANCY
We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Age Group Coaches.

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Tennis Club is running again from 17th April, but this time for Year 1 and 2. Further details and how to book available here:

<https://www.live4tennis.co.uk/service-page/mon-3-4pm-hillside-first-apr-jul-23>

Mon 3-4pm Hillside First (Apr-Jul 23)

Hillside first school years 1 & 2 only

11 sessions 3-4pm

Starting 17th April 2023

Rackets available

Starts 17 Apr

£50

Hillside Community First School