

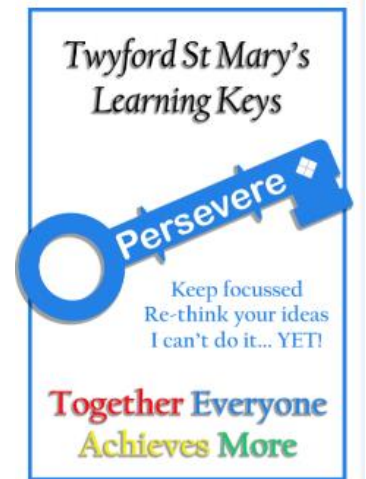


**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear TSM Families,

It has been a busy week for all at TSM with lots of exciting excursions being planned across the school. Our worship theme this week has been perseverance which links to one of our schools learning keys.

A personal thank you from me for all the adults who helped on the Young Voices Trip this week - it was a great success due to their commitment in supporting the pupils on a very exciting, but especially long day! Special thanks to Maria Parker, our school choir leader, who has now lead this trip alongside TSM staff for 8 years. Thank you for your dedication to musical excellence for our pupils.



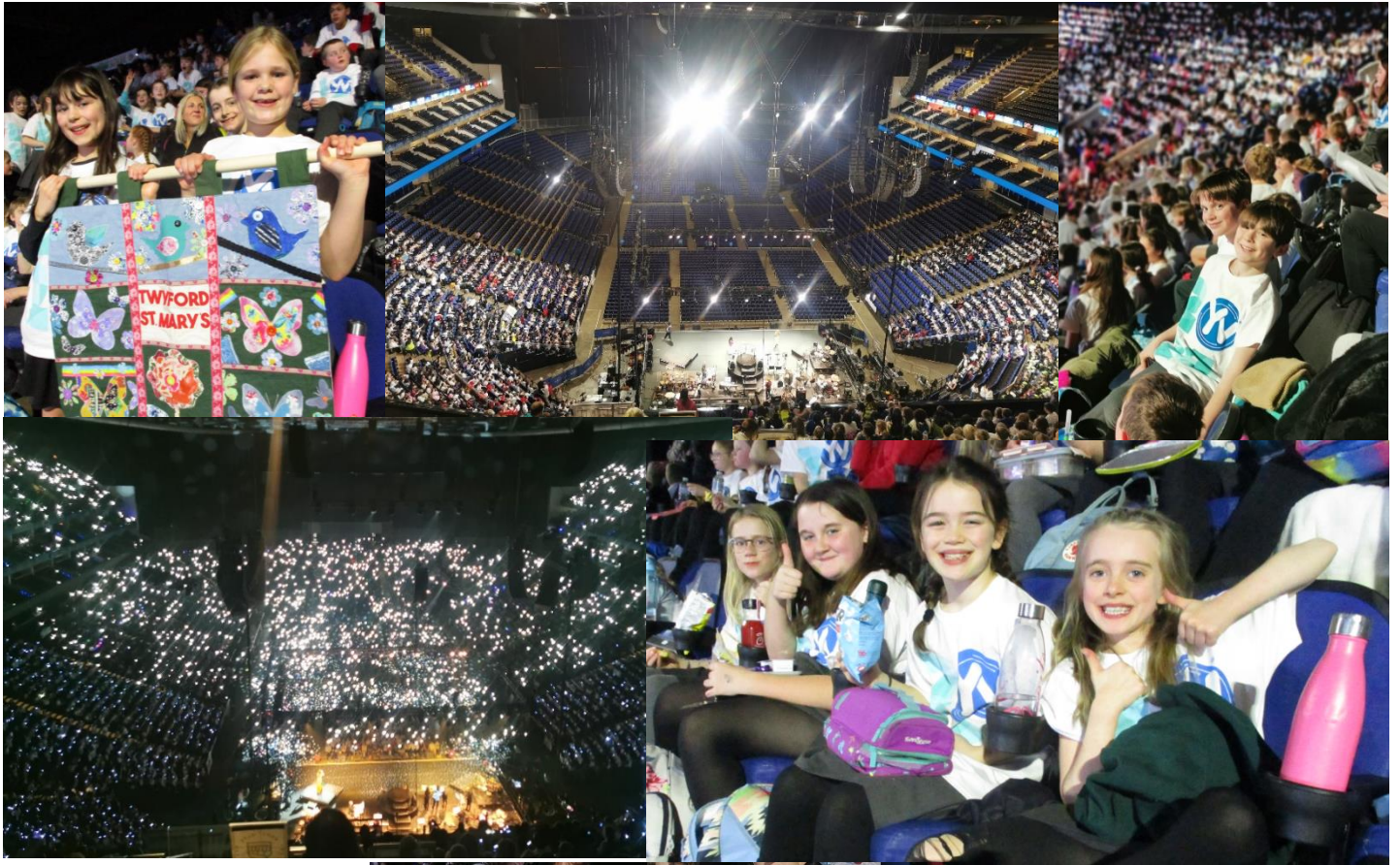
### **Young Voices 2024 – 02, London**

*"On Wednesday 17th January, a group of children from Year 4 to 6, went to Young Voices to sing in the O2 in London with the world's biggest children's choir. There were around 8,500 children there. There were ten different medleys including 'The Moment', 'Moana Mashup', and 'Today's goanna be a great day'. Throughout the whole concert everyone was clinging on to their little young voices lights and waving them around. They introduced us to Urban Striders; an amazing dance group that blew everyone away with their street dance. Then there was MC Grammar who is a rapper and rapped music while we sang. He loves books and is amazing at rapping. Another highlight was Nandi - a fantastic drummer - who has played across the world with lots of different bands and amazingly, she is only 13! Finally, the special guest... Natalie Williams, who was an amazing jazz singer and performed spectacularly. There is only one word to describe this experience ... 'magical'". By Flora and Eva, Yew Class*

There is a free 5 minute video of the concert video on the attached link: <https://yv24film.co.uk/>

PLEASE NOTE: All concerts will be available to stream for 6 months and downloadable to keep at the end of this period.







## Outstanding Achievement in Phonics

I have just received a letter from the Minister for Schools, Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, congratulating us on our school's outstanding achievement in last year's 2023 Phonics Screening Check!

With 95% of pupils in Year 1 meeting the expected standard in the check, our school is in the top 5% of all primary schools in the country!

A big well done to all our Year 1 children and to our amazing teaching staff!



## Yew Class – Peppered Moth

On Wednesday, while most of the class was at Young Voices, the remaining Yew Class children enjoyed a cross curricular day revolving around the peppered moth. We have been learning about the peppered moth in Science and English. The children made an animated recount on the history of the peppered moth using 2Animate. They then made peppered moths using salt and pepper for effect. After that the children made a peppered moth that could balance on the end of a pencil or on the end of their noses due to changing the moth's centre of gravity. The moths made a fine display.



## Best Wishes

Sophie Davies  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week

| Class    | Name     | Reason  |
|----------|----------|---|
| Ash      | Felix    | For brilliant contributions in carpet time this week and for always listening with such respect.                              |
| Beech    | Sumayyah | For great focus in her writing lesson this week.  |
| Sycamore | Ben      | For his enthusiasm when engaging with our topic lessons this week and fantastic improvement in presentation of Maths methods. |
| Willow   | Finn     | For excellent focus in lessons and for super peer work in Guided Reading.   |
| Yew      | George   | For progress and achievement in a Year 6 practise arithmetic paper  |



## Roll of Honour

| Class    | Name    | Reason   |
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| Ash      | Lyla    | For always being a Team Bee within challenge time, always including her friends and remembering to 'choose it, use it and put it away' |
|          | Megan   | For Incy independent writing in phonics, with beautiful letter formation.  |
| Beech    | Violet  | For her thoughtful and well-presented science work on food chains!   |
|          | Rosie   | For fantastic creativity when writing a Beegu lost poster.   |
| Sycamore | Isla    | For brilliant focus in Maths this week applying her methods to solve word problems enthusiastically.                                   |
|          | Frankie | For engaging and insightful ideas during our topic discussions about the Romans invading Britain.                                      |
| Willow   | Ivy     | For being a supportive learning partner in Guided Reading.   |
|          | Quillan | For showing a wonderful enthusiasm for our class book!   |
| Yew      | Griffin | For super progress in his Maths and Reading, as shown by his achievement in recent practice assessments.                               |
|          | Evie    | For writing a wonderful and engaging blurb for her fantasy book that would be sure to convince readers to pick up her book.            |

| <b>Dates for your diary: Spring Term</b>                 |   |
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| <b>24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                               | Ash and Beech Trip to Winchester Science Museum                   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                               | Willow Trip to Testwood Lakes                                     |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                               | PTA Cinema Night – 3.30-5.15pm, in the school hall                |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                               | Sycamore Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace                          |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>                                | PTA Event - TFi Friday Tribute Band - at Twyford Community Centre |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                                | Parents Evening – 4 to 6pm  |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                                | Parents Evening – 5 to 7pm  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>            | <b>HALF TERM</b>  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup></b> | Half Term Holiday club – book your place now!                     |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>         | Year 6 Bikeability  |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>                               | Young Shakespeare performance – KS2 – details to follow           |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>            | Stubbington Residential Trip – Year 4                             |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                               | PTA Event - Leap Day Fun Run – details to follow                  |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>                             | Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy Trust – details to follow      |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>                             | Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral – details to follow     |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>                             | Easter service, 9:30 St Mary's Church - all welcome               |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>     | PTA Event - Twyford Teddy Bear Trail – details to follow          |