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Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderfully busy last week of the half term we have had! We started the week with assemblies to help us to think about staying safe at school, at home and in the local community. We found out about the work of the NSPCC and Childline in supporting children with their emotional and physical health and wellbeing.

The theme of safety continued as we moved into Internet Safety Day. Our digital leaders did an amazing job presenting at the internet safety stalls, informing parents and carers about being safe online. They spoke confidently and expertly about topics such as screen time, fake websites, phishing, password protection and Artificial Intelligence. Huge thanks to Craige Young (computing lead) for all his hard work in leading the day's activities.

It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting our stunning art exhibition this week. Flora Patten (specialist art teacher) has been preparing for weeks, getting everything ready. The children were so proud to see their art work on display. Thank you Flora for leading the way for all our young artists.

Over the half term holiday, the OPAL Play team will be preparing for our plans to transform our playtime experiences. We are very keen to have your support whether it is in the way of donations or if you can lend a hand with developing the space. Do get in touch if you would like to be involved.

There are lots of things happening next half term so please keep an eye on the 'dates for your diary' section in the newsletter each week.

Thank you for all your ongoing support for your children and for the school community. I hope you have a fabulous half term break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 24th March**.

Warmest wishes

Manda George

Headteacher

Rights Respecting School



During this week's Rights Respecting assemblies, we have been thinking all about internet safety! We all have a right to feel safe and secure, both online and in the real world. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet. There are a large number of articles that link with being online, but this week we discussed Article 17 and 19 and thought of all of the ways we could stay safe online.



OPAL PLAY PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS



As you may know, we are developing our playground experience for our children by introducing OPAL PLAY after half term.

We are very excited to be adding a huge sandpit to our main playground space that Tom and Darryl will be building.



We are looking for parent and carer volunteers to come into school on Friday 21st February to help shovel sand into our new sandpit. If you can spare an hour between 8am-3pm, we would be extremely grateful.

Please bring a shovel! Children are welcome to help but each parent will need to be responsible for their own child.



Thank you for your support.

Whole School Art Exhibition

It was great to see so many of you at our art exhibition this week. The children have really enjoyed looking at all the pieces of art – from our nursery portraits to our year 6 portraits. It has been wonderful to see all our pieces together in one space.



Our artists are truly inspiring.

WE LOVE TORRIDON



We still have Torridon tote bags for sale at the school office.

For just £5.00, you can purchase one of these stylish bags for your collection.

All proceeds are going towards the development of the creative corner outdoor learning space.

Friends of Torridon PTA Fundraising

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our wonderful Friends of Torridon PTA. They have been very busy this week leading the uniform sale and food bank donations, supporting the year 6 bake sale and organising the non-uniform day. We are counting all the takings and will let you know how much money we raised in our next newsletter. Thank you to all of you for your generous donations. It is very much appreciated.



Parent and Carer Survey



Thank you to those of you who have completed the parent and carer survey. We are really keen to hear your thoughts and suggestions. It will only take a few minutes to complete so please take look if you have not done so already:

Click on the link to the survey here:

[Parent and Carer Survey](#)

Book Fair on Friday 28th Feb – Wednesday 5th March

The Scholastic book fair is returning to Torridon
Friday 28th February – Wednesday 5th March.

We will be located in the year 3 and 4 hall. Pupils will have browsing time with their classes during the school day to see the range of exciting books available. We look forward to seeing you there.



Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday, Torridon Primary School celebrated Safer Internet Day with a fantastic internet safety fair, led by our dedicated team of digital leaders. The event was a wonderful opportunity for both pupils and parents to engage in important discussions about staying safe online.

The day started with engaging assemblies led by our digital leaders, where they shared essential advice on online safety with the whole school. Pupils then took part in live lessons streamed by the BBC, deepening their understanding of key topics such as recognising scams, identifying fake information, and practising responsible digital habits. Throughout the day, children completed a variety of interactive activities, reinforcing the importance of staying safe while using the internet.

To conclude the event, parents were invited to attend the Safer Internet Day Fair in the school hall. Our digital leaders took centre stage, confidently presenting their knowledge on various aspects of e-safety, including privacy settings, cyberbullying, and how to spot unreliable online sources. For those parents who were unable to join us in person, an online workshop was available, ensuring that all families had access to valuable guidance on keeping their households safe online.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, both in person and online. Your support and engagement are crucial in fostering a safe digital environment for our children.

If you haven't yet done so, we kindly ask you to complete our short survey by clicking this link or scanning the QR



<https://forms.office.com/e/nW51Qukx8K>. Your feedback will help us plan future events and ensure we continue to provide the appropriate support for e-safety in our school community.

Together, we can make the internet a safer place for all!



SEND Workshop – Wednesday 5th March

SEND Workshop: Supporting SEN children during mealtimes

Date: Wednesday 5th March 2025, 9:00am

Location: Resource Base



The session will focus on common challenges that children with SEN can face during mealtimes and why they can be resistant to trying new foods. We will discuss how you can support your child during mealtimes to reduce eating challenges and increase their exposure to new food groups.

Playground Donations

Calling all families! As you know, we are developing our outdoor play this year. We are looking for items for the children to play with in the playground.

We are looking for any **small toy donations** such as dinosaurs, small action figures, Sylvanian Families etc.



We would also appreciate any **clothes for dressing up** – onesies, hats, bags, scarves, skirts, dresses, trousers etc.



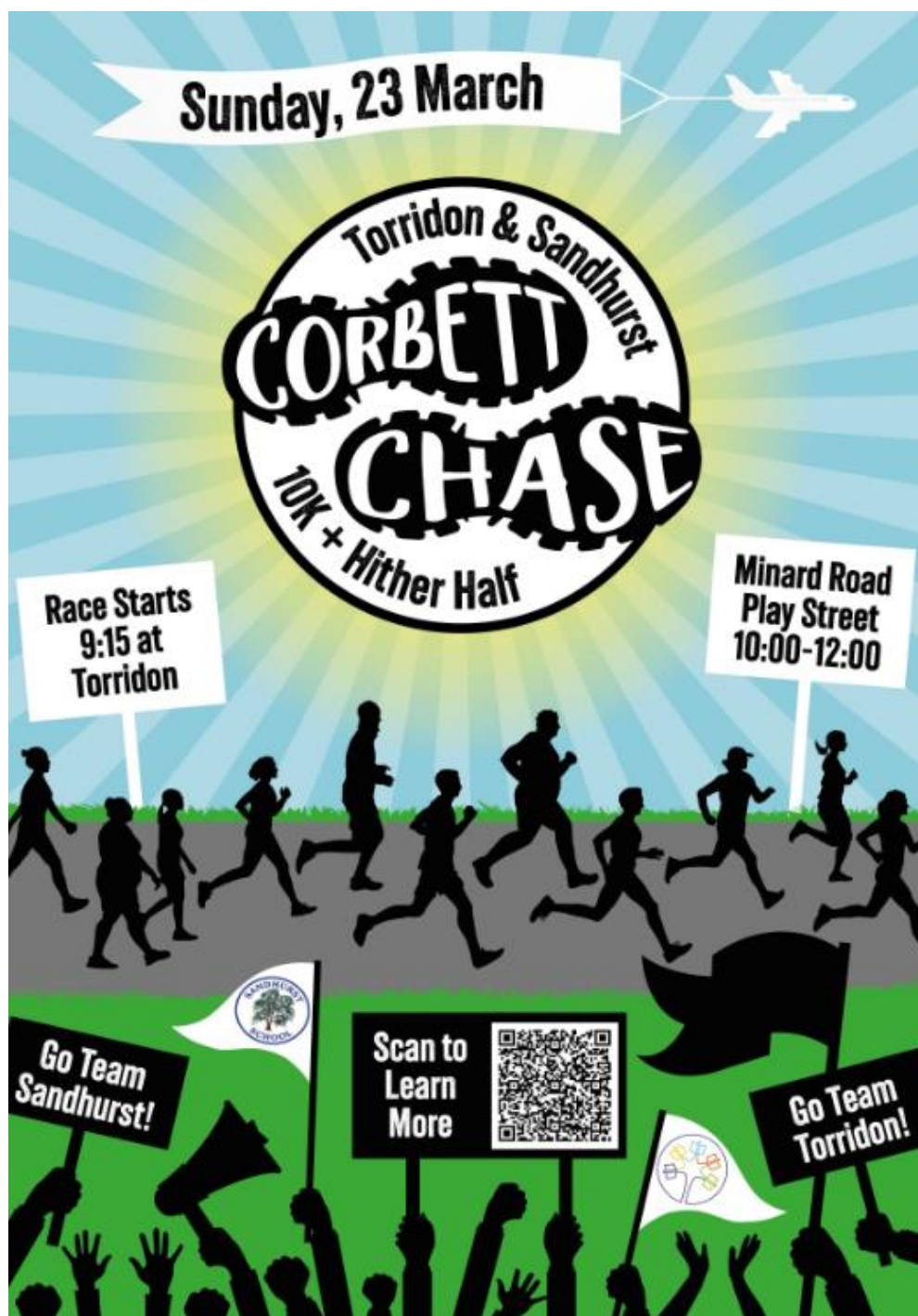
Corbett Chase

SIGN-UP NOW FOR THE 2025 CORBETT CHASE - SUNDAY 23rd MARCH!

Calling all runners, walkers and supporters: [Sign-up](#) has begun for this year's [5th Annual Corbett Chase](#), in collaboration with Sandhurst School. Starting at Torridon and finishing at Sandhurst, this 10k and half-marathon weaves round the streets and parks of Lewisham, ending with a community Play Street and cake sale outside Sandhurst. We encourage all to get involved and help make this 5th year the best one yet!

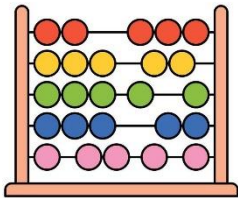
Please indicate your interest in participating - either running, walking, cake-baking or volunteering - here: [SIGN-UP FORM](#).

Any questions? [Check out our info website](#) or email: friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.



Reception – Becoming Mathematicians

This half term in Reception we have used a range of resources to consolidate our maths skills. We have practised subitising, combining amounts, including doubles, and measuring! We have used critical thinking and reasoning, as well as key vocabulary, to explain our ideas – like true mathematicians! Take a look at some of our fantastic learning.



Year 1 – Significant Astronauts

We have learned so much about the moon, space and many brave, inspiring astronauts this half term. This week, we drew portraits of Neil Armstrong, the first man to ever step on the moon. We were also inspired by Bernard Harris, who at the age of 13, started a 'Rocket Club' at his school and worked hard to become the first African American to go to space. We thought about what we aspire to be and drew our 'future' selves.



Resource Base – Life Skills

Exploring different modes of transport



This week, we have been learning about different modes of transport. The children took their learning outside to observe from the school gates and see how many different transport methods they could see. They filled in a chart so they could see which was the most popular and learned that cars and buses are the most frequent method of transport outside of the Torridon gates.

Year 2 – Changes in Communication

This week in year 2, we created an amazing advert for our incredible robots! We used powerful rhetorical questions to grip the reader. To make our advert even more persuasive, we included a fantastic special offer that no one could resist. Our adverts were creative, exciting, and full of enthusiasm. Who wouldn't want to buy our robots? 🚀🤖

Wednesday 12th February 2025
L.Q. Can I write to persuade? *Hot Write*

The Mysterious Bot

Have you ever wanted to fly to the Bumpy amazing planet? This incredible amazing Mysterious bot can take you there in 1 second and all you have to do is press the button to make it clear. The Mysterious bot is the smartest and cleverest bot I have ever seen. It can take you to the planet where the Mysterious bot lives and you can get whatever you like if it is high. It can go higher than

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SLOB-BOT

Have you ever wanted your child to be a superhero? Then without your child noticing, buy them the right gift, because this bot can take any child to the planet where the SLOB-BOT lives. The SLOB-BOT can take you to the planet where the SLOB-BOT lives and you can get whatever you like if it is high. It can go higher than

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The Tinybot 1000

Do you want to run around the world in 1 minute? The amazing fantastic Tinybot can fly higher than the sky & do 30 wrongs for a great big hands at the end. The amazing Tinybot is smaller than a children's table. The Tinybot has a charge so you can charge anything in 1 second. The Tinybot makes me be the expert they have ever seen. Why are you wasting time? Buy it today to get £1 off. You won't regret it!

Year 3 – PE

After 5 weeks of hard work and practice during our PE lessons, year 3 were ready to take tri-golf to the next level... It was time for the 2025 Torridon tri-golf championship. Whilst the motto of the afternoon was fun over competition, each class demonstrated fantastic teamwork to try and score their class points. This year's tri-golf champions are 3S, in 2nd place are 3G, and in 3rd place 3A. Well done to everybody for taking part, having fun and trying your best. From all of year 3, we also want to say a huge thank you to Mike and the year 6 sports leaders for organising the epic event!



Year 4 – PSHE



In PSHE, the children have been focusing on the importance of collaboration and teamwork. The children worked together in groups to successfully achieve a goal by creating the funniest potato person for a class competition! Each group carefully planned their design, worked



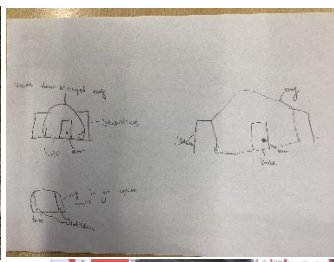
out the steps needed to bring their ideas to life and supported one another throughout the process.



The activity was lots of fun but also a great opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork skills. They learned how to listen to each other, share ideas, and work cooperatively to achieve success. The competition brought plenty of laughter, and the children took great pride in their creations. Well done, year 4.

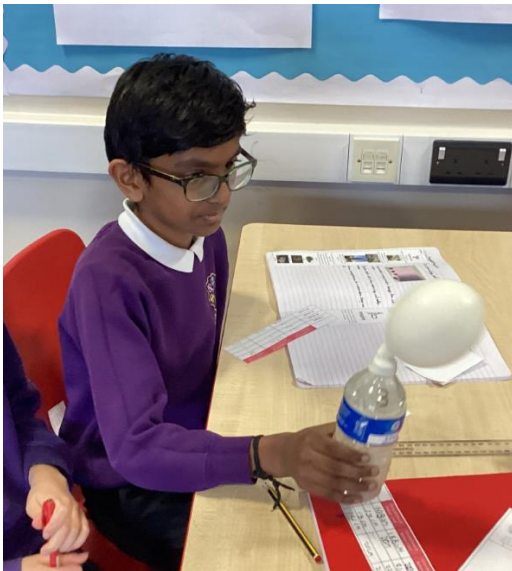
Year 5 – DT

For DT this half term, year 5 designed and made Anderson shelters like those that were used during world war II. Before constructing our shelters, we experimented with different types of joints to ensure that the shelters were strong, stable and rigid enough to protect those inside.



Year 6 – Children of the Benin Kingdom

Year 6 have been learning about The Kingdom of Benin with their core text being: 'Children of The Benin Kingdom'. The location of the original kingdom is now in present day Nigeria, and the children had the opportunity to make 'akara' – a Nigerian delicacy!



Forest School News



We have enjoyed another busy term at Forest School. The children have embraced their topics from class and brought them to life in our woodland.

This week, Nursery were learning about Boats. The children made their own boats using paper in class and brought them to the pond to find out if they would float or sink.



Reception have finished their term learning about Real Life Superheroes by finding out lots of information about bus and train drivers. This week the children were set the challenge to create a train or bus at Forest School.



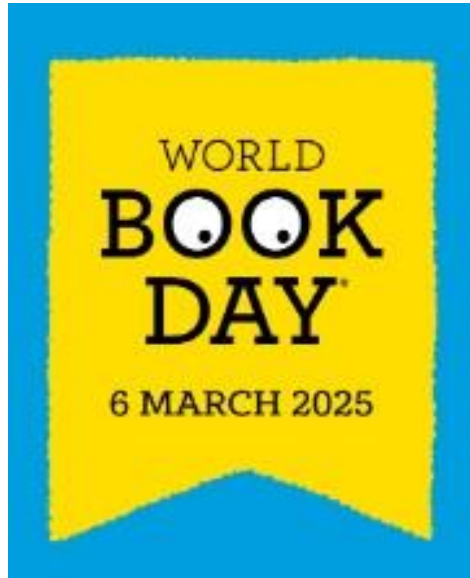
Please see below for Spring 2 Term sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Nursery PM/FT	Nursery AM/FT		
Yellow class			Red class	Blue class
1N		1M		1W
	3A		3G	3S
Resource Base				



Please remember that we are out in the woodland in all weathers so ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, welly boots, warm socks, hat and gloves.

WORLD BOOK DAY – 6TH MARCH 2025



World Book Day is nearly here!

For this day, you can come to school dressed as a character from a book, or you could come dressed as your favourite word!

We will be practising our oracy skills during the day and playing lots of word games and taking part in lots of thrilling events.

What will you dress as? We are very excited to find out!



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FLU VACCINATIONS



South London Children and
Young People's Community
Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or go to school in the
borough of Lewisham?
Aged 2-19?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic
and protect yourself this winter!

**Every day after school
15:30 - 17:00
Downham Health and Leisure Centre
BR1 5EP**

**No appointment necessary.
Call 020 3903 3635 for more
information**

INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING



Tuesday 25th February 9.00am-10.00am – Family Hubs

A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and their families can go for help and support – or just to meet other families and socialise. A Family Hub is a one-stop shop with different support services in one location.

Any family with a child between the ages of 0 and 19 (or 25 with special educational needs and disabilities) can access a Family Hub.

Family Hubs offer:

Stay and Play activities that enable children and families to socialise, connect and play!

Employment and **benefits** advice

Housing support

Special educational needs and disabilities (**SEND**) advice

Mental Health support

Domestic abuse support

Midwifery

Support for **fathers** and **male** carers




They also offer **parenting workshops** and **courses**.

Join our meeting to find out more about the services they offer

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 24 th February	Year 4 swimming starts Year 6 caring friendship workshops start
Tuesday 25 th February	9am parent and carer coffee morning with Family Hubs
Friday 28 th February – Thursday 6 th March	Book Fair (Y3/4 Hall) 3.15 – 4.00pm daily
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 5 Live Dance at Catford Broadway Theatre
Wednesday 5 th March	9am parent and carer workshop – supporting SEND mealtimes UNITY Live Dance at Catford Broadway Theatre
Thursday 6 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 7 th March	Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament
w/b Monday 10 th March	National Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Yellow class to Mudchute Farm 3.30pm Family Science Show
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 2 to the Cutty Sark Museum Year 5 to the Science Museum
Thursday 13 th March	Red class to Mudchute Farm
Friday 14 th March	Blue class to Mudchute Farm Year 3 theatre workshop Year 5/6 swimming gala
w/b Monday 17 th March	Whole school assessment week Year 4 to the Natural History Museum
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Sunday 23 rd March	Corbett Chase
Tuesday 25 th and Thursday 27 th March	Parent and Carer open evenings
Thursday 27 th March	EYFS Parent and Carer workshop
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 5 and 6 tag rugby festival
Friday 4 th April	Woodland Dress Up Day Last day of the spring term (2pm finish)
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Sunday 8 th June	Family Fun Run (Forster Park)

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	94%		3A	97%		5V	90%	
1N	93%		3G	85%		5L	96%	
1W	87%		3S	71%		5C	92%	
2S	93%		4K	89%		6R	94%	
2SW	92%		4L	90%		6A	92%	
2E	100%		4S	89%		6L	83%	

Well done to 2E for 100% attendance this week!
I wonder which class will be next?

SEN Support Engagement Events

Save the Dates



SEN Support Engagement Events for Parents and Carers (FREE)

A programme of FREE bookable parent/ carer engagement workshops covering themes that are of relevance to a large group of parents/ carers of children and young people at SEN (Special Educational Needs) Support level in Lewisham

The workshops will be delivered by a range of partners including SEND Advisors, School Staff, Educational Psychologists, CAMHS, OT and a Speech and Language Therapist

Three thematic workshops (which have two areas of focus in each):

- Ordinarily Available Provision and Effective Use of Teaching Assistants
- Emotionally Based School Non- Attendance (EBSNA) and Relational Approaches
 - Language, Communication and Thinking Skills
- Fri 25th April 2025, 9:30 – 11:30
- Sat 26th April 2025, 13:00 – 15:00
- Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Wed 30th April, Thurs 1st May 2025, 9:30 – 11:30 AND 17:00 – 19:00

A number of venues across Lewisham borough. Further details including booking information will be available soon

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Oliver	For fantastic phonics and maths knowledge this week. He is always kind when playing with his friends. Well done, Oliver! 😊
Nursery AM	Suwethaa	For being helpful during tidy up time and joining in during carpet times. Well done, Suwethaa! 😊
Nursery PM	Ayat	For helping and being kind to her friends. For having the confidence to speak to your friends and the adults in Nursery. Well done, Ayat! 😊
Blue Class	Taisja	For coming to school with such a positive attitude every day and always trying her best. Well done, Taisja!
Red Class	Yonathan	For always trying his best in every area of his learning and having such a positive attitude! Well done, Yonathan 😊
Yellow Class	Tilly	For being helpful and showing respect for our learning environment. Well done!
1M	Manane	For her incredible effort in using her sound mat to help write a news report this week. She has been working hard to remember her full stops and capital letters in her writing. Keep it up Manane! 😊
1N	Adil	For the excellent effort he has put into his reading and writing. He has been taking more time and thinking about his spaces and presentation. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Elliot	For making an amazing effort this week to make the right choices. He has used his learning station brilliantly to get ready for his group tasks. Well done Elliot!
2E	Kasper	For being such a lovely, kind and helpful member of 2E. He always makes sure that those around him are happy and offers support to his peers when needed. Well done, Kasper. Keep being amazing! 😊
2S	Margot	For being such a wonderful role model to others and for her improvement in her handwriting this week! Your presentation is amazing! Well done, Margot 😊
2SW	Ayla	For her thoughtfulness and kindness towards her peers. She is always happy to lend a helping hand. Well done, Ayla. Keep it up! 😊
3A	Amir	For your engagement and hard work during maths this week. You have been super at identifying and measuring the perimeter of 2D shapes. Well done! 😊
3G	Rowan	For her amazing contributions during writing lessons. Keep up the good learning! 😊
3S	Gabriel	For being a fantastic digital leader. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with your peers, parents and teacher. Well done, you really are a super star! 😊
4K	Rhonelle	For being an amazing helper in the classroom. Rhonelle's hard work and helpful attitude make our class a better place every day. Thank you for consistently using your initiative. Well done! 😊
4L	Christian	For his excellent effort and creativity in our narrative writing – coming up with some fun plot twists in his story. Well done, Christian!
4S	Joshua	For his incredible effort in his presentation and his attention to detail. Keep it up! 😊
5C	5C	For all the hard work on their writing of a balanced argument as well as displaying a great attitude for learning. Well done!
5L	Gursewakpal	For being a kind member of our class. You are always willing to help others. Thank you and well done!
5V	Amelie	For her well written balanced argument including all taught features. Great work Amelie!
6A	Sophie	For her consistent positive approach towards her learning, even when she finds it challenging. This demonstrates the core value of aspiration. Keep it up!
6L	Devante	For always being kind and helpful. He demonstrates our core value of community daily. Well done.
6R	Reis	For consistently demonstrating focus across the curriculum and collaborating superbly with all students in 6R, particularly when completing problem solving during maths lessons. Well done.
RB Blue	Hirav	Well done for having a positive attitude to your learning this week.
RB Green	Munasar	Well done for a great week of learning! We are so proud of how focused and independent you have been.

Fun Things To Do

FEB 17TH - 21ST NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS **9am-4pm**

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

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FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025

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SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

FEB HALF TERM 2025

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

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HALF TERM MUSIC PARTY

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

SHOWTIME: 10:00am (Mixed Ages)

Join us for our interactive Saturday Family Music Show!
Come and participate with our instruments, led by Anna on Violin.
Online booking essential
£11 per child, £5.50 for siblings www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows

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