



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that the end of this week finds you all well and looking forward to the weekend. In all honesty I am also looking forward to getting back to a normal 5-day week next week. These last two have been enjoyable but also made things feel fairly strange and I am eager to get back in to the usual routine.



Reception children entered their space age classrooms on Tuesday and learnt all about the planets and stars using VR headsets. They have learnt some fantastic facts about space and are all eager to go there themselves one day – you never know. The topic has generated some interesting questions and they have been learning to use a question mark in their writing. Aliens have also been popping up everywhere – including their maths learning.

Year One children have started reading a lovely book called **The Last Wolf** by Mini Grey. It is about the adventures of a girl called Red who seeks out a wolf in the forest and is all about what she discovers and the difference she decides to make in the world (They haven't got to that part yet!). The children have written about Red's journey through the forest and all the jumping, pouncing, leaping, crawling and **clambering** she does. (.....and yes a 6 year old did come up with that word himself – my eyes nearly popped out of my head!) They also did a very fun investigation today all to do with capacity. Please ask them about it and see if they can remember what the tricky word *capacity* means.



Year Two had a science workshop this past week and they learnt about different materials and their properties. They are all now experts on reducing, reusing and recycling. The children have also written some fantastic descriptions of dragons and have been learning about measurement and how to read those tricky scales accurately.

The children are also busy preparing for our upcoming sports morning which is on June 16th (weather permitting). They are learning to play (and compete) in all the different activities and also learning how to be an enthusiastic and supportive team player as well as to take it on the chin when their team doesn't come first. I am hoping that we don't have to apply that last bit of learning to our staff team efforts at the quiz night next Friday – but if we don't win then I am sure we will. On the other hand....

Next Thursday (18th), we will be having our class photographs so please make sure the children are all looking smart (that's goes for the all the staff here as well 😊).

On Friday (19th), we will be recognising World Day for Cultural Diversity. The children are invited to bring something in to school that relates to their culture or heritage to 'show and tell' to the class. This could be a photograph, an item of clothing, a song/instrument, food (no nuts/sesame seeds please), a painting or even share a family story that has been passed down through the generations.

Please see below for further details.

As a school, we are enjoying listening to a different musical artist every week. We are putting together our new 'musical artists of the week' ready for next year. If you have any suggestions or have any connections - perhaps to a local artist - please let us know by sending in your ideas with your child to pass on to their class teacher. Boy bands aren't the only source of musical entertainment, although some staff members here might disagree. 😊

Have a good one! I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Cary

Dates for the Diary

w/c Tuesday 15th May

KS1 SATs week



Thursday 18th May

Class Photographs



Friday 19th May

World Day for Cultural Diversity



Friday 19th May

PTA: Quiz Night



Saturday 20th May

St Lawrence May Fair

11am -2pm



Monday 22nd May

Reception Bake Sale



w/c Monday 22nd May

Year 1 Dance residential



Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June



Monday 5th June



Tuesday 6th June

Summer 2 begins



Tuesday 6th June

Parent Safeguarding Talk



Tuesday 9th June

Year 2 and Year 5 Sports Day at St Lawrence



(Monday 19th June - Back up date)

Tuesday 13th May

Messy Church @ St Paul's Church



Friday 16th June

Orchard Sports Morning



(Tuesday 23rd June - Back up date)

Wednesday 21st June

World Music Day

Orchard Choir Trip to the

Elmbridge Schools Choir Festival

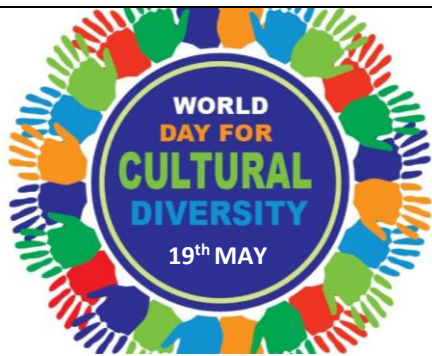


Saturday 24th June

Orchard Summer Fair

12noon – 3pm





World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is celebrated every year on 21st May. This year the event led by UNESCO and supported by the United Nations is taking place on Sunday 21st May 2023 and we would like to celebrate the event next week in school on **FRIDAY 19th MAY**. The aim of the event is to reflect on the importance of cultural diversity and how it enriches society. Please can your child bring something to school such as an item that represents their heritage /culture to talk to their class about?

If you are driving to school and parking in the local roads, please be considerate of our neighbours. Unfortunately, this morning one of our neighbouring families was blocked in and was unable to get their own child to school on time and had to wait until one of our parents returned.



Please do not park cross others' drive ways. Thank you.

PTA Social

Come and play along if you think you're smart enough!

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58681&preSaleId=7134189B-9858-4716-8347C248E5AEE4B2#.ZAr0ZOSnwWM>

When: Friday, 19th May 2023
Time: Drinks from 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Finish at 11pm
Where: The Hub, Ray Road, West Molesey, Surrey, KT8 2LG
Cost: £7.50 pp - Teams of 8!



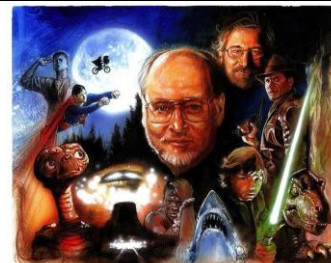
Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club



There are still some places available in our wrap around care this term. Please go on to Parentmail registers if you do need to book a session for your child or email in to the office to check for availability.



Artist of the Week: John Williams



John Williams is a 91-year-old American composer, conductor and pianist and I have no doubt you will be familiar with his iconic work on the musical scores of films such as: Star Wars, Superman, Jurassic Park, Home Alone, Hook, Jaws and Harry Potter to name but a few!

He has worked in the film music industry for 70 years and in 2022, Williams received a KBE for services to film music, making him a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. He was one of the last people to receive this from The Queen.

Listen to his amazing music here: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4ulzrIjz8TbrufHmDP6L6L?si=fd42ca27e42e4c82>

Amazon Wish Lists:



Any support is very much appreciated 😊

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If you buy books from www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk you are able to nominate us as your chosen school and we get 25% of the book cover price to spend on books for school.
Thank you for any support you can give us with this.

Employment opportunities

If you, or someone you know, is interested in working in our **Afterschool Club** from September 2023, please get in touch with the school office:
office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk

Kindness Awards

Meet those who we have been spotted doing small things in a great way this week.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	George	Maple	Lewis	Beech	Louie
Elm	Arthur	Rowan	Henry	Oak	Aurelia
Holly	Leo L	Willow	Ellie	Sycamore	Sycamore
	Pine		Siddiq		

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." - Napoleon Hill

