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## Monthly Update



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### This Month's Focus Value: Curiosity

#### A note from Mrs Harrison:

Dear Parents and guardians,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful half-term break. It's been wonderful to see the children settling back into their learning so well. With brighter mornings and longer days, the sunshine has certainly brought an extra energy to our school.

This month, our focused value is curiosity, and it has been inspiring to see the children embracing it—especially during Book Week. Many have been eagerly researching historical figures like Emmeline Pankhurst, Ernest Shackleton, and Sir David Attenborough. I encourage you to be curious too—ask your child about the fascinating facts they've discovered!

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the PTA Quiz Night last week. It was a fantastic evening filled with fun and friendly competition, all in support of our school. These community events truly make a difference, and I'm grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.

I've also had the pleasure of meeting with several parents this week and really value the ideas and collaboration that help us create the best opportunities for our children. Working together, we can achieve so much.

With a sunny weekend ahead, I hope you all have the chance to enjoy some time outdoors. Have a wonderful weekend. See you on the gate on Monday.

#### Value of the month: Curiosity

Our new value for March:

**Curiosity:** means the desire to learn and know.

**What it looks like:**

to really listen, so that we find out, ask lots of questions, willing to be strong and we are not afraid to say, "I don't know."

#### House Points

Our determination to earn house points continues.

Our weekly winners:

07.02.25 - **Farah**

14.02.25- **Attenborough**

28.02.25- **Windsor**

07.03.25- **Rowling**

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### TTRS - A Tournament

Today at 4pm our our March  
TTRS tournament gets underway.

This latest tournament sees  
classes battling within their year  
groups.

Good luck!



7th March - 20 March 2025

3 - Oak

3 - Maple

3 - Elm

7th March - 20 March 2025

5 - Cherry

5 - Ash

7th March - 20 March 2025

6 - Hazel

6 - Acer

7th March - 20 March 2025

4 - Sycamore

4 - Cedar

4 - Birch

### Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to our attendance  
cup winners this month:

Week ending 07/02

- Maple

Week ending 14/02

- Maple

Week ending 28/03

- Cherry 100%

Week ending 07/03

3- Maple



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### Our Stars of The Week

We are so proud of our wonderful stars who have been living our values.

28/02/25

Year 3 - Beth, Autumn and Louisa

Year 4 - Jamie, Hridhima, Iqra  
and Mark

Year 5 - Fletcher and Lottie

Year 6 - On school trip

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Year 3 - Evalyn, Noah and  
Victoria

Year 4 - Daisy, David and  
Mostafa

Year 5 - Teddy and Sophia P

Year 6 - Eli, Kayden and Oscar

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### Book Week 2025

It has been a brilliant week inspired by the Little People, Big Dreams series of books.

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Maple, Oak and Elm were fascinated to find out more about world renowned architect, Zaha Hadid. They have been creating their own mini booklets about her life.

#### Year 4

Sycamore, Cedar and Birch have been learning about Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragettes. They have written letters as Emmeline and designed a creative double page spread about her life.

#### Year 5

Cherry and Ash have enjoyed finding out more about the daring Antarctic adventures of Ernest Shackleton and his crew. They have written persuasive letters to be part of his crew. They have reflected on how it would have felt to part of this intrepid expedition.

#### Year 6

Acer and Hazel have been inspired by the achievements of Sir David Attenborough. They have written biographies about his life and designed webpages to educate people about the plight of the planet.







Congratulations to our 'Most Creative Costume' winners.

Year 3- Evalyn, Elsie, Oliver M, Jakey, Oscar and Orla W

Year 4

Ledley, Imogen, Rose, Jacob, Nayan and Elsbeth

Year 5

Ava K, Sophia P, Betsy and Leonardo

Year 6

James, Evie, Luke and Bibi

We really enjoyed learning how the children had been inspired by the person they were dressed up as.



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## Every Little Helps

Gentle reminder, if you haven't already done so to please make your £20 voluntary donation to our Arbor Parent Portal School Shop area, which will support us in providing extra experiences and opportunities for our children. Instead of asking for small amounts of money throughout the year, we have condensed this into one payment each term, which will fund:

- Our DT projects, such as our half termly cooking, bridge building and weaving
  - Science/STEM week
- Celebration events and other community events throughout the year

As you will know, school budgets are tighter than ever, and any donations will be spent wisely to ensure that our children continue to receive the very best opportunities available to them.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Attendance Policy

We are taking this further opportunity to share our Attendance Policy with you that came in to effect on Monday 19th August 2024. As you will be aware, our Attendance Policy was amended to include the new procedures, as directed by the Department for Education (DfE) and can be found on our school website.

Please note that the main changes are listed below:

If you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Any leave of absence for absences from Monday 19th August 2024, will follow the new procedures.

In line with the new DfE guidance, we are now obligated to request medical evidence and flight/ holiday confirmation when an illness occurs just prior or after a holiday request.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



# Do I need to keep my child off school?



Public Health  
Agency

## Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

## Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

## Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

## Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

## Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

## Scabies

Until after first treatment

## Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

## Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

## Flu

Until recovered

## Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed



**1st & 3rd Thursday's  
of each month**

**9.15am-10.45am**

(Term time, babies up  
to 3 months welcome  
in the group with their  
parents)



**18+**

## Parent/Carer Well-being Group

### Catalyst Support & Woking Family Centre

Being a parent/carers can bring a range of emotions and challenges that can impact our mental health. Catalyst Support & Barnardo's, are running themed support sessions. Come along for a friendly chat to help build your support network, resilience and re-focus on your own mental health and well-being.

- Scan the QR code, call or email •  
to register



Call: 01276 409 415



Text: 07919 541 424



[groups.cc@catalystsupport.org.uk](mailto:groups.cc@catalystsupport.org.uk)



[catalystsupport.org.uk](http://catalystsupport.org.uk)





## WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

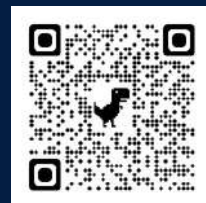
# SEND Online Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged  
0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the  
QR code or call 01483 310419



***Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow  
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX***



**Changing childhoods.  
Changing lives.**





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## Recommended Reads

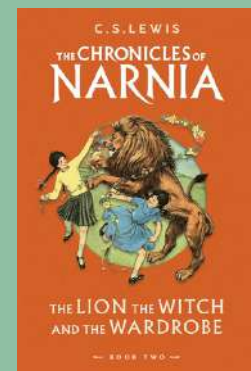
Each week, the teachers choose one book to read out to the students in the Tuesday Reading Assembly...

This term we have enjoyed listening to...

### Mr Alderton- Hatchet

There was a wild crashing sound, a ripping of metal, and the plane blew through the trees, out over the water and down, down to slam into the lake . . .

Brian is a city boy. Not used to living rough. Until his plane crash-lands in the Canadian wilderness. All he has is a hatchet - and a desperate will to survive. Now Brian must learn to live the hard way - or die.

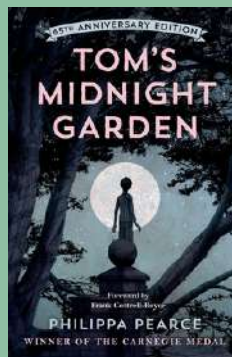


### Miss Fini - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Four adventurous siblings - Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie - step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice..

### Mrs Shaw - Tom's Midnight Garden

When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncle's house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. Lying awake at night, he hears the old grandfather clock downstairs strike . . . eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . . Thirteen! How strange! When Tom gets up to investigate, he discovers a magical garden. A garden that everyone told him doesn't exist. A garden that only he can enter . . .

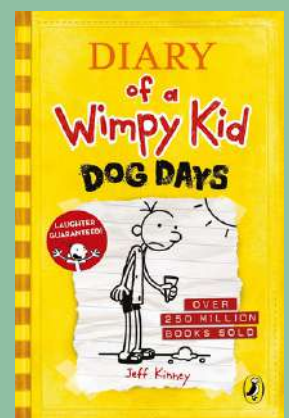


In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive-but Tom is never sure whether the children he meets there are real or ghosts . . .

### Miss Vega - Diary of a Wimpy Kid -Dog Days

Greg Heffley's family are going to have to count their pennies this summer.

That means, no beach holiday and lots of 'family togetherness'. Which doesn't sound like a whole lot of fun. The only good thing Greg has to look forward to is his birthday, but even THAT ends in a disaster.



And when his dad brings home a brand-new addition to the family, Greg is outnumbered. It could be a real dog of a summer . . .

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This month's books have been selected from the Love Reading 4 kids website.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/new-releases>

This website features extracts of all recommended texts, so you can try before you buy!

#### Year 3 - Bear and Bird-The Cave and Other Stories

By Jarvis



Bear and Bird are best friends! And while they don't always understand each other, they both agree: all they want is to make the other happy. So, when neither of them can remember why they've circled today in red in the calendar, they each think they've missed the other's birthday and scramble to surprise each other with a party! And when Bear accidentally loses the ball while playing Boing Boing, he has to summon up all his courage to go into the Creepy Cave to get it back.

Full of comic mix-ups and misunderstandings, as well as genuine warmth and affection, these four stories are the fifth instalment in this irresistibly charming chapter book series from award-winning creator Jarvis. Bear and Bird are fast becoming a firm favourite and their adventures are perfect to read aloud, or for children who are ready to start reading by themselves.

#### Year 4

Wildlands- By Brogen Murphy



Twenty-five years into the future, no humans are allowed in the Wildlands - a vast area in Britain where wolves, lynx and bison roam free. The only exception is a high-speed train line between London and Glasgow that crosses right through the heart of the project. Thirteen-year-old Astrid and her little sister, Indie, are onboard when their train slows to a brief, unexpected stop ... and they find themselves accidentally left behind. Stranded in this place of astonishing natural wonders and terrible dangers, they have only a rucksack, a phone without signal - and each other. As every wrong turn takes them deeper into the Wildlands, do they have the ingenuity and determination to survive?

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## YEAR 5 - The Green Kingdom

Cornelia Funke

Caspia's summer is transformed when she discovers a bundle of letters containing ten botanical riddles in this enchanting adventure.

Twelve-year-old Caspia hates big cities, especially one as busy as New York. So she isn't thrilled by the news that her parents are taking her to stay in Brooklyn. It's summer-devouring bad luck! But everything changes when Caspia discovers a bundle of letters, hidden in an old chest of drawers. They belonged to two sisters who lived there long ago. Each letter contains a 'green' riddle, with clues leading to a different plant.

Caspia sets out to solve the riddles and, as she does, she meets friends she could never have imagined and discovers that anywhere can feel like home, if you are just brave enough to put down new roots.



## YEAR 6 - Grumpfort

By Jamie Hammond

Meet Mo, the worst monster hunter ever, in this hilarious and highly illustrated adventure.

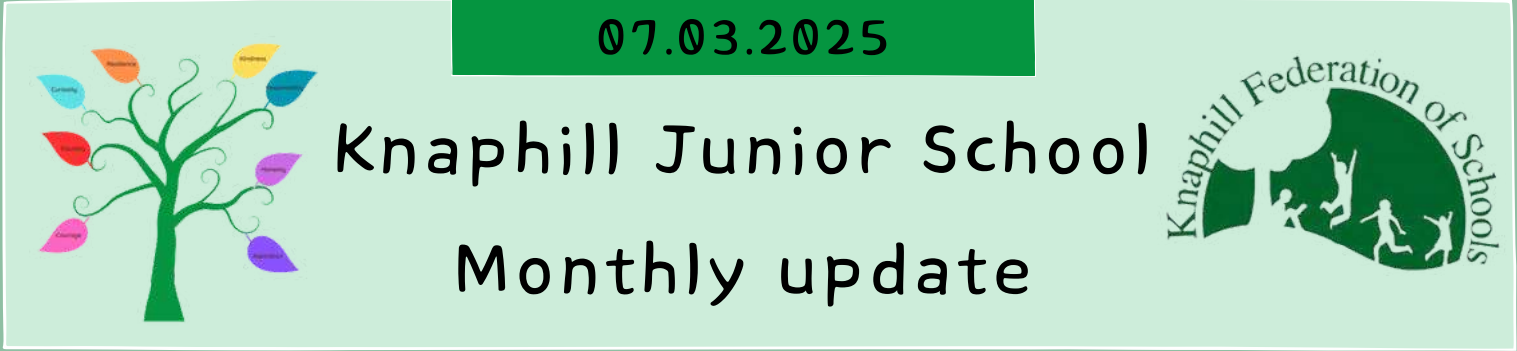
Mo never wanted to be a Warden - protecting the village of Bogfoss from the terrifying monsters in the woods is way too scary. But when he's beaten up by a goblin on his first patrol, he knows he has to prove himself.

So he sets out into the forbidden woods to catch himself a monster and make himself a hero. Instead he stumbles into GRUMPFORT, a secret monster fortress with a very big problem. The fearsome Grumpsatcher is kidnapping the other monsters - and suddenly Mo's on a monster-hunt with a troll, a gnome and a fire-breathing snotwoggle to stop it!





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All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: [kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/](https://kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/)  
**New Dates in RED**

Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 25th - 28th March	Residential	Year 6
Tuesday 1st April	Parents' Evening	All
Thursday 3rd April	Parents' Evening	All
Friday 4th April	Book Swap	All
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	Easter Hoilday	All
Tuesday 22nd April	First day of Summer Term	All