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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been almost all about Year Six! The children have worked hard this week to complete the end of Key Stage Two SATs tests and they have every reason to be proud of their efforts. We cannot deny, some of the papers were a little tricky, but the children showed resilience and determination as they worked through the papers and I know they are looking forward to a homework free weekend! It would be remiss of me not to recognise and thank the children in Year Four and Year Five who relocated to the otherside of the building, to ensure that there were no distractions at all for the children taking the tests.

In other news, we were delighted to welcome a team from **Insight Software** on Thursday, who spent the day working on a number of projects to further enhance our school environment. Their hard work and enthusiasm made a real difference as they tied in the ivy screens around our playground, cleaned and refreshed the garden pond, restored Ms Lawrence's beautiful mural, and repainted our bench seating in vibrant school colours. You may even spot one of the benches in the background of the team photo!



This is the second time a team from Insight have visited us as part of their corporate social responsibility programme, and we were thrilled that they were so inspired by our wonderful school community that they chose to return. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support, generosity, and dedication, and for the time and energy they so kindly gave to our school.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

This week the children have been exploring spiders and learning eight facts about them, just like the eight legs they have! The children have been creating spiders using different resources and playdough. They have also enjoyed using giant blow mini beads, helping them to visualise different bugs and they have created creep-crawly 'helicopter stories' in small groups. In Maths, we have been exploring the concept of "take away" using concrete objects, and Nursery supported the concept through the song *Five Currant Buns*.

Year One

This week in Year One, the children have continued to work really hard and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been exploring heavier and lighter, comparing objects and using mathematical language to describe what we notice. In English, we have been reading the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood, learning how to use question marks correctly and thinking of questions we would like to ask the characters in the story. In RE, we have been learning about Sukkot, exploring why it is an important celebration for Jewish people and how it is remembered. In Science, the children have been identifying the different parts of plants that we eat, discussing examples such as roots, stems, leaves and fruits.

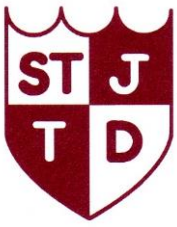
Year Two

This week the children have been creating instructions using imperative verbs in English. They have been switching from analogue to digital time in maths and they have also sowed some lovely cress seeds in the classroom as part of their Science learning. Year Two has also been exploring the different ways to represent hair in a piece of art, looking at materials such as wool and discovering how it can be braided or twisted to look like hair. In PE we have been practicing our throwing and focusing on aim.

Year Three

Year Three has had a positive week. In English, we created interesting stories inspired by the tale of Odysseus, exchanging characters and themes before presenting our work to the class. In Maths, we came to the end of our topic on money and moved on to learning about time. In Religious Education, we discussed the importance of Dharma and Karma in Hinduism, while in Science we continued our great learning about forces.





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Year Four-Five

This week in English, Year Four and Five children have explored a range of poetry devices through the poems, 'I was born to be free' and 'Remember the Slaves'. The children compared different poetic forms, discussed the poet's viewpoints and explained and justified their own responses and interpretations thoughtfully. In Maths, Year Four have been learning how to convert improper fractions and mixed numbers, while Year Five have been developing their confidence in adding and subtracting decimals with both the same and different numbers of decimal places. In science, we have been studying Astronomy, focussing on the Solar System and learning about the differences between terrestrial planets and Jovian planets. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm during our investigations and discussions.



Year Six

Congratulations Year Six on their excellent efforts this week sitting their SATs. They have shown great commitment, arriving at school early, enjoying some breakfast, showing great comradery in cheering and supporting each other in the mornings. During the examinations, their determination to do the best for themselves has been evident and they should feel proud.

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Isaac for a fantastic first week making friends and learning the class routine. Zion for showing great counting skills during maths lessons.
Year One	Yasin for being so polite to his friends and trying so hard when retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood Ava for listening really carefully to her teacher and sharing resources with all her friends.
Year Two	Hannah for showing excellent time knowledge Jah'Sonya for being a good friend to other children.
Year Three	Azaria for displaying positive values such as self-control, patience, and kindness towards her peers. N'raeah for showing perseverance and commitment in Maths, demonstrating resilience by not giving up
Year Four & Year Five	Nana for always trying your best in completing all tasks given and for your great participation in class discussions and activities. Marco for showing a good understanding of how to workout decimals and percentages in Maths.
Year Six	Titan for his better attention and focus in lessons. He has been asking for help and persevering to do his best in this revision period. Tiniyah for her excellent effort in all subjects but particularly Maths. Her hard work and effort has been evident in her work and in preparation for SATs.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	40	 AUGUSTINE	43
 FRANKLIN	41	 DICKENS	37

On a final note, please be reminded that next Friday 22nd May 2026 we break up for the Summer Half Term Holiday.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

