



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have marked the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day. The children wore red, white and blue outfits to school and took part in a range of activities including war time games as well as enjoying a special 'street party' themed lunch. We were joined for our party by members of our local community; many of whom had a connection with our school either as past pupils or the parents of past pupils. Our visitors were full of praise for the pupils that they interacted with throughout the day and I was exceptionally proud of all of our pupils.

In preparing for our VE Day celebrations we spent time exploring the themes of war and understanding why it is so important for us to learn from the experiences of the remaining veterans. Each class received a letter from a WWII veteran and each pupil wrote a letter in return. A selection of our pupil's letters were shared with our visitors and this was a most poignant part of the day. The visit culminated with a rendition of We'll Meet Again performed by our choir and a selection of children who were keen to join in the sing-a-long.

This week our Y3&4 pupils watched a performance of Mary Poppins at The Palace Theatre. As always our pupils represented our school wonderfully. The children very much enjoyed the performance, especially when Mary Poppins flew off through the roof! A great time was had by all and I am only sorry that I was unable to attend the event personally.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sam Hayes and the team from Centrica that volunteered during the Easter break painting one of our Reception classrooms.

This has made a great difference to the learning space, allowing us to invest money that would have been spent on decoration and refurbishments on resources for the children in EYFS.

Finally, our Y6 pupils have been preparing in recent months to sit the KS2 SATs.

The assessments are due to take place next week. I would like to say that you have all worked so hard this year and now is your time to shine. I know everyone will join me in wishing our Y6 pupils the very best of luck!

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.
Headteacher

Star of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week this week:

Elm - Piper & Noah, Pine - Annais & Kobe,
Ash - Yousef, Amelia & Hannah.

Beech - Taim & Buddy, Hazel - Ibrahim & Niko,
Larch - Raffi & Zainab.

Aspen - Farhan & Maham, Rowan - Pippa & Eva,
Spruce - Sehaj & Oliver.

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week last week:

Elm - Reid & Zidan, Pine - Mina & Kesia, Ash - Liyana & Ayla.

Beech - Ibraheem & Rayan, Hazel - Gabe & Liam,
Larch - Cade & Idris.

Aspen - Ali & Lucy, Rowan - Inaaya & Zizo,
Spruce - Harvey & Nawal.

Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is **97%**. Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 09.05.25 was **94.1%**

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 02.05.25:

Elm - 98%, Pine - 98%, Larch - 97%, Aspen - 97%, Spruce - 97%.

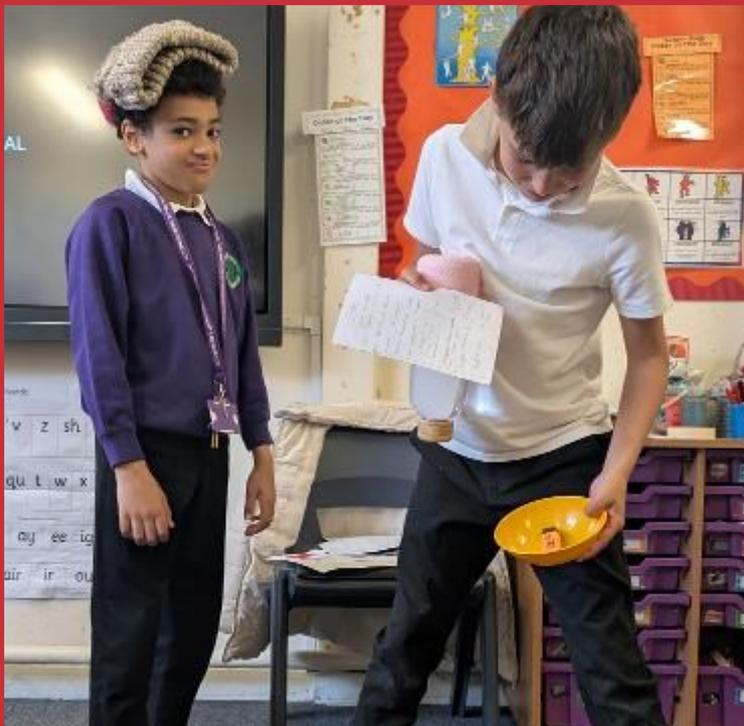
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English in Acorn class

We have been innovating a known story, 'Nail Soup'. The children learn the original story and then use their own author's voice to use the same story pattern with their own ideas.

Here they are, sharing their innovated version with a peer and acting it out. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to add some extra ideas and practise what each of the characters will say.



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Key Stage 1

This term in Art we have been using clay to make different shapes. So far we have created flat tile designs as well as a pinch pot.



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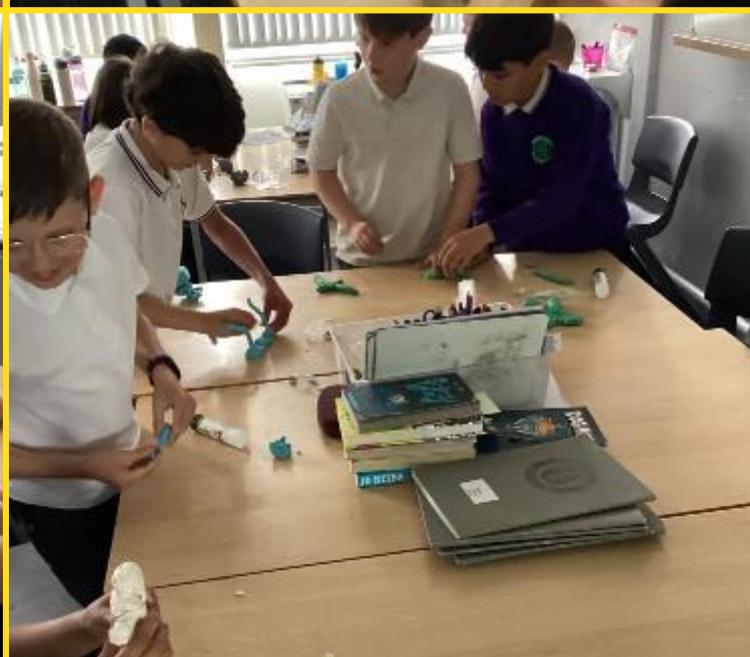
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Spruce Class experimented with manipulating plasticine into different shapes that represent their memories.



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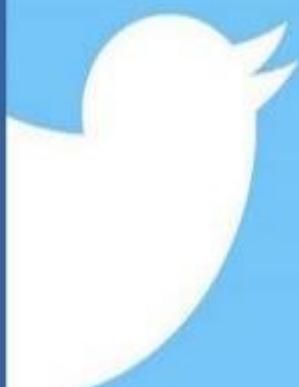
Spruce Class celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day with word searches, handmade Union Jack flags, and wearing red, white, and blue.



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