



*Give your best, expect success!*

17-Jan-25

Dear Parents and carers,

We've been enjoying the slightly warmer weather this week, it's given us all a boost to have a glimpse of Spring and has added a little extra strength to our resilience and determination. In my visits to classes I have been very impressed with the focus and high levels of engagement I have come across - let's hope we can keep this up!

Have a lovely weekend, ask your children about the birds they have learned about this week - see how many you can spot!

Mrs Lewis

**Year 4's Busy Week!** Year 4 need almost the whole front page this week as they have jammed in some excellent events to kick start some of their learning!

On Tuesday, Year 4 enjoyed a Viking and Anglo-Saxon workshop. It



started with Ash the Viking leaping out at the children, spear in hand and terrifying them all! Over the day, the children were able to handle artefacts, explore weapons and play games. They created a shield wall and even took part in a Viking Burial. Ash was very impressed with the children and they were so well-behaved that he even showed them extra artefacts that he wouldn't usually use. Well done Year 4.



Later in the week, the children brought in their toothbrushes and had a go at using some disclosing tablets to find out how well they had cleaned their teeth. The blue tongues caused lots of laughter!

What a great week for Year 4, I wonder what they will get up to next!



**Bird Spotting!** Jayne from the RSPB came to school this week and delivered some assemblies about UK Garden Birds in readiness for the Big Garden Birdwatch. The children were amazed to find out how many different birds they might spot and have all been given a spotter's guide. The event is next weekend and you can find out more here:



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>



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**Celebration Assembly:** The Head Pupils have come up with a playlist of songs promoting our term's theme of Resilience so today we came in to and left with Katy Perry's "Roar". We enjoyed singing along but also watching the video of it being "sung" in British Sign language!

We had a great example of resilience in our Headteacher's Awards today. A new child has joined us this week and has been a great success. As her classmates said, how hard must it be to join a new school and have to make a whole lot of new friends? With the support of her class, that is exactly what our newbie has done and we are very happy to have welcomed her.

Other Award winners were also showing some strength of character in their learning and for some in their friendships and it was wonderful to hear how proud their teachers were of their achievements. Of course, Year 4 got a whole class award for their excellent conduct and engagement in their special workshop

**Attendance:** It was a close run thing this week. Almost all of our classes were just over our target of 96% this week which was very exciting, I am sure as a whole school, we will soon be at target. I had to really drill down, but Year 3 were just ahead to be our top attenders! Well done to Year 3!

### This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
78	70	71	86

Well done to Ruby!

**Dates for your diary:** (Full details and booking etc to follow)

**27<sup>th</sup> January** – Height & Weight check for Years R & 6

**7<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Numbers Day

**13<sup>th</sup> February** – Film Night

**14<sup>th</sup> February** – Term ends

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – Term 4 begins

