



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd January 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Maracas have been enjoying their half term topic of Paws, Claws and Whiskers which is all about pets. In The World lessons, they have been exploring different items relating to pets and having the opportunity to meet pets up close. So far, they have met Cheddar (our school dog), rabbits and a chicken. Matthew loved feeling Cheddar's fur, particularly with his feet and Chloe liked flapping the rabbit's ears.

In Literacy the students have been exploring a sensory story based on the book 'Oh No George!' by Chris Haughton. Jojo can't resist chocolate cake, just like George in the story. We have also been matching pet items and exploring pet books. Ajax loves matching and flapping the cat teaser toys.

In Fine Motor Skills, they have been using tweezers to take 'thorns' out of paws and putting peg whiskers onto cats. Zack loves guiding an adult's hand to put on the peg whiskers.



In Numeracy, the class has been focusing on 'in, on and under'. They participate in a weekly 'Crufts' style obstacle course, moving in the tunnel, on the stepping stones and under the hurdles. They have also been burying bones in the soil and under the plant pots. Frankie loves to touch and explore the soil.

In Art, they have been making pet collages with a variety of materials and also poking the materials into pet shapes.

Yummy flapjacks have been made in Cooking and James loves to taste the finished product.

The weeks are finished off with P.E, making different pet shapes with their bodies and moving around the room like animals, and a fun trip to the park! All of Maracas have loved being out and about and having fun outside.



NAK AND BOCCIA TOURNAMENT

Cello Class was invited to a NAK (New Age Kurling) and Boccia tournament at Peter Symonds College on Tuesday. They had great fun playing alongside other schools in the area. Everyone was well behaved and did their best throughout the tournament. They all worked very well as a team and communicated effectively. Here is what they had to say about the event:

James, Leon and William said that they enjoyed New Age Kurling.

Jaycob said he liked everything.

Luci said, *"I had to take it seriously, as it was my last time. I loved it."*

Karalina said she liked making new friends; she was kind and friendly to pupils from other schools.

Marley said it was fun — using her communicator.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE....

Ayla, Tambourine	6 yrs old
Lincoln, Banjo	7 yrs old
Shelby, Banjo	12 yrs old
Jack C, FE	17 yrs old



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Alfie, Banjo	10 yrs old
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FE—TABLE TOP CRICKET

On Wednesday a small group of FE students represented Icknield at the Hampshire Table Cricket Competition held at Treloar's School. They have been training with their coach, Jo, each week and took all their hard work and new skills to the competition ready to try their best.

They were all incredibly enthusiastic and worked well as a team, getting straight into their first game as soon as they arrived. They went on to play five games in total, demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout the day, supporting each other and showing respect to their opponents. It was a real pleasure to see them working so well together.

The highlights of the day were Jamie's bowling, where he conceded ZERO runs and Fergus joining us for an entire game, even managing to do some great fielding and stopping the other team from getting some runs. Tomas showed great engagement and skill throughout the day.

It was fantastic to see how much energy and enthusiasm all of the students took with them on what was an incredibly wet, windy and dark day. Being in the hall with the buzz of the competition was great and the staff all had a lovely day too.



The highlight for Fergus on the way back was all the huge puddles that made big splashes. He loved watching these out of the window and made us all laugh with his reactions.



We don't yet know the results of the day, but the students definitely won a few games and are looking forward to finding out where they were placed.

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



 Tap twice	 Tilt head backwards	 Tap twice below mouth	
to eat	to drink	breakfast	full
empty	thirsty	all gone	hungry

SPRING TERM 2026

JANUARY

- 26th Immunisations—Td/IPV & MenACWY—
Yr 9s + catch ups
- 27th ZooLab (1-3pm)

FEBRUARY

- 2nd Eastleigh Theatre (partial Chimes)
- 3rd The Point Theatre, Eastleigh (FE)
- 3rd Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 13th **INSET DAY (FE only)**
- 16-20th **HALF TERM**
- 23rd **INSET DAY (School & FE)**
- 26th Wheelpower Festival (FE)



MARCH

- 13th Immunisations Catch up (yr 9-11)
- 17th Fulk Governors' Meeting (4pm)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Jack
Drum	- Sam
Maracas	- Chloe
Tambourine	- Jesse
Triangle	- Freddie
Trumpet	- Arthur
Oboe	- George
Banjo	- Gustavo
Harp	- Ben
Cello	- Karalina



The School Superstar of the Week is **FREDDIE!!!**

Freddie has recently found his love for swimming which is amazing to watch and can be listed in his favourite things to do alongside running laps around the playground or class. He has a cheeky laugh which goes with his mischievous nature, and enjoys getting adults' attention by sneaking toys or using his communication book (another great progress!) Freddie also enjoys cooking and eating the end product, especially if they are flapjacks. His role play skills are tremendous with puppets and toys and he always looks forward to all aspects of Music with Mark.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Fergus
and
Tomas

