



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

24th April 2026

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Attendance

Congratulations to the children in **Maple, Bay** and **Elm** in Infants and **Myrtle, Pegwell Bay** and **Pokai Bay** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. A special mention to Years 1, 2 and 3 for achieving 100% attendance on a single day.



Arriving 15 minutes late each day adds up to two weeks of missed school over a year.

Arlo Club

Last Friday saw the first week of The Dog Mentor Programme (also known as Arlo Club). The meeting was a great success. The children learned about the rules, including how to approach Arlo safely and everyone had the opportunity to stroke him if they wanted to. The children shared their own experience of animals and pets. Ivy, in Juniper, said, *"I have a dog called Luna. She has curly fur. Arlo was fluffy and soft. He was quiet. He's bigger than my dog. We stayed inside when we saw him. I'm looking forward to seeing him again"*. The club will take him for a walk around school on his lead soon and teach him some fun tricks.



Year 6 Trip to Osmington Bay

In the last week before the holidays, Year 6 set off to Dorset for their residential school journey. Mrs Mullen reports, *"PGL Osmington Bay is set in the most scenic of venues on the Jurassic coast near Weymouth and has been the Year 6 residential destination since around 2006. There are 10 different activities over the 3 full days we visit, plus 3 evening events too, including the much loved last night disco!"*

This year, our hashtag was #diverightin: encouraging the children to have a go, push themselves to their limits and even beyond. The three days flew past; the weather was good and meant we were outdoors all day. The children followed the Heathfield Way as always and were absolutely brilliant with the centre staff and school staff too. We all had the most amazing time, so if you're in Year 5 now, get signed up quickly!"

The children echoed Mrs Mullen's sentiments with Charlie saying, *"It was the best thing I've ever done. I pulled the rope on the giant swing and pushed myself to the limit, I didn't realise how much I could achieve!"* Louie agreed, *"I conquered giant swing even though I was absolutely terrified! I was so proud of myself!"* Meanwhile Hazel said, *"My favourite activity was the zip line because I could throw myself into the air and then fly down the zip!"*



Giant Swing



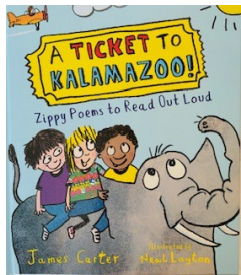
En garde



Zip Line

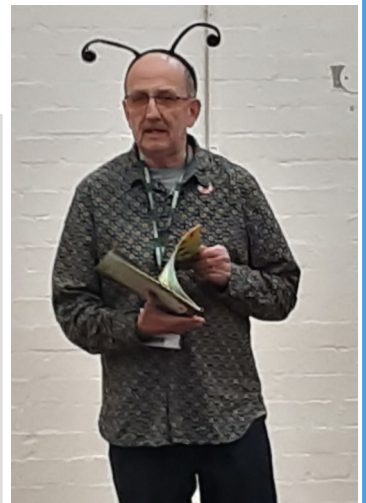
Visit by James Carter

On the last day of term, to celebrate the end of Book Month in Infants, the poet James Carter, came to visit. He led workshops with children from Nursery to Year 2 reading his own poems and showing the children how to perform them using their voices and musical instruments. He also taught the children how to write their own poems which they performed at the end of the day. The poem on the right, by Nathan in Rowan Class, was great fun to act out!



Hungry as a shark
Stripey as a tiger
Zoomy as a cheetah
Slimy as a snail
Creepy as a spider
Cute as a puppy
Scary as a snake

Nathan



“And your time starts ... now”

Last Tuesday, all the Junior children came together for their yearly Countdown challenge, where the house leaders compete against each other to win a golf ball for their house. The teams worked through letter and number



challenges before tackling the ultimate test: the nine letter conundrum!

All four teams played well, aided by Mrs Hill, in Dictionary Corner, Ms Ginman as host and Miss Morden keeping score. A tie between Green and Red House led to two more rounds before Reds came away victorious. If you would like to play this fun and challenging game at home, follow the link below.

<https://incoherency.co.uk/countdown/practice/>

A River Walk

Last Wednesday, to tie in with their current English text, *A River* by Marc Martin, Maple Class walked to Crane Park to study the river. In the book, a girl imagines travelling down a river she sees from her city window in a silver boat. The visit to the River Crane drew many observations from the children. Rohit noted the changing flow of the river, Aiden enjoyed spotting the wildlife on the river and Hasnain and Ibrahim focused on the surrounding environment which included a bridge made from a tree!



Dates for your Diary

Sunday **26th April** - St George's Day Event in Whitton - meet at **Nelson School at 11.30am** for parade

Thursday **30th April** - Year 5 to visit church

Tuesday **5th** - Thursday **7th May** - Year 5 School Journey to the Isle of Wight

Wednesday **6th May** - Year 4 (Chesil) to visit Gurdwara

Thursday **7th May** - Year 5 children, not at Isle of Wight, to visit Marble Hill Adventure Playground

Friday **15th May** - PTA Quiz and Curry Night - [click here to book tickets](#)

Wednesday **20th May** - Year 4 (Bamburgh and Pegwell Bay) to visit Gurdwara

Wednesday **20th May** - Choir to Rose Theatre in Kingston for Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival

Monday **25th** - Friday **29th May** - **HALF TERM**

Monday **1st June** - **INSET DAY** - Children do not attend school

Tuesday **2nd June** - Year 3 to Kew Gardens

Friday **12th June** - Infant Sports Day and picnic

Friday 19th June - PTA Summer Fayre

Friday **3rd July** - Junior Sports Day

Richmond Music Trust Regional Workshop

On Wednesday, we hosted a regional workshop for the Richmond Music Trust's annual Singing Festival. Singers from Bishop Perrin, Nelson, St Edmund's and Twickenham Primary Academy joined us for a musical afternoon, where we rehearsed the four 'big' songs that we will be performing as part of a 300 strong choir at the Rose Theatre in Kingston in May. There was a real buzz as we heard all the different parts coming together for the first time.



Choir members Radinsa, Jasmine and Angel in Year 3 said, *"It was a little bit nerve-wracking singing with so many people but it sounded amazing! It was really fun learning the actions to 'Never Give Up' and dancing at the end to 'Wake Me Up!'"*

We can't wait to see our singers on stage at the festival next month!
Ms Thomson

Keep Your Mind Healthy Assembly

This week, the Mental Health Ambassadors led an assembly in the Juniors about ways to keep your mind healthy. The ambassadors spoke about 'Emotion Boxes' and how they will be rolled out into every class this week.

The Emotion Box is a safe space for children to leave notes for their class teacher about any emotions they might be feeling.



Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club Tournament

Our boys' cricket team shone at the Hampton Wick Royal CC Primary Schools Tournament last Friday, delivering a brilliant performance to reach the semi-finals.



The group stages saw the boys in clinical form, securing victories over a school from Putney and a very strong Mossbourne Riverside Academy side from Stratford. A particular highlight was a dominant 100-run win against independent school, Radnor House.

In a tense semi-final against Barnes, Heathfield played superbly but narrowly missed out on a spot in the final. Notably, the squad featured three Year 4 pupils playing up in the Year 5/6 team, which bodes incredibly well for the future of Heathfield cricket.

The day was topped off by a special meeting with former Surrey and Middlesex professional, Scott Newman. Congratulations to all the players for their skill and sportsmanship!

Mr Watson

Fun Football Friendly

Last Thursday, 26 children from Years 5 and 6, who regularly attend Friday Fun Football Club, played an extended game against St Edmund's School. Most children represented the school for the first time. Mr Nuthall said, *"It was a thrilling 4-4 draw thanks to a last minute goal from our side!"*



Tag Rugby League Quarter Final

On Wednesday, our tag rugby team played St Mary Magdalene's in the Richmond Borough Tag Rugby League Quarter Final. After drawing 3-3, they went on to win 5-3 in extra time. Mr Nuthall said, *"The team demonstrated belief and focus to get the job done. They now look forward to Finals Night where the best four schools in the borough battle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place."*

