

# The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

We have a strange but lovely week at the Orchard. We had the bank holiday and strike at the beginning of the week which made Wednesday feel like Monday for many of us and Friday came around very quickly. It was lovely seeing the red, white and blue outfits coming into school and there were several impressive crowns that would give the coronation crown a run for its money! We had a jubilant assembly this morning and we all sang a rousing rendition of God Save the King. The weather put a dampener on our picnic as it decided to pour down literally a couple of minutes before lunchtime started. The Year 1 and 2 children recreated picnic conditions in their classrooms but the Reception children were stalwart. They stayed outside, but safe and dry undercover, and ate while the rain descended. It was probably more exciting that way and it was lovely to see them all huddled under there together. Low and behold, not long after they had all finished eating, the sun came out.

Typical!



This week, Year 1 have been creating their own Everywhere Bear adventures. They have been weighing and measuring and using balance scales to compare mass and work out how heavy different classroom objects are.

It has been a right royal knees up in Reception this week: invitations to tea parties, coronation congratulations letters, building castles, royal dress ups, designing new stamps and making Union Jack Bunting. What they don't know about the coronation is not worth knowing!



Year 2 children have been interpreting data presented in all sorts of different ways: pictograms, bar charts and tally charts. The children are able to explain it well and extract information from them accurately. In geography, they have been studying aerial photographs and have even had time to design their own puppets.

We look forward to next week and all the learning and experiences that brings.

However you may be spending this historic bank holiday weekend, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable time.

See you on Tuesday 9th May.

Mrs Cary

## PTA Social

Come and join us for an evening of fun, brain teasing and competitive banter!

<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: Duke Ellington



Duke Ellington started to learn the piano at 7 years old. He discovered a passion for basketball but one day, at age 14, the sound of the tinkling ivories coming from a poolroom caught his attention and reignited his love for music and especially *jazz!* Duke had synaesthesia, a brain condition where the senses merge. He heard sounds as colours and saw colours as sounds. He described hearing a 'G' played on a saxophone as 'light blue satin'. Duke Ellington played a part in the composition of over 1000 musical pieces!

Listen to his music here: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4srmRWaMIXuidIVN6EV4hj?si=dddda38b1b0b41b1>

Amazon Wish Lists:



Any support is very much appreciated 😊

## 'Love Reading 4 Kids'

If you buy books from [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://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](mailto:office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk)

**You and your child are invited to attend 'Messy Church'**



**St Paul's C of E Church**  
**Church Road, East Molesey**  
**Ages 4 -11 years and parents**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Activities, craft, singing and games followed by a hot meal

If you would like to attend please contact: [stpaulmolesey@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulmolesey@gmail.com) / 020 8941 2071

# Kindness Awards – Meet our kindness heroes.....

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Elara	Maple	Alecia	Beech	Amelie
Elm	Willow	Rowan	Felix	Oak	James
Holly	Max	Willow	Ali	Sycamore	Charlotte
		Pine	Chloe		



"The simple act of caring is heroic." – Edward Albert

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Coronation Bank Holiday



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Reception: Space VR



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Parent Safeguarding Talk



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Messy Church @ St Paul's Church



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 2: Materials' Workshop



**w/c Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

KS1 SATs week



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

PTA: Quiz Night



**w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Year 1 Dance residential



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Summer 2 begins



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Parent Safeguarding Talk



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 2 and Year 5 Sports Day at St Lawrence



(Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Back up date)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Orchard Sports Day



(Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Back up date)