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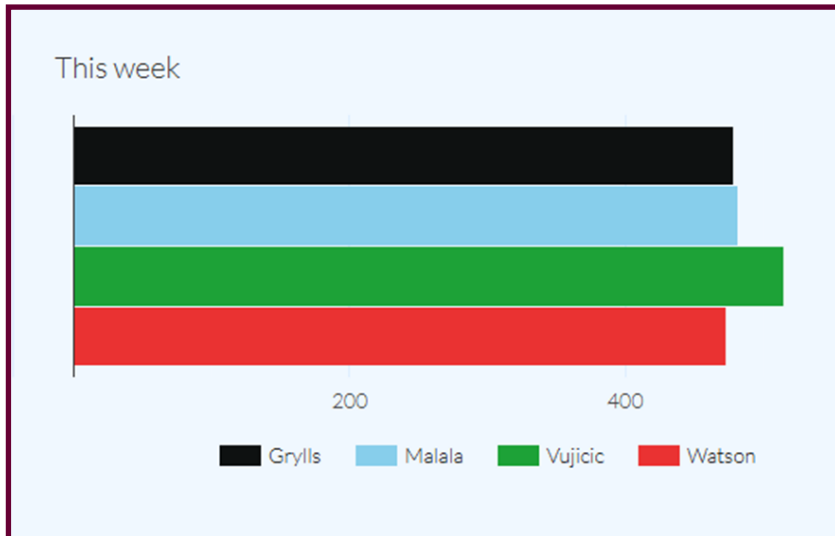
Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

School Production

Our children have worked so hard this week putting on their production of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. This sell out show has been the result of months of rehearsal, making, organising and teamwork. The staff involved could not be prouder of the energy, courage and dedication shown by all - the performances were truly fantastic. Huge congratulations!



House News



Great week for Vujicic this week - well done to everyone who has contributed to them earning the most candle credits over the past 7 days.

World Book Day Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in the WBD competition to design and create a model of a character from a book. There were many fantastic entrants and the whole school enjoyed voting on their favourites. Based on these votes, the top three are as below:

1st - Ollie Q 6FW (Sprinkles)

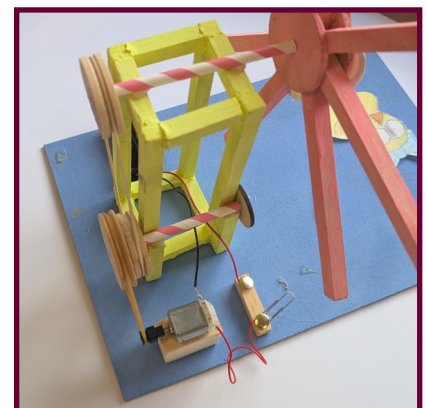
2nd - Ricky S (Dogman)

3rd - Mollie D (Paddington)



Year 5

In Product Design, Year 5 have been working hard to assemble their pulley mechanisms and electrical circuits on their Fairground Rides. This has been a challenge for them and has required lots of perseverance and communication between partners. Upcoming tasks include creating their carriages for the spokes and making additional items such as mini popcorn stands and ticket booths!



Year 5 Wellbeing this term is a topic on 'Health and Wellbeing'. So far, the children have looked at media vs reality, managing feelings and emotions, screen time and the importance of sleep. The most recent focus has been on nutrition and why it is important that we have a healthy, balanced diet. The children have looked at the eat well plate and which food groups we should be eating more and less of.

In Science, Year 5 are continuing to learn about living things, this week they conducted an investigation to find out what conditions plants need to germinate



Year 6

In Year 6 Wellbeing, we are finishing our topic on Health and Wellbeing, where we are learning about understanding the importance of our physical and mental health, how we support ourselves and others and how we seek support. We will then move onto Money Matters after Easter. In this topic we look at the:

- role of finance in people's lives
- loan, interest and debt
- tax

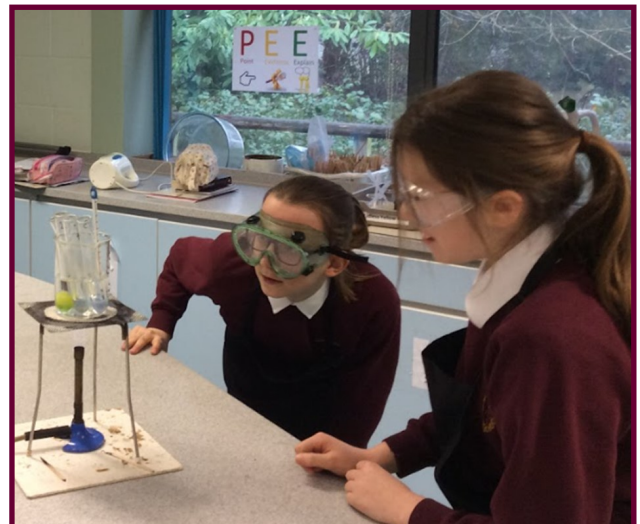
After May half term, we move onto our Relationships topic, where we will recap puberty from Year 5 and learn about reproduction. There will be an opportunity after Easter for parents to come to a presentation around how we deliver the relationships topic.

Year 6 Computing lessons have seen the children working with Microbits over the last few weeks. This is the second coding unit of the year. Over the next two weeks, they will be working on making a rock, paper, scissors game with the Microbits. This will be a functioning game that they can play against the Microbit or with a friend and pupils will code it so that it is able to keep track of the score! After Easter, we will move onto Lego robots which will be the final coding unit before finishing the year off with web design!

Year 7

Year 7 have been learning about digestion in Science, which has seen them investigating the nutrients in foods. They learnt how to test for protein, starch, reducing sugars and lipids (fats). Best of all they got to use the Bunsen burners!

In English, Year 7 have been investigating and practising their persuasion techniques. They have been researching different techniques used by writers and speakers to convince others of their personal points of view. Students have looked at the form and structure of how speeches are written, and what makes a speech memorable or not!



Year 8

In Year 8, the Maths groups are currently midway through their percentages unit. They have been finding multipliers to find percentages with both increases and decreases, and will move on to how to work out percentage change.

In Year 8 Computing we've just completed our second module on programming in Python. We've learned about how to use functions, variables, conditionals and user input in order to create simple sequences. We've created programs that require secret passwords from the user in order to continue. We are now applying the knowledge to programming using Microbits which are small handheld devices with some button inputs and small LED's for a screen. Pupils have coded these in previous years using block programming similar in style to Scratch, the program we use in Years 5 and 6. This time we are coding in Python again - although we have only just started we will be making a rock paper scissors game using our knowledge of Python coding gained from our previous units.

Key Stage 3 Sparx Reader Leader Board:

Well done to everyone who has worked so hard to complete their Sparx homework and also to go over and above what has been set. Here are the leader boards for Year 7 and 8 for Reader:

Year 7:

- 1st - Toby H
- 2nd - Ava L-B
- 3rd - Alice Y
- 4th - Evie H
- 5th - Brodie P

Year 8:

- 1st - Anastasia A
- 2nd - Kasey T
- 3rd - Lucas O
- 4th - Zoe S
- 5th - Megan W

Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre Trip

On Thursday, a group of pupils, accompanied by Mrs. Birkbeck and Mrs. Poole, were invited on a trip to Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre. Throughout the day, they took part in activities such as low ropes, see saw balancing, climbing, bushcraft and more. Lunch was provided at the centre and every pupil fully participated, having a fantastic time. We were delighted to see the pupils having fun and growing in confidence as the day progressed. They learned new skills and developed strong teamwork, achieving excellent results together.



To finish, we must wish the Year 7 pupils going on the Paris trip a fantastic week - to those going on the trip a reminder that you need to be at school at 5.30 am on Monday morning with everything you need for the week. Don't forget your passport!

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

Further information on following pages

EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

13th March 2026

Key dates: March - July 2026 (subject to change):

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 16th - Friday 20th March | Year 7 French Residential |
| Friday 27th March | Break up for Easter (finish at 3.20pm) PTFA Mufti and Cake Sale |
| Monday 13th April | INSET Day |
| Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st April | Parents' Evenings |
| Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th May | Year 5 Heatree Residential |
| Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May | Year 6 SATS |
| Friday 15th May | PTFA Disco |
| Tuesday 19th May | Class Group and Year 8 Photographs |
| Thursday 21st May | Year 5 Treehouse Theatre - Ancient Greeks |
| Friday 22nd May | Break up for half term (finish at 3.20pm) |
| Thursday 4th June | Year 5 & 6 Parents in to view work (2.45-3.15pm) |
| Tuesday 9th June | KS3 Sports Day Heats (AM) |
| Thursday 11th June | KS2 Sports Day Heats and Potted Sports (AM) |
| Wednesday 17th June | Sports Day Finals (AM) |
| Friday 26th June | Transfer Day |
| Tuesday 30th June - 3rd July | Year 6 Activities Week |
| Tuesday 7th July | Year 8 Bournemouth University Visit |
| Friday 10th July | PTFA Summer Fair |
| Monday 13th - Friday 17th July | Year 8 Activities Week |
| Monday 20th July | Year 6 and 8 Awards Evening - Verwood Hub |
| Wednesday 22nd July | Last day of term (finish at 3.20pm) |



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