



October 2025

A New Format!

Welcome to our new-look newsletter! I hope that you enjoy looking through what we have done at school for this month. You will notice a few changes to our format.

We are almost at the end of our first half term. Several classes have already presented their Autumn term assemblies, all of which have been greatly enjoyed and well received.

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to complete our feedback forms on these occasions. I understand that it can feel like an extra task, but your comments provide valuable insight and help us to continue improving as a school. Feedback is shared with teachers and acted upon where appropriate. For those who have not yet completed a form this term, there will be another opportunity to do so at our upcoming Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings in November.

Today, your child should have brought home their Interim Report. This gives a short overview of the progress they have made so far this year.

School Councillors

Congratulations to this group of children for being elected for the School Council this year. The hard work as already begun with an ice-lolly sale on the final day of this half term.





What has happened at school this month?

It was lovely to see everyone at our first Stay and Play for the year. Thank you all for joining in on the children's adventures in phonics and spelling. Thank you also to the parents who attended the parents phonics session led by Mrs Nye and Miss Pomfret. For those who could not attend, there is a digital copy available to view on our school website. You can access it [here](#).



Thank you to Mrs Bastable from Watford Schools Trust, who visited to deliver an assembly about Harvest. The children were introduced to Mr Thankful, and each class was even presented with a fridge magnet of him.

"Be Like Mr Thankful!"

House Points Monthly Update:

Green: 156

Yellow: 324

Red: 252

Blue: 264

Star Readers

I am so pleased to report a growing number of pupils who have read regularly at home! It is becoming more and more noticeable that the children below are making better progress in all areas due to their efforts with their reading. Well done, you fabulous people!

Reception	Maisam, Isla, Celine, Joaquin, Leander, Hudson, Maryam, Ayla, Evie, Myilah, Rosie P, Hasri, Helena and Jaiveer
Year 1	Sophie, Rocco, Eva, Cora, Jake, Kheandraa, Aarohi, Vivaan, Felicity, Amber, Anokhi, Melissa, Beau, Reva, Allexx, Aiden and Muraad
Year 2	Malia, Alina, Emma, Alex, Harry, Amanda, Leticia, Anaaya, Eleanor, Henry, Lacey and Beau
Year 3	Agnes, Diya, Drew, Edward, Harry, Rayan, Timeea, Valenciaa, Veera, William, Henry K, Henry C and Eva
Year 4	Iqra, Megan, Radu, Minha, Kevin, Zohaib, Emily, Alecia, Chloe, Lucy, Cara-Rose and Aaron
Year 5	Amelia P, Arthur, Dominic, Harry, Jamie, Krish, Lilly, Maxx, Oliver, Reyhaneh, Rokas, Rose, Siya and Tilly
Year 6	Marley-Joe, Vienna, Annabel, Sophia, Lewis Mc, Lewis Me, Lucas, Victoria, Diana, Emilee and Zahra S

Autumn Disco



Thank you to everyone who attended the Autumn Disco last Friday. It was a wonderful afternoon/evening filled with colour, laughter, and some very interesting dance moves. Pupils arrived in a fantastic range of imaginative costumes, from skeletons to superheroes, and the dance floor was very much alive. A particularly memorable highlight was a game of musical bumps that seemed as though it would never end, and there was plenty of excitement too when a few brave adults ended up being wrapped from head to toe as mummies. A huge thank you goes to our PTA for organising such an enjoyable event for the whole school community.



Harvest



As always, we are extremely grateful for the generous donations received for Harvest. Earlier this week, pupils took part in an assembly about the new Hope Trust, who do an excellent job supporting those in need, particularly as the colder months approach. Every contribution, whether a tin of beans or a packet of spaghetti, has helped to make a real difference to others. Pupils also enjoyed sharing their Harvest-themed learning and performing a few much-loved Harvest songs.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who their peers have chosen as Stars of the Week.

Reception	Beau, Thea and Maisam
Year 1	Fredrick, Sidiqa, Kheandraa and the Whole Class
Year 2	Lacey, Linus and Isabella-Rose
Year 3	Luca, Ralphie and Ege
Year 4	Whole Class, Taylor and Isla
Year 5	Harry, Whole Class, Tilly and Siya
Year 6	Edward, Willow and Lucas



Year 6 have created some beautiful Zentangle patterns this half term.

Attendance

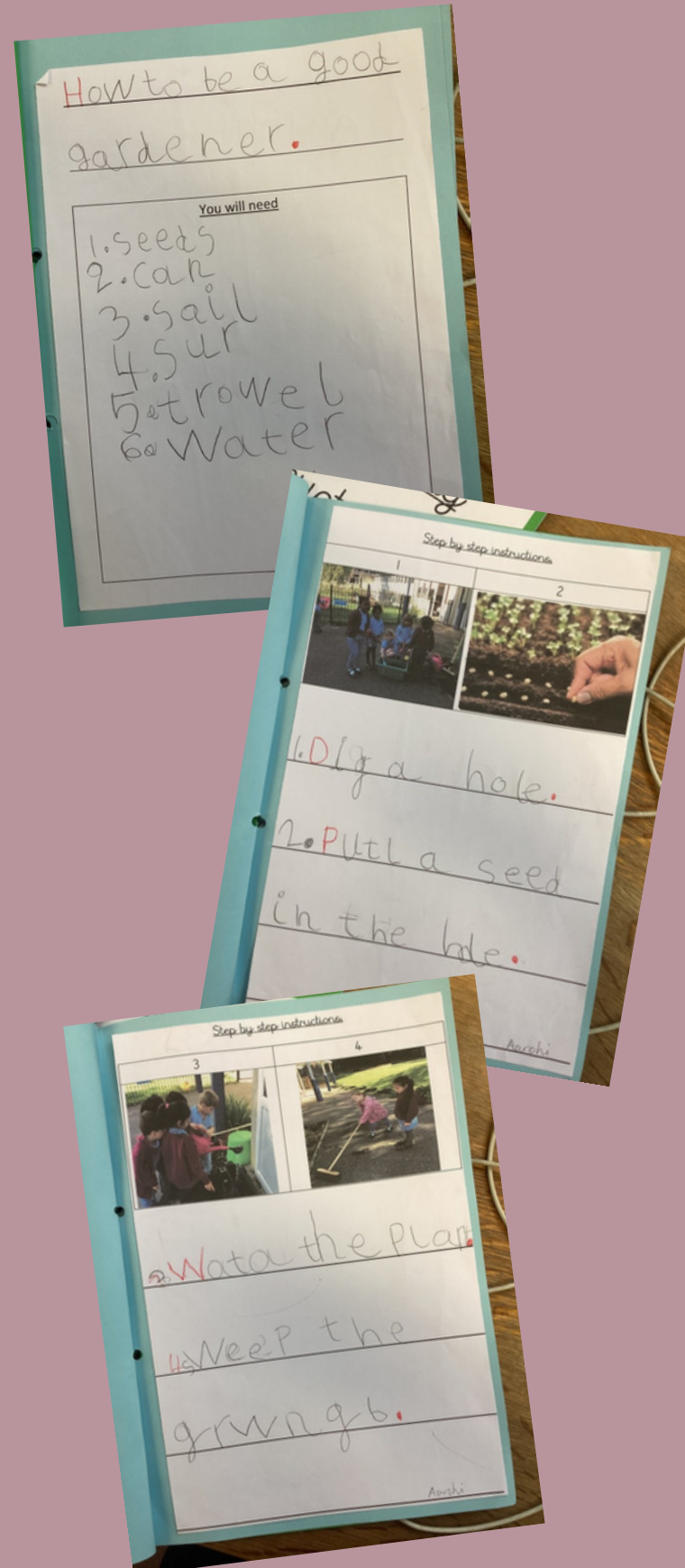
Thank you for continuing to support us with good attendance and punctuality this half term. Congratulations to Year 2, who have won the monthly attendance trophy for the second month in a row!

Nursery	92.8%
Reception	91.9%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole School	95.7%

Please note that all absence reports must be completed using the correct 'Application for Leave of Absence' form which is available from the school office . Please also remember that most absence requests are likely to be unauthorised due to the requirements set out by the DfE.

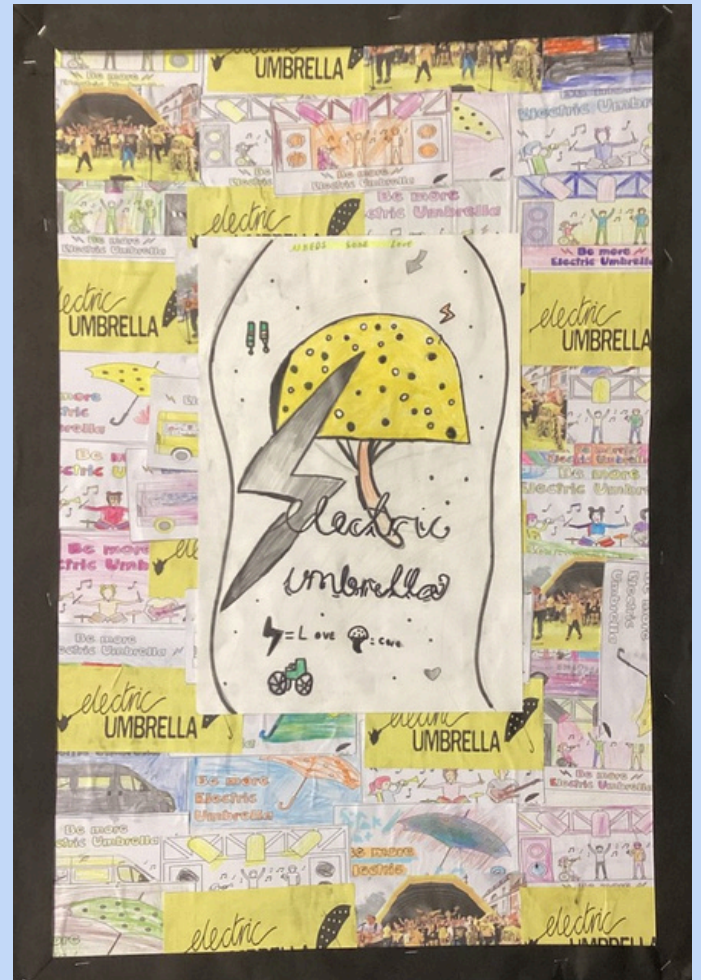
Writers Corner

Year 1 have been writing instructional texts this half term. Here is Aarohi's effort. What a fabulous effort, especially with the punctuation.



Saints on Display

Mr Walker and some St Meryl artists have been busy creating 2 pieces of artwork to go on display at All Saints Church next month. Called the "Saints Alive!" exhibition, schools from South Oxhey and Carpenders Park have been invited to create 2 pieces each - an image of a 'proper' saint and an image of someone who we recognise as people who might be called a saint because of the good things they do for others in our community. We were allocated Saint Columba, and we chose Electric Umbrella as our saints. Below is the artwork that the team created.



Parking

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers once again about the importance of considerate parking around the school site.

I know that I have mentioned this before, but we are still receiving concerns from local residents about cars blocking driveways and parking on grass verges. Please take extra care to ensure that access to driveways remains clear and that verges are not damaged. Your cooperation helps us to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and keeps the area safe for everyone.



Some delightful Autumn art from Nursery.

Congratulations to the Key Stage 2 Football Team, who played a match against Bushey Manor last week, running out convincing 6-1 victors! What a great start to the season, and hopefully we will continue to do well.

We are so proud of the achievements of our football team over the last few years that we are finalising getting a brand new St Meryl football kit for the players! Watch this space.



Dates for Your Diary

Tues 4th November – Stay and Play – Maths

Thurs 6th November – Year 6 Class Assembly

Mon 10th and Tuesday 11th November -Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wed 12th November – Year 3 Class Assembly

Thurs 13th November - Electric Umbrella Day

Wed 19st November – Reception Class Assembly

Thurs 20th November (11:30) - Nursery Rhyme Time

Sat 29th November - Christmas Fair

Mon 1st December - Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Tues 2nd December - Stay and Play - Writing

Mon 8th December - Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal

Tues 9th and Wed 10th - Christmas Shows

Mon 15th December - Year 5 Life in Viking Britain Workshop

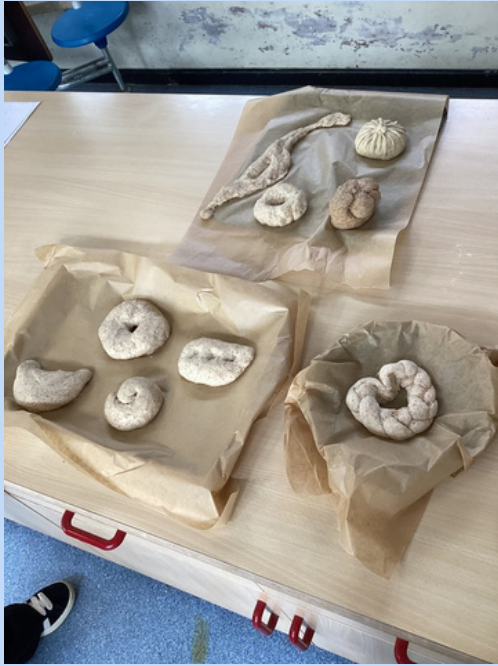
Wed 17th December - Christmas Dinner

- Whole School Panto - Beauty and the Beast

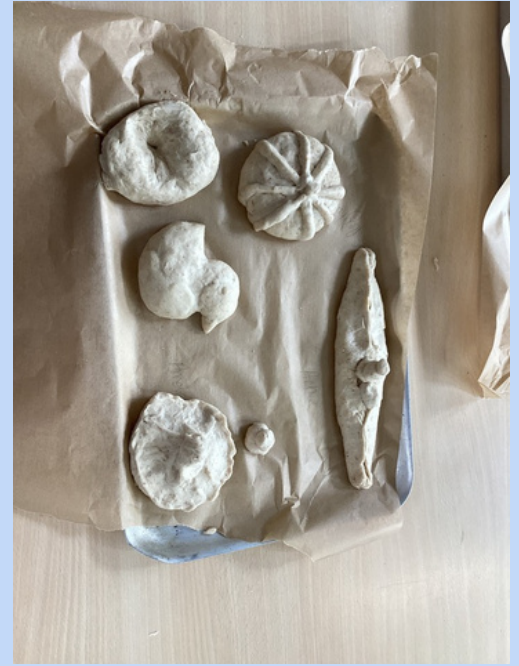
Thursday 18th December - Rocksteady Concert

Friday 19th December - School breaks up at 2pm

How Does Yeast Work?



Last week, Year 5 investigated how yeast works by going down to the kitchen and creating bread. It was interesting to see how their plans evolved into what came out of the oven! Some even made it home..



Our Vision

At our school we will provide a safe and stimulating learning environment which challenges all learners and promotes outstanding achievement.

We encourage all members of our learning family to be open, honest and accepting of others.

We seek to instil a thirst for and love of life-long learning in everyone who is a part of this family.

Everyone at our school works as a team; supporting, encouraging and caring for all who join us on their learning journey.



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