



NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st January 2025

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



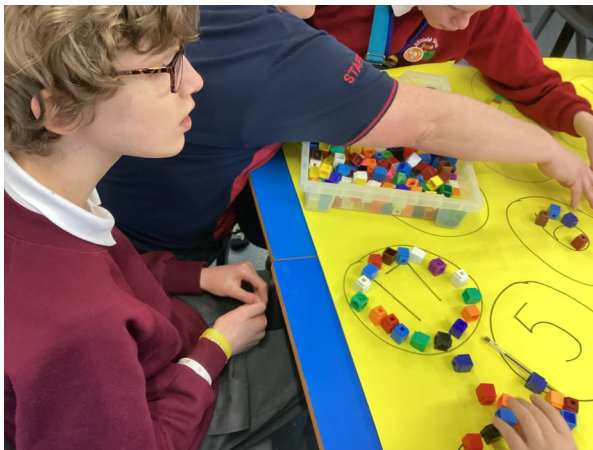
The pupils and adults in Banjo Class are enjoying their new topic 'Witches and Wizards'. They have been creating their own magic in Science, which has included pushing pencils into water without the water leaking everywhere, watching colours mix and swirl as they have added water to a plate of skittles, and watching the fizzing eruptions as vinegar is added to baking powder. "Wow!" said Logan. "It's magic!"

In their cooking lessons, they have been observing reversible changes by melting chocolate and jelly to create different delicious products. Finlay is not much a fan of the melting chocolate but the jelly, on the other hand, is another story!

In Literacy the class has been reading the book "What's in the Witches Kitchen?". The book has been a big hit! Especially the sensory story where the pupils enjoyed exploring different props from the book, including "gooey frogspawn" and "goblins wee" which was surprisingly very tasty!! They used the book to explore descriptive language and this inspired them to write their own books "What's in the Wizard's Lab?" One of their favourite moments of the term has been taking their books into Chimes and Tambourine class to share with other children. Leon loved interacting and entertaining Phoebe from Chimes class when he shared his book.



The weekly forest school lessons at Roman Way Primary School continue and are loved by all despite the cold and damp weather. So far this term they have made bird feeders which have been hung in the woodland and the pupils have also been learning to light a fire and be safe around a campfire. Arthur and Jack were keen to use the flint to create a spark to light the fire, and Oscar enjoyed building a fire circle with bricks. Chloe liked watching the flames and keeping warm by the fire but wasn't so keen on the smoke coming towards her!



WHAT A TREAT!

Last Friday the school enjoyed a Burns Supper—at lunchtime! The food was prepared by Vicky, the Area Manager of Dolce caterers.

A Burns supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns, the author of many Scots poems. Burns suppers are held all around the world.

The students had a bit of a shock when they arrived for lunch—they were not expecting a larger-than-life piper (George Sinclair) to be waiting for them! He marched around the hall in all his regalia and piped the haggis in. Then he performed the famous Burns Night haggis poem “Address to a Haggis” which was followed by toasting the haggis with Irn-Bru.

Many of the students tried the haggis and seemed quite happy with their lunch, especially the raspberry cranachan for pudding. The afternoon was spent

(exhaustingly) by the students performing the cèilidh (kay-lee) which is the Gaelic word for 'gathering' or 'party'. We would like to thank George for bringing this whole experience to life.



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



February	give (small object)	give (large object)	choose

DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (1) 2025

FEBRUARY

- 4th ZooLab visit
- 4th Full Governors' Meeting
- 11th Marwell Zoo trip no.1 (Lower School)
- 12th Marwell Zoo trip no.2 (Lower School)
- 12th Parents' Coffee Group meeting—CAMHS (1.30pm)
- 14th INSET DAY (FE only)
- 26th Mercury House Trip (*moved from 11.02.25*)
- 28th INSET DAY (Whole school)



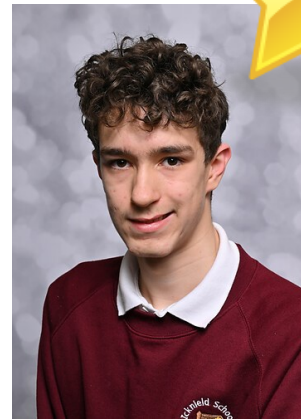
MARCH

- 6th Hants Fire Brigade visit (FE)
- 7th World Book Day
- 10th Class Group Photos
- 17th Theme Week (3 of 3) - Holi
- 18th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (09.30am)
- 18th Hamlet performance, The Lights (7pm) - ticket only
- 21st Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- 21st Comic Relief
- 24th Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit (FE)
- 15th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award:

Chimes	- Abel
Drum	- Zack
Maracas	- James
Tambourine	- Gustavo
Triangle	- Freddie
Trumpet	- Gus
Oboe	- Shristi
Banjo	- Arthur
Cello	- William



The School Superstar of the Week is ...WILLIAM!!

William is a delightful, kind, hardworking, popular, helpful and sociable young man with a wicked sense of humour. He is very polite and often asks staff and children how they are feeling. He is inquisitive and likes to know what's going on around the school. William enjoys ICT work and can make PowerPoint presentations independently. He also enjoys the Shakespeare rehearsals when he can show off his brilliant acting skills. He takes an active part in Youth Club, where he plays different tabletop games with his friends from Upper School.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Matthew and Sofia

