



Dear Parents / Carers

Well this week has been an end to a very busy term. This year really does seem to be flying by. I think all the children (and staff) are ready for a bit of a break. We need to all be recharged so that we are ready for all that the Summer term brings. Well done children for all the fabulous learning you have been doing. You go from strength to strength.

Thank you to our PTA for all you have done this past term and for all our Orchard family and friends for the support you give in raising much needed funds for the school and providing some great experiences for both the children and adults. There was some groovy dancing at the disco on Tuesday. I was impressed by the energy the children continued to display despite having done a full day's learning at school.

Perhaps we aren't working them hard enough 😊.

Fun was had by all at the Quiz Night last Friday as well. Sadly, neither of the teachers' tables won but we really enjoyed the competitive spirit, the different question rounds and of course the food – which was amazing. It was great to see so many parents there. Thank you so much for your support and to the PTA for all the prep that went into it beforehand and on the night. A big thank you as well to our quiz master Mr Hartley who once again kept us all focused and entertained throughout the evening.

Thank you parents for your responses to the Extension of the School Day Consultation. Whilst I still have to formally consult with staff and am not able to give the final outcome yet, the majority of parents were in support of the new change, especially as it lines up with the opening and closing of the school day at our closest Junior school. This means that parents are not expected to be in two places at once, which was our biggest concern. Whilst there were a few parents who shared that this change would be more challenging in the morning these concerns were balanced out by the majority of parents who said that drop offs at The Orchard first would make mornings more manageable. As I said, this doesn't mean the decision is closed and I will inform you in the Summer term of the final decision, following the formal consultation with staff.

Congratulations to our Easter Egg colouring competition winners.

The standard was very high and it was very difficult to choose a winner from each class, but I did.

Year 2: Oak – Frank; Beech – Lulu; Sycamore – William B

Year 1: Maple – Frida; Rowan – Esme; Willow – Rosalie

Reception: Ash – Calli; Elm – Rafferty; Holly - Aidan



Thanks for all your support over this term.

We are looking forward to the Summer Term and all the joy and learning that it will bring. I hope the Easter holidays are enjoyable and that this weather brightens up and it isn't too changeable.

See you all bright and early on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Take care

Mrs Cary

## Value Awards

Our values are: **Courage**, **Determination**, **Respect** and **Kindness**.

Well done to all these children who have been noticed by their teachers this week.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Harry	Maple	Atticus	Beech	Olivia
Elm	Lucas W	Rowan	Max E	Oak	Elliot
Holly	Jessie	Willow	Phoebe	Sycamore	Immy
		Pine	Louis		

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia



# Dates for the Diary....here comes Summer!

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
Start of Summer Term



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

Year 1 Phonic Screening - Meeting for Parents @ 2:40pm  
Please see Events on Parentmail



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Lazer Lions Circus Skills Workshop - All year groups



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

May Day Bank Holiday



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Reception: Space VR Experience



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Class Photos



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Break the Rules Day



**w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 1 Dance Residency - Performance to Parents on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Summer 2 begins



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Phonic Screening Check Week



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Father's Day Golden Ticket  
Shhhh! It's a surprise!



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day and Family Picnic



(Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Back up date – please note this is different to the original planner date)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Wildlife Trip



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Muffi Day for Bottle Tombola



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Orchard Summer Fair - 12 noon – 3pm



**w/c Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 2 Dance Residency  
Performance to Parents 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July



**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Elmbridge Schools' Choir Festival



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Transition Visit to new classes



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

New Reception Families: Teddy Bears' Picnic Tea  
4:30pm – 6pm



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Reports out to Parents &



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Summer Term Ends 1:45pm pick up

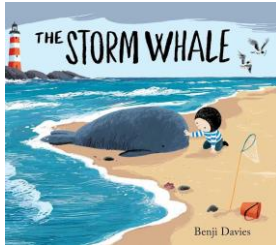
# Orchard Reading Recommendations



You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

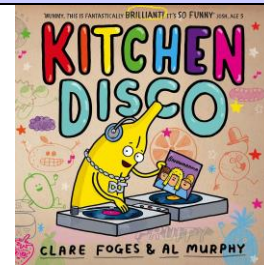
## Year 1

Matilda in Willow class recommends  
**The Storm Whale** by Benji Davies



Matilda really like The Storm Whale because it is about a whale and whales are her favourite animals. She particularly likes the part where the little boy called Noi finds the whale. Matilda has been inspired to read other books in The Storm Whale series by Benji Davies such as The Storm Whale in Winter and Grandma Bird.

## Staff



Miss Wroth recommends the book  
**Kitchen Disco**  
by Clare Foges.  
Were you aware.....?

***There's a party in your house,  
It's a pumping, jumping, funky bash  
When all the lights go out . . .***

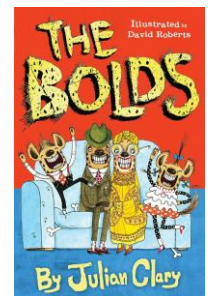
Miss Wroth loves this book because she likes to join in with all the funky dancing fruit and it makes her laugh.

## Year 2

Claudia in Sycamore class recommends  
**The Bolds** by Julian Clary.

Mr and Mrs Bold are just like you and me: they live in a nice house (in Teddington), they have jobs (like writing Christmas cracker jokes) and they love to have a bit of a giggle. One slight difference: they're hyenas. Yes, that's right - they're covered in fur, have tails tucked into their trousers, and they really, really like to laugh.

So far, the Bolds have managed to keep things under wraps, even when their children Bobby and Betty were born. But the nosy man next door smells a rat (or a hyena), and a trip to the local wildlife park, and the brilliantly wacky heist that results, could be the end of Teddington's best-kept secret.  
Whatever will the neighbours think?



## Artist of the week: BOND



**This classical, electronic string quartet can be heard here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1d0f39knNVY>

