

AUTUMN TERM



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Term Dates

October

22nd 3.30-6 Parents' Evening face to face

23rd 9am Harvest Festival in church

23rd 4.30-7 Parents' Evening virtual

24th 8.30 ACT Active, Homework Festival and coffee with HT and Miss Louise

27/10 – 2/11 HALF TERM

November

3rd-6th Yr5/6 Bikeability

5th Yr2 trip to Mountfichet castle

7th Yr2 Remembrance Day poppies St Andrew's

10th Safety Week, including anti-bullying

19th Raptors visit to school

25th Laurel trip to Zoology museum

26th 9am Chestnut sharing assembly for parents

December

3rd Laurel sharing assembly with parents

5th Advent Stay and Play

8th 9am Rocksteady concert

10th 2.15 Reception and KS1 nativity

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12th Trip to pantomime for Yr1-6

18th 9am Carol Service in church

19th pm Santa visit and parties

19th Christingle service at St. Andrew's after school

19th END OF TERM

Professor Chris Calladine

Chris was a governor and Chair at our school for 25 years up to the turn of the century. He had a lot to do with the construction of our current playground and also campaigned for safer barriers at the level crossing. He recently found a new governor for us from Peterhouse College, Cambridge maintaining our link with the college who gave land for our school to be built. Chris died at the end of the summer and was recently laid to rest in the Peterhouse Fellows section of St. Andrew's church.

Class News

Nursery (Apple) have  been enjoying playing teachers and making giant pictures of themselves.

Reception (Oak) have been enjoying exploring the number 4, listening to 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Stone Soup' and peeling and chopping vegetables to make their own soup.

Year 1 (Olive) enjoyed going on their first 'Trees Matter' trip, they thought about their 5 senses and how they could use them.

Year 2 (Chestnut) have been thinking about what Cherry Hinton was like in the past and the history of our school. They wrote questions for Mrs Wayne to answer.

Year 3/4 (Laurel) have been learning about the Iron Age – where people lived and how they lived. They have also been learning how to measure in millimetres in maths.

Year 4/5 (Holly) have been using data layers for computing and science and comparing the size of their pupils in different light conditions.

Year 5/6 (Elder) have enjoyed creating their lighthouses in DT – including a circuit with a working bulb. They have also enjoyed researching, designing and creating their own board games.

Gold Book – for acting out the school values of ACT:

Oak – Kasper, Kai, Arlo and Ellea

Olive – Benji and Ava, and the whole class!

Chestnut – Adeline, Michelle, Mirabella, Daniel, Aecus

Laurel – Sudabeh. The whole class. Fleur and Audrey

Holly – Fahed and the whole class.

Elder – Iziah, Tia-Rose, Lizzie and Matilda



Sporting Hero

The house captains for leading a morning of sport for the whole school so successfully and so confidently.

House Captains – congratulations to Ailsa, Shazod, Dran, Amelia K, JJ, Shaswin, Vince, Sofia on being selected as house captains.

Attendance – Elder - 97%, Holly- 96%, Laurel - 92%, Chestnut – 91%, Olive - 99%, Oak- 95%

Inter-house competition – This took place on 1st

October was superbly run by our house captains and other year 6 helpers. The results were-

1st- red; 2nd- blue; 3rd- green; 4th – yellow

VALUED BEHAVIOURS – these are our revised

'Golden Rules' or class rules; ways of behaving to help us all get along as a community. Every class has been talking about them and understanding them. Please support us by talking about them at home too.

Our Valued Behaviours are:

- Being polite, using 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry'
- Caring about each other's feelings and opinions and property
- Caring for the school environment – inside and outside
- Listening to adults in school
- Trying your best with your learning
- Behaving in a way that allows all children to learn and play safely, without anxiety

Eco-Warriors – Mrs Hawthorne is continuing to work with the team and following their lead on what they would like to work on in school. Mary, Frances, Jasper, Chiara, Emma and Shazod have developed their own litter picking rota to help keep our school grounds tidy. Shazod is chief litter picker organiser. They are now devising their own Eco-display for the hall.

Year 6 residential at Grafham Water – we had a great time getting wet, peeling off wetsuits, eating huge amounts of delicious food, learning to sail and tackling heights. The group were a pleasure to be away with. Thank you to Mr Tickner and Mrs Caldecoat for making the trip such a success.

Congratulations to Austin and Amelia N for being awarded '**Camper of the Week**' for demonstrating ACT



Growth Mindset quote –

from Jane Goodhall, pioneering female scientist, observer of primate behaviour and conservationist, who died recently: "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make".

All best wishes,
Sally Haiselden