



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear TSM Families,

Wow, what a busy week in the School Bell with so many activities in the last week of term. Wishing all our families a restful break and looking forward to seeing you for the final ½ term of the year!



### Willow class trip to the Tudor House Museum

*“On Monday, Willow class had a fun and exciting trip to learn about the lives of the Tudors! At the Tudor House Museum we had a tour around, we did two workshops and explored the history of the ‘Terrible Tudors’. In the room’s we saw the food that would have been eaten, clothing from Tudor times and we even explored down into the cellar! One of the most fascinating things we saw were some original canons that would have been fired in the Tudor times. It was a fun and interesting day for us all.” By Willow Class*



## Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday, our Cricket team had a fantastic day at a School's Cricket Competition at St Cross. They played some really entertaining cricket. They fielded brilliantly, really attacked when they batted & were very accurate with their bowling. A great effort by all the team to make it through to the semi-finals where they came second best to a very strong Weeke team. Their enthusiasm and support for each other was great to see. Well done to everyone who took part! A big 'Thank You' to Jonah's Dad for supporting the team during the day!

*"On Tuesday the 21st of May, 9 pupils went to St Cross Cricket Club for the School Cricket Tournament. We started in a group with 3 other schools and we won all 3 of our group games, enabling us to progress to the Quarter-Finals where we won against Western. We then went to the Semi-Finals and we played against Weeke. Unfortunately we lost but we played so well and the school is so proud of us". By Rafferty*





## KS2 Performance

We have very exciting news to share, this year's KS2 Performance will be....

# Bugsy Malone!

Picture by Clara, Sebbie & Evie

## Visit from the Winchester University Choir

*"On Tuesday afternoon, the school had the privilege of seeing the Winchester University choir. The terrific harmonies and beautiful melodies were just incredible. We listened, we clapped and even had the chance to sing along as part of the performance. The theme of the session was nature and welcoming in the summer. It was fun for us all!"* By Pupils of Yew class.



## Rainforest Workshop in Yew Class

*"On Wednesday the 22nd of April, Helen Brown from a charity called the Rainforest Concern, came to talk to Yew class about what the charity is doing to protect the rainforest. She told us about some of the reasons why rainforests are getting destroyed; one of which is the incredibly high demand for avocados. She told us to 'speak with our purses' and be more aware of how frequently we really need to buy avocados, chocolate, cane sugar and Nutella to mention but a few. Helen brought in some rainforest plants, including air plants, and spoke to us about how important they were to the fragile rainforest ecosystem. Yew Class would love to plan a fundraiser to sponsor an acre in the rainforest in Ecuador. As a class, we have been studying rainforests so the workshop really brought the issues to life for us."* By Hugo and Joe



## Year 3/4 Writing May 2024

We are extremely proud of a piece of writing by a group of our Year 3/4s, and I wanted to share it with you all:

*'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'*

*It was a beautiful day. All was calm as the beaming sunshine radiated, twinkling its rays invitingly through the tips of the trees. Whilst the warmth of the spring air wrapped itself around us, there was no way we could feel scared. Not on a day like this. Not when we were going on this adventure.*

*All of a sudden, as we stepped forwards, we became engulfed by long, wavy grass which coiled around our ankles. Sharp blades like razors spiked and scratched at our bare limbs as we struggled to clamber through. Uh oh! The overgrown mass of fields was never-ending, but we had to carry on. We had to go through it. Swishy, swashy, swishy, swashy... The menacing echoes bellowed in our ears.*

*Suddenly, unwelcoming, murky water overtopped our shoes as we became engulfed by a great mass of pea-green water. We couldn't go over it, so we had to go through it! Bitter cold waves splashed in our eyes, making them sting. Long reeds at the bottom of the flowing water swayed as we desperately waded through. The shock of the cold spread from our feet to our chests, making our teeth chatter and chill us to the bone. We couldn't go back. Not now! Splash, splosh, splash, splosh. The uncomfortable echoes of the splashing pierced our ears and we were numb all over when we reached the other side.*

*Struggling out of the river, we urged ourselves onwards. We had to carry on, we had to continue this adventure. What could possibly happen next on this beautiful day? Uh oh! Step by step, the ground beneath us became softer, slowly smothering our legs as the deep, dense bog swallowed our ankles. Trudging through the thick, oozy silt, we felt as though we were going to be pulled under the murky, gloopy sludge. Squelch, squirch, squelch, squirch.*

*Breathlessly tumbling, we escaped from the gloopy, clotted sludge as we struggled onwards to the next part of our adventure. We ventured on as the warm breeze tickled our legs. We're not scared, not on a day like this. All of a sudden, a mass of towering trees lurked upon us, looming over like giants who guarded the forest. The deep, dark forest. As we trudded through, the crunch of leaves and the snapping of twigs echoed around the woodland that encased us. How could we get out? Stumble, trip!*

*Trudging out of the deep, dark forest, a sigh of relief washed over our minds as we finally saw daylight. Overjoyed and relieved at the warmth of the spring air, we weren't scared not when we were going on this adventure! But dark clouds toward overhead. Uh oh! In an instant, the comforting heat turned cold and the wind began to whirl and swirl. Elegant snowflakes got caught in the chaos of the wild, furious blizzard. It was a nightmare! Wooo hooho, wooo hooho!*

*As we battled through the last of the wind and snow, we spotted a sandy, golden beach where the sea shimmered under the rays of the sun. Up ahead, we cast our eyes on a cave... a narrow, gloomy cave. A cave full of sharp rocks and a musty smell that filled our noses as we trudded through. Tip toe, tip toe. We were almost there. Creeping forwards, two bright, goggly appeared in front of us, glowing and glaring at us in the eerie light. Then, one shiny wet nose... then two big furry ears... It was a bear! Everyone run!*

*Back through the narrow gloomy cave... Tip toe, tip toe! Sharp jagged rocks scratched and spiked out bare limbs as we stumbled through the darkness. Back through the swirling, whirling snowstorm where snowflakes menacingly peppered our heads with their icy glare. Back through the deep, dark woods and into the squelchy sludgy mud that engulfed our feet. The rapid river was churning and made our hearts pound.*

*As we reached our house, we frantically dashed through the door, upstairs, then back downstairs because we forgot to shut the front door! We went back upstairs and climbed under the covers. We were never going on a bear hunt again.*

*By Jem, Evie, Annabel, Xanthe, Imogen, Isla, Ben, Zara and Clara*

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury





**Foam Party / Disco – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

The PTA are busy getting ready for our next event on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June! The plan is for a Foam Party / Disco from 4pm-5.30pm. Details and tickets available soon!

Kind regards,

Sophie Davies  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Lily	For being a wonderful role model in class and for being so proactive when applying her phonics rules to writing.
Beech	Harley	For his perseverance in computing – creating a digital art design in the surrealist style.
Sycamore	Frankie	For always being a wonderful role model and positively celebrating everyone's successes.
Willow	Elizabeth	For independence and courage this week- especially when delivering her plague pitch to the dragons of dragons den!
Yew	Evie	For her effort and commitment to netball this half term: helping to run the sessions, organising practices with the team outside of school and being an inspiring role model that her entire team looks up to!



## Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Fleur	For being a persevering pig during maths when telling the time.
	George	For being a super scientist, asking great questions and using technical language to explore plants.
Beech	Max	For his great independence and perseverance while writing his newspaper report.
	Rufus	For showing great focus and effort in his writing this week.
Sycamore	Zara	For consistent focus and engagement with all of her learning always trying her very best!
	Josh	For super independence and effort in his learning this week particularly in Maths.
Willow	Finn	Independence and perseverance in maths- particularly with percentages!
	Emma	Independence and perseverance in maths- particularly with decimals and fractions!
Yew	Aron	For his commitment to a writing task, experimenting with different options for improving a writing piece and being most reflective about his choices.
	Bobby	For his enthusiasm and attention to detail when planning and mapping his fictitious forest.

<b>Dates for your diary: Summer Term</b>	
<b>27<sup>th</sup>– 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Half Term
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	RSE Week - Years 3-6
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Forest School – Year 3. (Letter sent to parents on 23.05.24)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class Photo's
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Cricket Match against Twyford School
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Winchester Primary School Swim Gala
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New to Year R Parents Evening, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTA Event – Foam Party / Disco (Details to follow)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Science Centre (Details to Follow)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral (Year 6 pupils only)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day (Morning)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Inset day 5</b> – school closed to pupils
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Performance at the Church, 1.30pm (Details to follow)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS1 Trip to Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (Details to Follow)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Performance at the Church, 9.30am (Details to follow)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition Morning
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fayre (Details to follow)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Reports sent home
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	TSM Music Concert, 2pm (Details to follow)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open Book Look, 3.30pm (Details to follow)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Volunteer 'Thank you' Afternoon Tea, 2.45pm (Details to follow)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTA Event - Pre Loved Uniform Sale, 3.30pm on Top playground
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Party, after school (Details to follow)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Service at School, 2pm (Details to follow)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term
<b>29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Summer Holiday Club – book your spaces now!
<b>5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Summer Holiday Club – book your spaces now!