



#4 March 2026

Message from Mrs Norman

As always, it has been a busy term. We have been delighted to welcome new children and families to our community, and impressed with how quickly they have settled into their new classes and routines.

We have enjoyed some extra curricular activities such as orienteering, fencing and curling, careers events and STEM activities. Tighter and tighter budgets make this tricky, but I am always on the lookout for sponsorship and donations, and of course your wonderful fundraising really does help.

The children in KS1 have been working really hard with their phonics and it is great to see how much their speedy word reading has improved. As always, please read with your child as much as possible as this helps improve their fluency. And keep it up during the Easter holiday.

Over the Easter holiday we are having building work take place. This will enlarge the Foundation Stage Unit and create a much-needed classroom solely for our reception children. This will have such a positive impact on their learning experience while still retaining the benefits of being a part of the Nursery environment. It won't be the finished product when the children return to school, but I felt it was important to have the work completed ready for the Summer term rather than waiting until September. It will need a couple of coats of paint and I would be very grateful if any of you could volunteer some of your time to help with this. It could be at the weekend or after the children have gone home. If anyone knows how I can obtain paint donations, please let me know. It will be Magnolia for the walls, and white gloss for the woodwork.

I have brought sports day forward in the summer term so that we can hopefully avoid the higher temperatures. Please check Dojo for calendar dates. Could I also remind you that in our efforts to be as paperless as possible, most of our communication is via Dojo. Please check both the whole school story and class story regularly.

Have a wonderful Easter break, I hope the weather remains dry for us all.

Mrs Norman



Calendar dates



P.E days

Acorn Class - MONDAY

Oak Class - TUESDAY

Rowan Class - THURSDAY

The school P.E uniform is a plain white T-Shirt and plain black shorts/joggers.

Maple Class will be SWIMMING FROM WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL - Children should wear full school uniform to school on swimming days please.

Maple Class will have PE on Wednesday 15th April, so wear PE kits to school on this day.

Please remember to remove earrings and any other jewellery before your child comes to school on PE and swimming days.

LEAF days (Let's Enjoy Active Fridays)

Children should wear their green 'LEAF' hoodie and plain black jogging bottoms every Friday please.

Dates for the diary -

Monday 13th April is a school inset day.

Children return to school on Tuesday 14th April.

May 11th - 14th - SATs for Year 6 pupils

May 22nd - Sports Day and family picnic

Attendance Information

As we are fast approaching the Summer term, it seems a good opportunity to send out some information on school attendance to keep everyone informed.

'Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time'. At Kinderley, an ethos of high levels of attendance and punctuality is recognised and valued across our school community. We aim to work with parents/carers to ensure that all children registered at our school attend every day and on time, unless the absence is unavoidable.

The school has a legal responsibility to ensure all attendance is recorded correctly, using the codes set by the Local Authority when reporting an absence. **It is worth noting that the school has a duty to inform the Local Authority if:**

- **A child has 10 consecutive unauthorised marks (5 days)**
- **A child has 10 unauthorised marks within any 10 week period.**

Please work with us to avoid the risk of a penalty notice from the Local Authority. The school staff team are here to support anyone who is experiencing difficulties in getting their child to school and on time.



Acorn Class



What an awesome time we have had this term. It has been short but remarkably busy. We have loved watching reception develop their phonics skills and make progress in their reading and writing, and listening to our nursery children increase their communications skills.

This term we have been focusing on down on the farm and we have looked at how plants grow. We have enjoyed the mud kitchen and planting seeds.

The rich language from this has been delightful.

Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy all the chocolate.



Maple Class

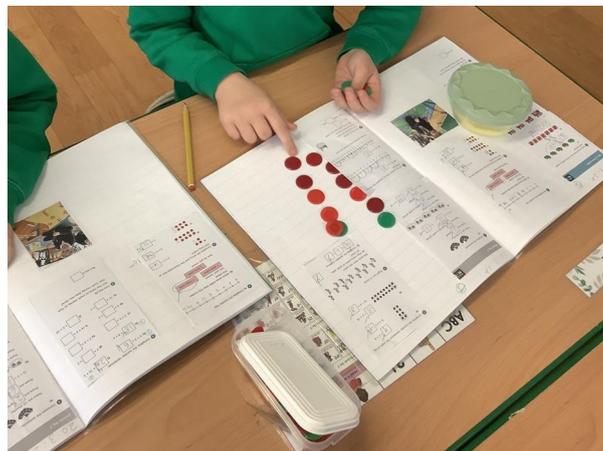


In Maple class we have been learning about plants in our science lessons. Before half term, we planted some carrots and a variety of beans. We have been checking on them and enjoyed watching them grow. The carrots are still very tiny, but our beans are thriving. Also, we have noticed some mysterious foot prints. We are still wondering who made them. Our prediction is – Peter Rabbit.

In maths, Year 2 have started learning about multiplication and division. They are using different ways to share and group. Year 1 are using different objects and cubes to measure items around the class, including everyone's shoe size.

During science day, we completed an experiment on dunking biscuits and which biscuit would last the longest. Our predictions were not always correct and the results were a bit shocking. The “strongest” biscuit was Rich Tea. We also did an experiment with vinegar and soda. Ask the children what happened!

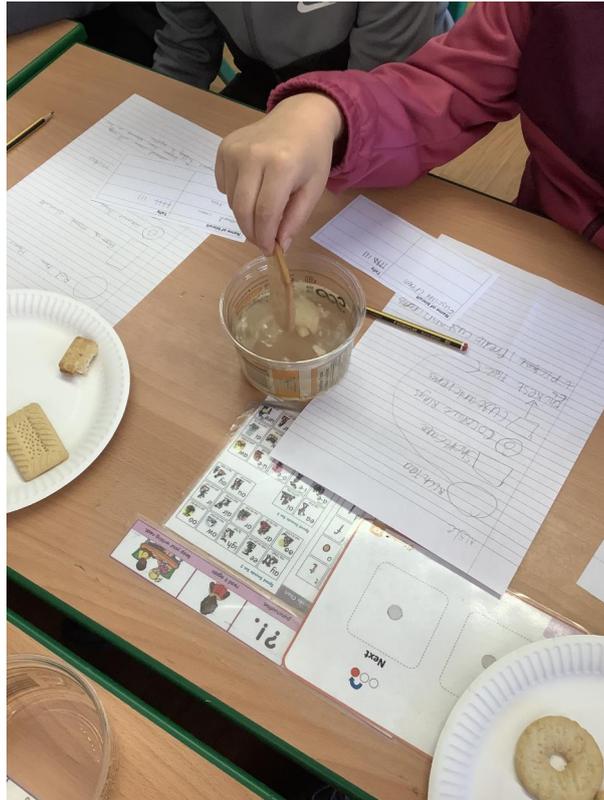
I hope you have an amazing Easter holiday!











Rowan Class



Wow, what another busy few weeks we have had in Rowan Class. This week the class have either been off on a residential adventure at Caythorpe Court, doing all manner of exciting activities or they have teamed up with Oak class children for cooking, swimming, completing a STEM challenge (marble run alley) and even squeezed in a spot of origami and card making!

We are looking forward to welcoming our explorers back in time for the Easter Egg hunt.

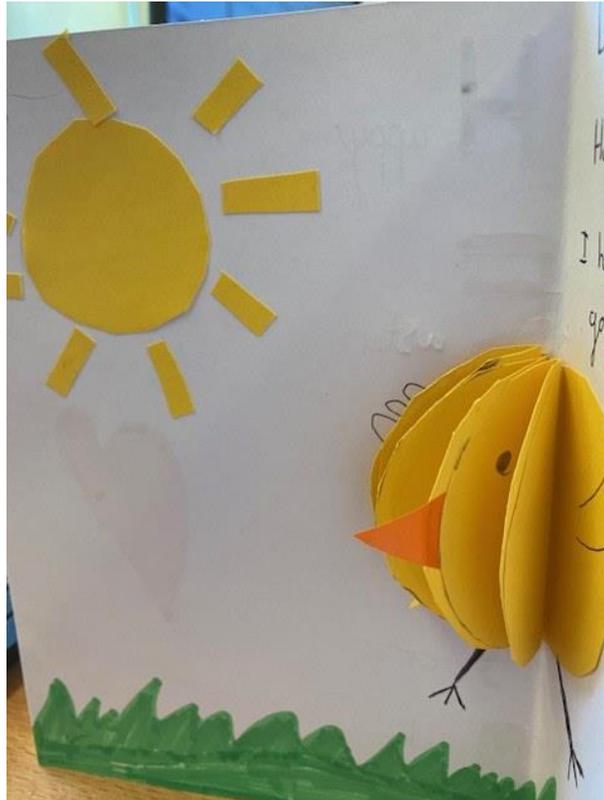
Have a wonderful Easter everyone.











Oak Class



In science we have been investigating light. We had to make our own scale to measure how well materials reflected light. Some of us chose 1 to 5, some chose not well to very well. We have also learned about refraction. In RE we have been discovering how the cross, the most recognisable Christian symbol, has been adapted to represent different aspects of Christianity. We then designed our own crosses.





News Extra..



KS2 children took part in a cooking workshop recently and made some **amazing** banana muffins.

If you want to make these at home....



One of our school neighbours, Jaqueline Vipond, is doing a Charity Skydive on the 16th April for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, in memory of Helen Tansley, who worked at Kinderley Community Primary School for over 35 years. If you would like to donate in memory of Helen then please go to - [justgiving.com/Jacqueline-vipond-60helen](https://www.justgiving.com/Jacqueline-vipond-60helen)

Please check out the opening times for the Young Arts Open event.

Once again the school entered some fantastic artwork. Well done to everyone who entered and fingers crossed!



Thank you for taking part in the 2026 Young Arts Open.
We hope you will join us for the community launch event on **Saturday 28 March at 11am**

What happens next?
Entries close at 4pm on Saturday 21 March. A team of invited judges will then review all submitted artwork. Winners will be contacted prior to the opening of the exhibition to inform them of their success. We try to display all artwork that has been submitted. Unless we contact you to say otherwise, please assume your artwork has been included in the final exhibition.
The exhibition will be open to the public during normal Museum opening hours from **Saturday 28 March to Saturday 18 April**.
When the exhibition has ended, artwork will be available for collection from **Wednesday 22 April** during normal Museum opening hours.

Please keep hold of this card; it entitles you and your guests unlimited free entry to the 2026 Young Arts Open exhibition.

Useful information



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PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance