



This week we have been celebrating our core value of Compassion. In a week filled with Year 2 SATs tests, preparations for year 6's Class Assembly, trials for an exciting upcoming KS2 Athletics Competition, and all of the usual learning and busyness around school at this time of year, it has been great to see so many acts of kindness and empathy in classrooms, on the playground and around school. A special well done to all of Birch Class who have begun their SATs tests this week; you have all been working very hard and should be proud of everything you have achieved so far this academic year.

**Read on for lots of class updates for around the school this week!**

**Mr Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## Willow Enjoy Art Exhibition

On Friday, Willow Class visited St Andrew's Church for a beautiful art exhibition. We had a great time exploring the works of local artists, hunting down portraits, landscapes and abstract paintings, and having a go at sketching our favourite artworks. Yuvraj said, "The exhibition was really creative and interesting and it was good to do something different", while Francis commented that he especially liked the abstract art because it was so colourful.

A special thank you to **Jenny Henderson-Smith**, one of the artists whose work was on exhibit, who took the time not only to talk to some children but to help them draw their very own elephant, based on one of her original pieces! We all had a fantastic time and are looking forward to visiting any other exhibitions the church hosts.

If you are aware of any other local opportunities for visits or learning outside of the classroom, we love to get out and explore our local area and connect with the local community. Our Educational Visits Lead is Miss Rorie Jolly (Oak Class Teacher).

**Please contact Miss Jolly if you have any questions about upcoming trips or events.**



## Young Carers Club

For all of our families with Young Carers at home, our Young Carers Club is a fun, informal, and very friendly group which meets after school every Wednesday from 3.20 – 4.15pm. Young Carers meet for free in Cherry classroom for crafts, games, outdoor play and, most importantly, yummy snacks with Mrs Howlett, who is hoping to see many new and returning members in the coming weeks!

**Mrs Howlett is the school's Young Carers Champion. If your child attends this club and you have any questions, please contact Mrs Howlett.**

## House Points

This week, our winning House of The Week is **Trinity!** Well done to everybody in Red House for winning this week. Here is the break down if this week's points:





## Motte and Bailey Madness in Cherry Class

This week, Cherry Class transformed from a classroom to a bakery, with all of the children in the class wowing Miss Roddy and Mr Warren with their incredible Motte and Bailey Cakes! This homework project consolidated Year 4's learning around the structure of Norman castles and the children's creations looked, smelled and tasted wonderful – while also being historically accurate in the way they were constructed! Take a look at just some of the awesome Motte and Baileys baked by the children in Cherry!





## Year 4 'Dreamcatchers' Raise £80!

In a week celebrating compassion, a huge well done must go out to Cherry Class' 'Dreamcatchers', Lois, Megan, Mia and Thea, who have raised £80 for the Make A Wish foundation in their own time. The girls were very proud of their achievements, explaining, "With the name Dreamcatchers for our group, we wanted to help others to achieve their dreams. We knew we wanted to help a charity but we didn't know which one. Make A Wish fitted with our ideas and we were really happy to raise so much money for this charity."



The money was raised through a stall set up outside Thea's house, selling eggs, cakes, sweets and food and through the girls' performances as a singing group. Megan said, "Some people seemed to really like our songs and they gave us donations to hear the Dreamcatchers sing. In response to their hard work and generous donation, the charity responded by sending each of the girls a letter and badges!

**Well done girls – your money will make a great difference to people's lives!**

## Oak Class Drama Fun!

This week, Year 6 had their first Performing Arts lesson with visiting teacher, **Mr Griffin**, who will be joining us each week from Impington Village College.



The children in Oak will begin preparing for their end of year production of *The Lion King* in the coming weeks, and Mr Griffin will be leading some of these rehearsals, bringing lots of fun and expertise to the Year 6 cast! It's great to be able to make these links with our local secondary school, especially during the transition period for our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving us in just 7 weeks! Thank you to Mr Griffin; we look forward to working with you more!

## Lime Class Science

Lime Class have been learning about the water transpiration process in plants in their Science learning. This week, they enjoyed conducting an experiment to test the process by placing a stick of celery in a pot with water and food colouring. All of the children have been enjoying checking the celery over the last few days to observe the changes and watching as the celery absorbed the coloured water, travelling through the stem!



## Celebration Assembly

This week's assembly celebrated our core value of Compassion, an important value all year round, but especially during testing season! Well done to all of the children who have been displaying this value around school this week. Here are this week's certificate winners:

Ash  
**Eleanor & Iona**

Maple  
**Darcey & Lydia**

Birch  
**Ece & Harley**

Lime  
**Mariika & Shiri**

Cherry  
**Michael**

Willow  
**Flo & Francesco**

Oak  
**Eren & Timothy**

## Upcoming dates

15th - 26th May  
**Year 2 SATs Period**

23rd May  
**Class Photos**

24th May  
**Lime Class Roman Britain Workshop**

25th May  
**Year 3&4 Reading Workshop (9.00-9.45)**

25th May  
**FOGG School Disco**

26th May  
**Last Day of Half-Term**

5th June  
**First Day of Summer Term**

5th – 9th June  
**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks**

6th June  
**Maple Class Trip To Wandlebury**

6th June  
**Oak Class Residential Information Evening (15.30 – 16.00)**

8th June  
**Birch Class Assembly**

9th June  
**Ash Class Cake Sale**

12th – 16th June  
**Phonics Screening Checks**

15th June  
**Sports Day**

16th June  
**Ash Class Policeman Visit**