

Friday Letter



Highlight of the week
Year 5 & 6



Upper School Adventures: History, Humanity, and Heroes!

This half term, Year 5 and 6 have truly immersed themselves in history and humanity. Our journey started with R.J. Palacio's novel, 'Wonder', which sparked brilliant discussions about empathy, difference, and kindness. We then dove straight into the ancient epic of 'Beowulf', which set the scene for our deep dive into the Anglo-Saxons.

The children explored big questions: Why did people risk dangerous travel to an unknown land? What was it like to lose your home and freedom? We investigated the shift from invaders to settlers and what happens when a powerful protector departs. Our learning was brought to life by the Stamford Bridge Heritage Society, who shared incredible Anglo-Saxon history and real-life artefacts, allowing the children to directly connect with the past. We also tracked the changing map of Britain and explored how history shapes the world around us today.

In science, we've been fascinated by Evolution and Inheritance, studying how living things change over time and pass traits to their offspring. We're so proud of the thoughtful, insightful questions and fantastic work produced by all our Y5/6 children!



Mr Jolly's updates

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the recent parents' evenings. I am sure you will have enjoyed hearing about the excellent progress your children are making, both socially and academically.

Next week is an extremely busy one. It's time for Anti-Bullying Week. This is a crucial opportunity for our whole school community to focus on kindness, respect, and ensuring everyone feels safe. We are kicking off the week on Monday with Odd Socks Day, where we encourage all children to wear their silliest, mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and wonderful. Throughout the week, the children will take part in engaging whole-school activities and class discussions designed to help them understand that bullying is never acceptable, how to be supportive friends, and the power of speaking up.

On Tuesday next week, we will be holding our annual Remembrance Assembly. I will be supported by a selection of children who will join me in leading this assembly. We will also be joined by a current, serving member of the armed forces, who will talk to the children about their role.



Our 'Children in Need' events are happening this Thursday. We are planning an unforgettable, fun-filled day to raise money for this fantastic cause that supports young people across the UK. To celebrate, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in something spotty and create their most wacky hair. We will also have exciting activities like our Pudsey colouring competitions, an amazing staff talent show, and much more planned throughout the day to make it truly memorable. Further information has been shared in a previous letter.

Finally, as we approach Christmas, we are very much aware of the current cost of living challenges and have been further exploring ways we can support families at this time. I am delighted to say that a small group of parents have been working hard behind the scenes to get ready for opening a uniform 'swap shop'. These volunteers have sorted, washed and arranged a huge amount of new and used school uniforms which will be made available on a weekly basis. The idea is that you bring in any of your outgrown uniforms to 'swap'. More details around this will follow next week, with times and days when the swap shop will be open. I hope you find this a really useful service and would like to express my thanks to the parents who have been so supportive in setting this up.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jolly
Headteacher

Children in Need

Thursday 13th November is the day we will be celebrating Children in Need! To raise money for this we have a few fun activities on the way.

On Thursday, we'll be wearing something spotty and with 'wacky' hair. A donation of £1 is suggested for this.

We are also asking children to bring in any 2ps lying around for our 2p tower competition!

Additionally, we are also doing a 'Colour Pudsey' competition which costs 20p to enter and there will be prizes up for grabs!

Bonus challenge: see if you can spot the 8 hidden Pudsey's on this newsletter! (This one doesn't count!)



Class Attendance

20-24th Oct

93%	Orcas	96%
92%	Turtles	99%
95%	Seahorses	87%
94%	Dolphins	94%
96%	Stingrays	96%
96%	Pufferfish	95%
93%	Sharks	98%
91%	Whales	97%
95%	Sea Otters	95%

3rd - 7th Nov



Stars of the Week

24th Oct

Matei Pomac
Tommy Power
Team Seahorse
Lenny Rogers
Scarlett-Rose Lea-Walsh
Abigail Hodgson
Jackson Meakin
Elsie-Mae Chadwick
Lizzie Draper
Evelyn Scott

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Headteacher's award

7th Nov

Connie Burns
Jonjo Bedford
James Bowman
Iya Botterill
Izabelle Fligg
Haydar Karacay
Ella Moate
Layla Jackson
Jayden Wood
Rudy Bailey