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Newsletter

21/03/25



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Welcome

Another busy fortnight where the children have enjoyed a variety of offsite enrichment activities. The warmer weather has been a welcome addition and it's great to see the children enjoying all the fun playground activities available during lunchbreak!

We are very excited for the arrival of our ewe and her lamb next week as well as lots of events taking place over the next fortnight. Please don't forget to book your seats for our March Music Festival here: <https://forms.gle/64jBMhMWYqUdwdWJ6>

A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school for ordering group school photos is **Wednesday 26th March 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

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Have a great weekend,

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

If there has been any change to when you gave consent for the school to administer school kept medicine, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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Attendance

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress.

Our target is 97%.

Current attendance percentages for this academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **95%**

Wonder Class: **95%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **96%**

Well done everyone!





Awards this Fortnight

This year, we have moved away from using the Super Learning Hero Awards because they do not match our new school systems and values. The children helped us choose the new awards. They decided to base them on our 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible). The pupils who achieve an Honours Award will be invited to a special Awards Ceremony in the summer term.

This fortnights' weekly awards go to the following pupils:

Ready to Learn Award	Respect Award	Responsible Award	Headteacher Award	Honours Award
Eddie (Franklin)		Oscar M (Beatles) Tommy (Wonder) Reuben R (Wonder)		

Inclusion Newsletter

This week we have been collaborating with our families and have held our next cycle of 'Individual Support Plan' meetings. Thank you to all of our families who attended to celebrate their child's progress with their class teacher.

Individual support plans are one of the many ways that we support children across the school. They help teachers and the SEND team to identify small and achievable targets for the children to work towards during the next term.

After Easter, I would like to hold a couple of informal parent meetings, one of which is to explain how we set up and manage the SEND systems and support in school, the second is to talk about identifying and supporting children with dyslexia and dyscalculia.

Please look out for more information coming soon on these meetings as it would be great to see you!

As always, please feel free to come and meet with me or email me about any questions or worries that you have regarding your child.

Kind regards, Mrs Stender

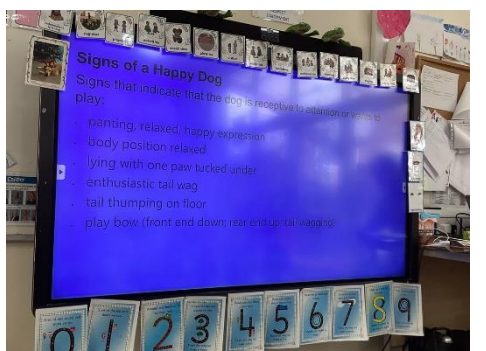
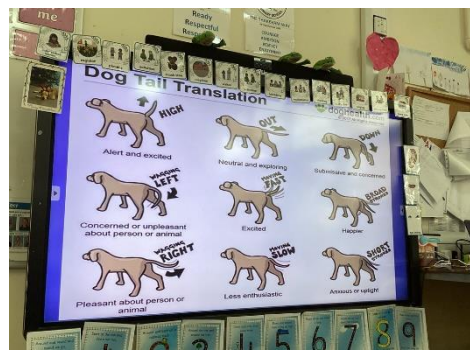
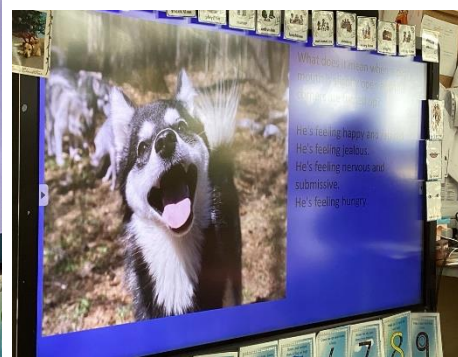
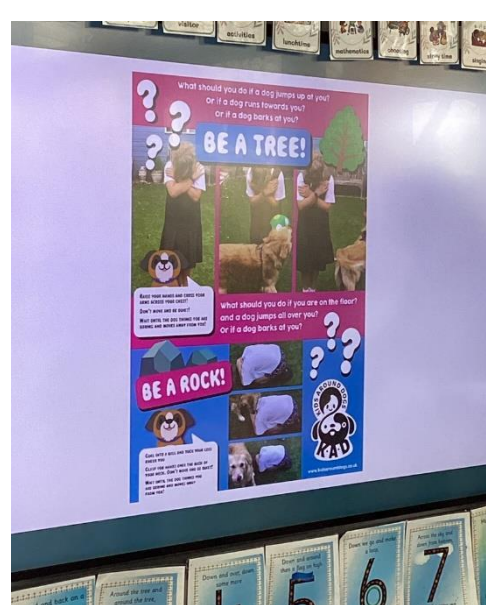
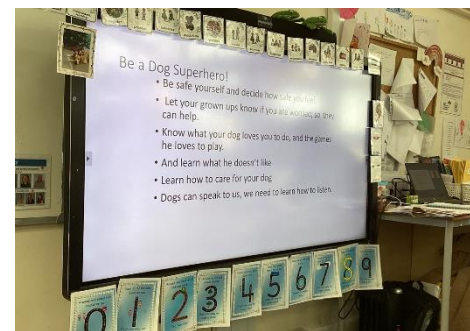
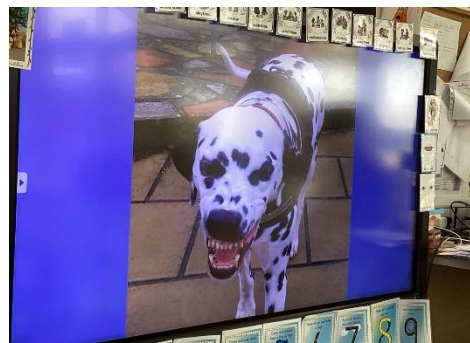


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Beatles Class Canine Behaviourist Visit

Mark from Bone Canis visited to teach the class how to stay safe around dogs.



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KS2 STEM Science Day

As part of our science and STEM focus during science week, we arranged for some of our KS2 pupils to go and visit the Ricardo Shoreham Technical centre, home to where the McLaren engines are individually put together by hand as well as enabling a sustainable future by creating **innovative services** that are at the intersection of transport, energy and environment agendas across the globe.

Our pupils had a tour of the centre and were able to see some of the engineers at work, watch the McLaren engines being made as well as the experience the sound test centre where car door closing, engines and other car comfort noises are tested.

They were also invited to design and make a wind turbine to generate electricity to a house. The children were given the blade structure and then from this created, tested and improved their design before the final test. It was great to see them trialling out their designs, making amendments, thinking of ways they could generate more energy.

The top 3 wind turbines that generated the most electricity actually generated significantly more electricity than the demonstration which has never been achieved before so well done Thakeham!



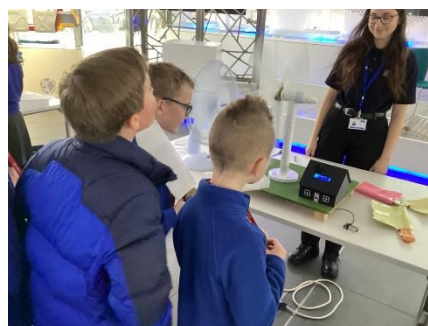
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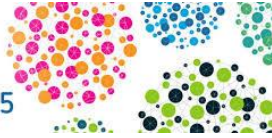
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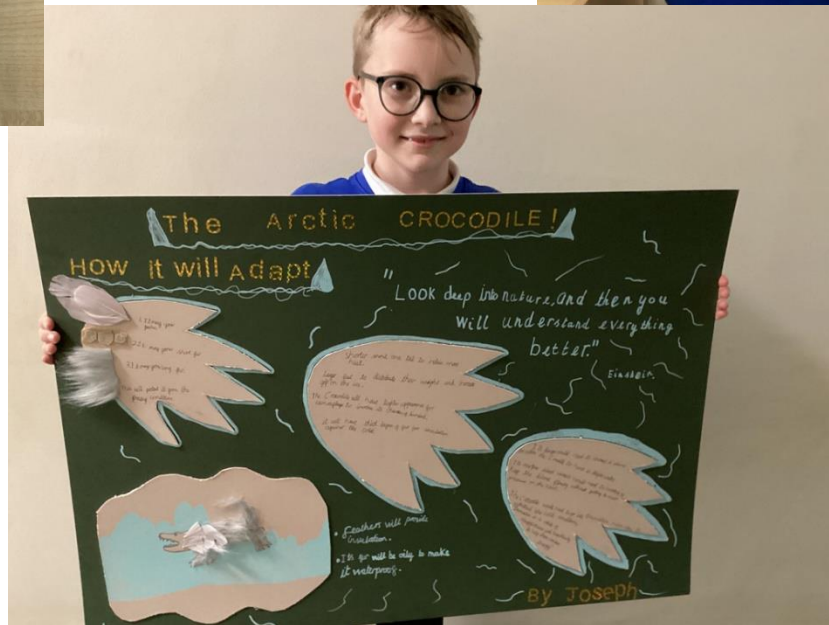
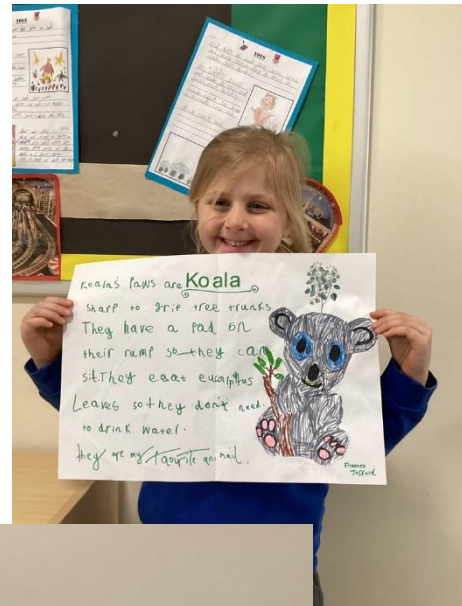
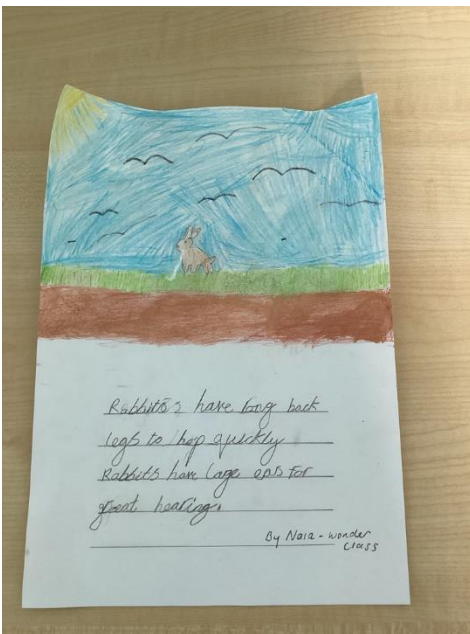
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As part of our work on Science Week, Steyning Grammar school invited us to take part in a science poster competition linked to this year's science week theme, 'Change and Adapt'. KS1 were asked to draw an animal and write about how it has adapted to the environment that it lives in. KS2 were asked to think about how an animal would need to adapt if it were to live in a different environment. Thank you to all the children who have entered the competition, here are 3 fabulous posters that were created. I will be sending off all of the entries to Steyning Grammar for the judging and will let you know how we do!

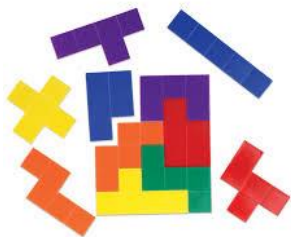


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YR5 Maths Competition at Christ's Hospital

The mathematicians participated in different mathematical tasks gaining points and this included working with dice, pentominoes, playing cards, dominoes, tangrams and counters. The final round saw them coming together to work through multiple choice mathematical problems.



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Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Thank you so much for your wonderful donations so far, at time of publication, £136 had been raised!! You can still donate here if you haven't already done so:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18451>

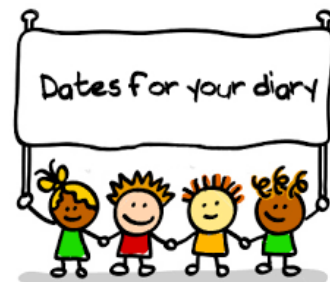


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Dates for Your Diary



26th March – deadline for free delivery to school for class photos orders

28th March – March Music Festival (letter sent with link to book seats)

1st April – FoTS Movie Night (YR R-2 3:15-4:15pm and YR3-6 4:30-6:00pm)

4th April – end of Spring term

7th-21st April – Spring break

22nd April – Start of Summer term 1

5th May – Bank Holiday

26th-30th May – half term

2nd June – Start of Summer term 2

18th July – last day of term

21st July – Inset Day

22nd July – Inset Day

23rd July – 1st Sept – Summer holidays

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Friends of Thakeham Primary School (FoTS)

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RECEPTION/KS1 MOVIE NIGHT



TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

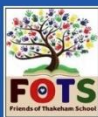
3:15PM - 4:15PM

SNACKS

DRINKS

£3

TICKET NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

A poster for a movie night featuring a film strip at the top with three red tickets that say 'ADMIT ONE CINEMA'. Below the film strip, the text reads 'MOVIE NIGHT' in large letters, followed by 'KS2 - £3 - LIMITED'. The date and time are 'Tuesday 1st April 4:30pm - 6:00', and it notes 'snack and drinks included' and 'limited availability'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a bag of 'CHIPS REAL POTATO CRISPS', a bucket of 'POP CORN', and a drink cup.

MOVIE NIGHT

KS2 - £3 - LIMITED

Tuesday 1st April
4:30pm - 6:00
snack and drinks included
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One of our pupils Lucy will be taking part in a Sandra Wilson stage production of The Greatest Showman!!

The show is on Sunday 23rd of March at 6.30pm, at the Billingshurst Centre, Roman Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9EW.

There will be a **CASH ONLY** bar where wine, prosecco, beer and soft drinks can be purchased before the performance.

If anyone would like to attend please contact Gemma Banks on 07460677631 so tickets can be purchased at a cost of £9 each.

A really great evening for all!





Easter Camp

DATE: TUES 8TH APRIL

**VENUE: THE TOWERS, STEYNING GRAMMAR
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TIME/COST: 9-11: MINI'S, (R-Y2) U5-U9 -£12

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11-3: U13-16 - £24



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Pilates & Sound Therapy with gongs

Wednesday 2nd April

6:15 to 8:00pm

£25.00 per person



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GONG & SOUND
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Storrington
RH20 3AA

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What to expect....

Elaine will begin with a Pilates Flow class, lasting 30 minutes, linking moves together to create sequences focussing on strength & mobility

following a short break, Laura will guide you through a beautiful sound bath using gongs and other instruments which create vibrational sounds to help reduce stress, assist consciousness and create a deep sense of peace, well-being and better health.

What to bring....

**You'll need a mat, a blanket and pillow, an eye mask
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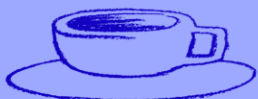
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- BIRD
- SPRING
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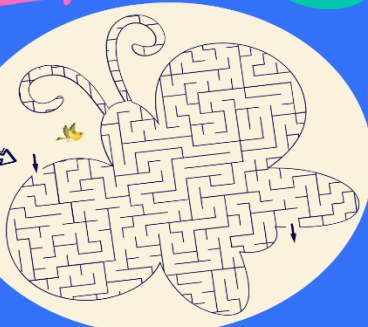
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Let's stay fit & healthy! Try these exercises!

- 5X PUSHUPS
- 5X LUNGES
- 5X STAR JUMPS
- 1 MINUTE PLANK!



SCAN ME!
to see more info about our camps!

HELP THE BUTTERFLY THROUGH THE MAZE!



How many birds can you see?

FUN FACT

Spring is a time of change: Animals like hedgehogs and bumblebees wake up from hibernation, and lambs frolic in the fields.

HEY!

I'm BILLY Barracuda! Spring is coming and it's time to enjoy brighter and longer days!



Let's count together... in 6s!

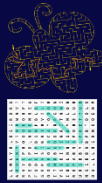
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Match the SPRING ANIMALS!

- Butterfly
- Bee
- Rabbit
- Hedgehog
- Badger
- Toad



ANSWERS



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Age group: 8-13

Time: April 8th - 9th
9am - 3pm

Place: West Chiltington Village Hall
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Laurie Apted Building Southwater

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