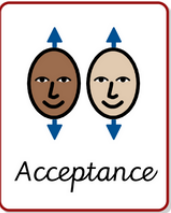
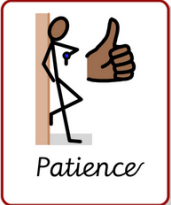


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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week began with Year 3&4 visiting the Mandir in Neasden. This supported their recent enquiry about Hinduism and provided them with the opportunity to visit such a spectacular place of worship.

On Tuesday, we had our Easter Service. Thank you to everyone who attended the service. Our Church services are always such a special time where we come together as a community to celebrate, worship and reflect. The care and thoughtfulness that went into the poems, prayers, art work and other contributions shared demonstrated how our children live out our school vision which is underpinned by our 3Be's:

- Be** kind and empathetic
- Be** observant and thoughtful
- Be** flexible and reflective

In other news, I wrote to you all this week about the growth of our wrap around provision. We are looking forward to trialling this over the Summer Term and hope it is useful for many of our families. Further down in this newsletter are lots of dates for the diary for the Summer term ahead. We have a few trips we are planning as well and we will confirm these after Easter.

I would like to wish you all a blessed Easter and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on 23rd April.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Beach
Headteacher

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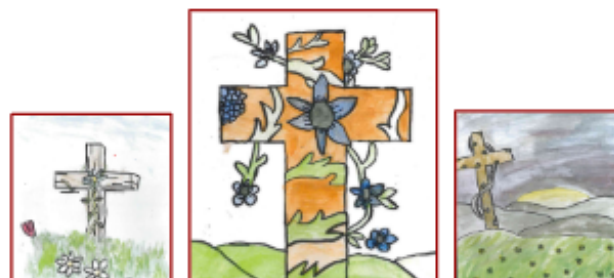
Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 94%
OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%



Easter celebrations

On Tuesday afternoon, we had our Easter Church Service. The children shared readings, prayers, songs and learning they have been doing about Easter. As always our children shone and showed a strong understanding behind the important message of Easter.



Paintings by William, Lowri & Julie

Order of Service

Welcome & Gathering:
Mr Matt Beach (Headteacher)

Retelling of the Easter Story
Year 6

Song- Happy Day

Sharing of learning about Easter:

Singing: Early Years

Spring Poems: Year 1&2

Art work (Crosses from Around the World): Year 3&4

Hot Cross Buns: Mrs Cresswell's Singing Group

Easter Message:
Reverend John Russell

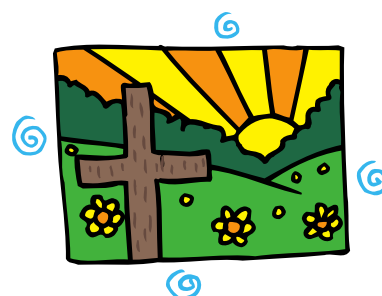
Song: Jesus Christ Risen and Ascended (Key Stage 2)

Blessing: Reverend John Russell

Prayers: Year 5

Song: Father, we adore You (Parents to join in)

Final thanks & sending: Reflection Ambassadors



Benji from our Early Years class made a beautiful Easter Garden at home.

We are really proud of Benji's efforts and what excellent learning behaviours are demonstrated by taking his learning beyond the classroom.

'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself.' (Luke 6:31)

Today we enjoyed the Great Gaddesden tradition of egg rolling in the Churchyard! A great time was definitely had by all. We also had a egg decorating competition. We were so impressed with everyone's efforts and it was very tricky for the Reflection Ambassadors to choose the winning eggs. Well done everyone!



Y3&4 Mandir trip



On Monday, Year 3&4 went to visit the beautiful Mandir in Neasden.

They were able to make links to their learning on Hinduism, asked questions and found out lots of information about the Mandir's history since it was built in 1995. They also enjoyed hearing about the new Mandir that is due to be built in Paris.

The children were really well behaved, asked thoughtful questions and were great ambassadors for our school.



Learners of the week

This week, the following learners below were chosen by their class teacher for demonstrating **excellent learning behaviours**:

Early years

Whole class

Year 1/2

Joshua

Year 3/4

Harley

Year 5/6

Joey

Headteacher's awards

Poppy and Savannah



This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating 'acceptance' and 'patience' (our value of the month):

Early years

Whole class

Year 1/2

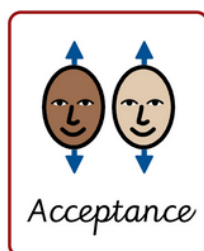
Reed

Year 3/4

Kaiden

Year 5/6

Adam



Forest School

Year 1 and 2 had a very busy afternoon at Forest School this week. We enjoyed a range of activities including playing in the mud kitchen, den building, making Easter crosses and using tools for whittling sticks.



Key dates

April	<p>22nd April INSET day (School closed for pupils)</p> <p>23rd April Start of Summer Term 1</p> <p>25th Early Years Farm Trip</p> <p>29th Year 6 SATs Parent Information Session 3-3:30pm</p>
May	<p>1st Y1/2 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>8th Y5/6 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>w/c 12th Y6 SATs week</p> <p>20th EYFS Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>w/c 26th Half Term</p>
June	<p>3rd June Y3/4 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>13th EYFS Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>16th Y5/6 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>18th Y1/2 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>w/c 23rd Small schools week</p> <p>24th Whole School Trip (More information to follow)</p> <p>26th Sports Day (Weather Dependent)</p> <p>27th INSET Day (School closed for Pupils)</p>
July	<p>1st Soiree (Evening/Time TBC)</p> <p>2nd Y3/4 Forest School (afternoon)</p> <p>7th Early Years Stay & Play/Welcome Meeting (for new families joining Nursery & Reception) 2-3:00pm</p> <p>18th End of Year Reports sent out</p> <p>22nd Y6 Leavers Service at 9am (St John's Church)</p> <p>22nd Term Ends @1:30pm</p> <p>23rd Occassional day</p>