

## School Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Celebration assembly

This week's theme was our school value of **'teamwork'**. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive certificates in today's Celebration assembly for demonstrating good teamwork in school this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Brandon, Hayden, Lucca and Ryan
Reception Maple Class	Yusef, Aziaan and Ibrahim
Year 1 Ash Class	Belle, Grace and Robia
Year 1 Redwood Class	Zayne and Peter
Year 2 Birch Class	Layla and Sienna
Year 2 Elder Class	Kian
Year 3 Iroko Class	Ras
Year 3 Willow Class	Ava
Year 4 Juniper Class	Bryce
Year 4 Spruce Class	Abigail
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Lola and Mason
Year 5 Walnut Class	Dotty
Year 6 Aspen Class	Ela, Millie and Matilda
Year 6 Beech Class	Sienna, Tommy, Archie and Sylvie

### House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Madison
Reception Maple Class	Ayub
Year 1 Ash Class	Archer
Year 1 Redwood Class	Aiden
Year 2 Birch Class	Elise
Year 2 Elder Class	Spencer
Year 3 Iroko Class	Maddie
Year 3 Willow Class	Millie
Year 4 Juniper Class	John, Flynn and Lucas
Year 4 Spruce Class	Hunter
Year 5 Sycamore Class	Phoenix
Year 5 Walnut Class	Fateh
Year 6 Aspen Class	Matilda
Year 6 Beech Class	Charlie

Well done to the pupils in **Yellow** house for earning the most house points this week.

**"Pupils say how much they enjoy coming to school."**  
Infant school Ofsted Inspection report

### Attendance

We are aiming to achieve an attendance of 96% this year. Well done to all the classes highlighted in green for achieving that target last week.

Year 2 Elder Class	98%
Year 6 Aspen Class	96%
Year 6 Beech Class	95%
Year 3 Willow Class	94%
Reception Maple Class	93%
Year 5 Walnut Class	93%
Year 1 Ash Class	92%
Year 1 Redwood Class	92%
Year 3 Iroko Class	92%
Year 5 Sycamore Class	92%
Year 4 Juniper Class	91%
Year 2 Birch Class	89%
Reception Chestnut Class	88%
Year 4 Spruce Class	88%

### Attendance Ladder



As well as attendance, punctuality is very important. If your child is late for school, they miss the important introduction part of the first lesson during which the teacher explains the key learning. Class doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am. Please ensure your child is in class by 9am.

### Teatime talk

We work with Voice21, a charity that supports schools to develop oracy. Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language and listening. Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life.



In order for children to develop their oracy, we need to provide them with lots of opportunities to practice their speaking and listening, which we do regularly in school. We will be sharing a discussion topic each week in the newsletter to also provide you with a chance to have an interesting discussion with your children and support their oracy at home. This week's discussion topic is:

'Having the same colour uniform is a legitimate reason to force schools to amalgamate.'

"Pupils are happy and confident and engage well with each other and members of staff."  
Junior school Ofsted Inspection report

### Year 6 Girls' Football Tournament

On Monday, the Girls' Football Team played in the Brentford Community Trust Tournament at Uxbridge High School. The team thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. They finished with a record of P6 W5 L1, losing in the final to Whiteheath Junior.

Well done to Ronnie, Laycee, Poppy, Aiva, Sienna, Lola, Molly and Lilly.



### Forrest School

Year 1 had great fun at Forest School. They had an Easter egg hunt and made clay casts



**"The relationships the teachers have with the pupils are outstanding, and as parent as well as a governor exactly what I'd hoped to see."**

**Parent/School governor**

### Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations to Comic Relief. To celebrate Red Nose Day we held a joke competition in school today and children have been sharing their favourite jokes with their class. These are the funniest jokes and the winners received a joke book as a prize



“How does a train eat its food? It Choo Choo's,” Jamie (Reception Chestnut Class).

“Roses are red, flowers are blue, somebody like you, have to go to the zoo, don't worry, I will come too, laughing at you.” Hala (Reception Maple Class).

“Where do hamsters go on holiday? Hamsterdam!” Phoebe (Year 1 Ash Class).

“What does a cloud wear under his rain coat? Thunderwear,” Jamie (Year 1 Redwood Class).

“Why did the M&M go to school? Because he wanted to be a Smartie!” George S (Year 2 Birch class).

“What's a snake's favourite subject? Hisss-tory.” Bunny-Blue (Year 2 Elder Class).

“Why can't you hear a Pterodactyl go to the toilet? Because the 'P' is silent,” Ras (Year 3 Iroko Class).

“What does an egg do when in its free time? Karayokee!” Millie S (year 3 Willow Class).

“Why are chickens so funny? Beecaussse...” Aaron (Year 4 Juniper class).

“Why should Elsa from Frozen not have a balloon? Because she'll 'let it go!'” Bella (Year 4 Spruce Class).

“Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to check her balance.... so I pushed her over!” Seb (Year 5 Sycamore class).

“I asked my Mum for some peace and quiet while she was cooking. So I took the batteries out of the smoke detector!” Jack (Year 5 Walnut Class).

“How do NASA organise a party? They planet!” Aragsan (Year 6 Aspen class).

“Why is Cinderella rubbish at football? Because she always runs away from the ball,” Poppy (year 6 Beech Class).

### Easter Bonnet Parade

Children can come to school dressed in non-uniform and wearing an Easter bonnet that they have made at home on the last day of the Spring Term, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Teachers will choose a winning bonnet from their class to receive an Easter Egg prize.



“All the teachers listen to you if you have any problems.”  
Year 6 pupil

### Key dates for your diary

#### March

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9am: Year 4 Spruce class assembly for parents in the hall.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 school trip to Headstone Manor Museum.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March: PTA Mother's Day Shop for Year 1 children.

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#### April

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Infant Spring Concert at 9am and 2.30pm in the Infant School hall.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Junior Spring Concert at 9am and 2.30pm in the Junior School hall.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Last day of Spring term for Nursery pupils.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Year 3 Theatre trip to see Mrs Doubtfire.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter bonnet parade

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of Spring term for Reception to Year 6 pupils-non uniform day.

School finishes at 1pm.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter holidays.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Teacher training day.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: First day of summer term for pupils.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Year 5 Sycamore's school trip to the Science Museum.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Year 5 Walnut's school trip to the Science Museum.

#### May

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Year 3 Willow's school trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Year 3 Iroko's school trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 PGL residential school trip.

### PTA News

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day Shop**

The PTA will be opening a Mother's Day shop in school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The children will be brought to the shop during school hours to buy a small 'Mother's Day/grandmother/ carer' gift. Year 1 children will be visiting the Mother's Day shop on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be approximately £1-£2 each so please send your child/children in with some change in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class.



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## April Theatre Week at Little Voices

14-17 April, Ickenham URC Church



Join Little Voices for a fun-filled week  
ending in a final-day show!

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