



Dear Parents / Carers

It was lovely to see the way the children expressed themselves in their dress today. All week we have been focus on children's mental health and the children have taken part in various live streaming sessions with other children around the country, class activities or assemblies where they are developing their understanding that their voice matters and how important to positive mental health are the attributes of kindness, resilience and gratitude.

**Year 1** have been writing non-chronological reports about emperor penguins including those special features of non-fiction writing. Stories have been featuring in their maths as they continue to learn about subtraction and thinking in terms of 'first, then and now'.

First	Then	Now

e.g. **First** there were 10 chocolate chip cookies on the staffroom table. **Then** Mrs Cary ate 6 of them. **Now** there are 4 left.



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In computing this week, both **Years 1 and 2** have been learning how to programme robots and our Beebots have been scampering about all over the place. Here is a photo of some of Beech class who designed and made a road/course and then had to programme the Beebot to navigate it. In maths, the **Year 2s** have been making connections between multiplication and division and learning to group and share numbers. After half term the Year 2 children will be learning to play the recorder. The recorders have been very kindly provided by our PTA.



In **Reception**, children have been recycling materials to make plants and flowers. They have also been comparing numbers and thinking about 'equals', 'more than' and 'fewer than'. In PE the children have been linking movements together with control and co-ordination and then repeating them to make a continuous 'journey'.

Happy New Year to all our families celebrating Chinese New Year starting tomorrow.



I'm off to finish those last remaining chocolate chip cookies in the staffroom.

Have a wonderful half term week.

See you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Cary

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March is our PTA Leap-a-thon

Communication from the PTA went out recently in book bags.



Please be aware that children who have **not** had parental consent granted by the deadline date will **not** be able to take part in the event, whether they are collecting sponsorships or not. **We will not be accommodating any last-minute requests to participate.** Whilst we do not want anyone to miss out, there is a lot of organisation involved prior to the event so we will not be making any last-minute changes after the deadline has passed.

**Deadline for consent: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 10am**

To give your consent you must use the pta events page.

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/>

**Thank you in advance.**

Some of you may be aware that there is a new proposal for a zebra crossing on Church Road near to its junction with Vine Road by St Lawrence Junior School. The school and its supporters have been campaigning for this for many years with a view to improve the pedestrian safety to residents and school users of St Lawrence School.

More information can be found here:

**Church Road, Molesey- Zebra Crossing Proposal - Surrey County Council - Citizen Space (surreysays.co.uk)**

Click on blue link.

If you would like to object, support, or comment on the proposal, please use this

*Online Survey*, or alternatively, write to:

Traffic Regulation Orders Team, Hazel House, Merrow Lane, Guildford,  
Surrey, GU4 7BQ

Deadline: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



We have received some information in our weekly Surrey Schools' bulletin about the rise in cases of measles.

'Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems. The uptake of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination programme in the UK has fallen to the lowest level in a decade. There is a high risk that outbreaks of measles will be seen in unvaccinated individuals and communities in Surrey over the coming months.'



The following links offer advice to parents about this infection and what to do if you suspect your child has measles.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



# Value Awards



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

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Oscar	Maple	Frida	Beech	William K
Elm	Rafferty	Rowan	Tadgh	Oak	Nyla
Holly	Jacob	Willow	Anna	Sycamore	Jacob
		Pine	Lulu		

*I am not afraid of the storm. I am learning how to sail my ship.*

**HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TEAM TOGETHER YET?**

## The Orchard



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

Book by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Click here to book your ticket!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74207>

# Orchard Reading Recommendations



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

## Reception

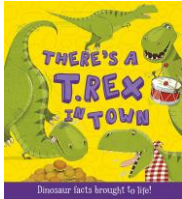
Arya in Ash class recommends

### There's a T-Rex in Town

by Chris Jarvis, Alexandra Koken, and Ruth Symons.

"This is a funny fact book", says Arya. "A T-Rex will wag his tail when he runs just like a doggy and T-Rex's only have tiny arms so they can't do handstands. I can't do handstands yet, but I am practising on my sofa."

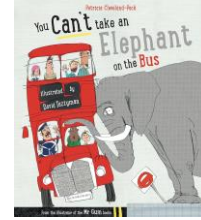
This is apart of a series of book imaging what life would be like if the dinosaurs were around today.



## Year 1

Phoebe in Willow class recommends  
**You can't take an elephant on the bus**

by Patricia Cleveland-Peck



"I like this book because all the animals have escaped from the zoo and free."

A lovely poetry book all about the crazy antics that would happen if animals were allowed on public transport. Phoebe said that it made her laugh and smile when she read it.

## Staff

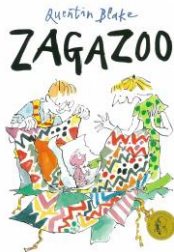
Mrs Summerell recommends

### Zagazoo

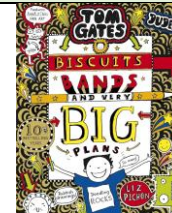
by Quentin Blake

"What on earth is a Zagazoo?".  
George and Bella are delighted when a brown-paper package arrives at the door.....

A delightful story for young children about family life and growing up, with wonderful illustration. There is plenty for parents to smile about too!



## Year 2



Nihal in Sycamore class recommends the book  
**Tom Gates: Biscuits, Bands and Very Big Plans**

By Liz Pichon.

Nihal has read several of the Tom Gates books now and he really enjoys them. "I stayed up an extra 45 minutes one night because I couldn't stop reading it," Nihal told me.

Nihal thinks Year 2 children will like reading these books because Year 2s have quite a lot of experience with reading so they will be okay with it.

## Artist of the week: Ennio Morricone



*Composer, Orchestrator and Conductor*

His dad was a trumpeter and encouraged Ennio with his music.

Ennio wrote his first compositions at 6 years old.

At age 12, Ennio completed a four-year music programme at a music school in 6 months.

Ennio composed music for theatre, radio, television and film.

As well as his music, Ennio loves playing chess and was very good at it.

Click here to listen to some of his amazing pieces:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3sEpfGzelThNU4D2dsBvK1?si=e2ef63893457427a>

# Free Parenting Workshop

## Supporting family wellbeing through sleep education



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

9am in the school hall

<https://www.midnightmentor.co.uk/>

More details to follow shortly



### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Half term



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents Evenings

Book on Parentmail from 5pm today



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 2 Wisley Trip



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

PTA: Leap-a-thon



**w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Book Fair



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

PTA: Mothers' Day

'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bar Sale

Shhhh! It's a surprise!



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Sublime Science



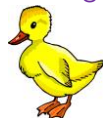
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

PTA: Quiz Night



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Reception: Ducklings are coming!



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

PTA: Easter Disco & Easter Colouring Competition



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Whole School - Drama Workshops



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

School finishes @ 1:45pm