



## Spring Term 14th February 2025

### Message from Mrs Norman

It has been quite a busy half term with a visit from The Dogs Trust, FitFence and a STEM day for Oak class. Our plans for the next half term are growing, which we will share with you shortly. One of these is the eagerly anticipated residential for years 4, 5 and 6 and hopefully the installation of an outdoor gym during the Easter holidays. I've also heard a whisper about a possible onsite sleepover in the Summer term for Rowan.....but it is just a whisper at this stage.

We have been fortunate enough to receive a donation of books to our phonics reading scheme which means we can bin the tatty looking books. But please, do take care of the reading books, to replace them costs in the region of £3,000 and as a small school it is something we simply cannot afford. We also need to replace some of the library books which children can choose to read in school or take home. To help us with this we will be creating an Amazon book wish list, which I will share with the wider community on social media too. By keeping the library up to date, we hope we are starting our children off on their journey to be lifelong readers and developing a love of reading. Hopefully if people are able/feeling generous they will purchase a book for the library. I will share the Amazon list with you as soon as it is up and running.

And a little plug for our breakfast club. Again, as a small school we must carefully consider all decisions that we make, particularly if there is a financial impact too. Breakfast Club runs from 8am every morning and is available to children in Reception to Year 6, for regular or a one-off session The charge for Breakfast Club is £2.50 a day, per child, which includes breakfast and planned activities before the start of the school day. To book please call or pop along to the office.

Thank you for your continued support, it really is a pleasure to be part of such a warm community.

Mrs Norman.

### Reminders

- Please ensure children do not wear hooped earrings, bracelets or necklaces to school. ALL earrings should be removed at home on P.E & swimming days if your child can not remove them themselves. P.E kits should be black shorts or tracksuit and a white t shirt please.
- Useful information - The school office is open from 8:30 to 3:30 Monday to Friday for anyone wishing to speak to a member of the office team. At busy times it may not be possible to respond to calls immediately, so please leave a brief message and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.
- **Half term week Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.** Spring term 2 starts on Monday 24th February 2025.

### Key Contacts

To report absences please contact Mrs Canning in the school office: 01945 870374, option 1. You can leave a message before the start of the school day.

Absences **cannot** be reported using Dojo or email.

### Social Media

There are 3 ways you can follow what we are up to:

- 1 - Dojo (school and class pages)
- 2 - Website - [www.kinderley.education](http://www.kinderley.education)
- 3 - Facebook (Please follow us)

## Quote of the week



## Diary Dates

**We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 24th February.**

**TUESDAYS -P.E for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children (Acorn and Maple Classes)**

**WEDNESDAYS - Swimming for Years 3 and Year 4 (Rowan Class)**

**THURSDAYS - P.E for Year 5 and Year 6 (Oak Class)**

**FRIDAYS - Forest School for Rowan Class.**

## After School Sports Clubs

**Watch out for updates about clubs after half term.**

**KS2 - TUESDAYS**

**KS1 - THURSDAYS**

## Acorn Class



Acorn class have continued to enjoy our theme of traditional tales. We have been following the story of the gingerbread man and the 3 little pigs. We have been investigating how to build a house and discussing our own homes,

We really enjoyed fit fencing and parachute games.

Catherine and Liv from 20:20 Productions came to spend some time with us, and we wrote a story together about saving the world. They are going to take our story ideas and create our own Acorn class story. We cannot wait to see the outcome. Each child in Acorn class will receive their own copy of the book.

Mrs Butcher has joined Acorn class in the mornings, and we are enjoying getting to know her and showing her how awesome we are.

We have had a wonderful half term, had lots of giggles, lots of sensory experiences and enjoyed our days together.

Have a wonderful half term and we cannot wait to see what next half term brings.

Mrs Bickerdike, Miss Bains, Mrs Bowman, and Mrs Butcher







Maple Class



Maple class have enjoyed some 'tasting' weeks in school. We have been exploring different vegetables, their tastes and learning new skills using peelers and knives to make rainbow wraps, crudités and vegetable kebabs. Of course, we tasted everything, and the most popular was lemon. The faces they made were precious (my face might have been scrunched as well)!









In science, we were learning about our senses and we had a taster session to find something sweet, sour, bitter and umami. Look at the faces children made as they were trying different food.







## Rowan Class



We have had a very busy half term and we are all looking forward to having a break.

We have particularly enjoyed our art with Mrs Gourley, making 3D structures from objects like pasta and shells. It was a bit messy but great fun!

In English we have enjoyed reading about Sam Wu and his fear of the dark. We have been creating our own dragon characters and writing stories about them. To do this we have been exploring the use of adjectives and adverbs to make our writing more descriptive.









## Oak Class



Happy Half Term Everyone! Where has this term gone? It has been busy, busy, busy and I am so proud of how hard the children have worked this half term!

In the last few weeks, we have had lots of exciting events happen!

Firstly, we had a visit from Dan from Fit2Fence. In the morning, Dan taught us how to fence using foam swords and because we were so amazing (and safe!), we were able to progress onto using plastic swords, which meant that we had to wear the breast plates and helmets. We had several bouts with different people. In the afternoon, Dan taught us how to play Curling (unfortunately, not on the ice!). We learned about the key terminology of stone, house, hog line and button and then had a go at playing the game, with the person closest

to the button winning the game. I wonder if the children can remember what the keywords meant.

Last Friday, we had a visit from Darcy from the Dogs Trust. This was an interesting session about the signals that a dog gives and how that shows how they are feeling. We were quite surprised by some of Darcy's comments as it challenged what we thought about the actions of our dogs. We looked at a range of scenarios and at the end of the session, we made a promise relating to how we would use what we had learned to help us look after any dogs we may have or meet.

This week, we jumped on the swimming bus with Rowan and detoured into the centre of Wisbech to attend the Pop-Up Science event run by Cambridgeshire Science Service. Firstly, we took on roles as farmers, business managers, ecologists and town planners and looked at how we could best make Fenland sustainable for the next 50 years. We had to make decisions to ensure that Fenland had biodiversity, made enough money and meet the needs of the ever-changing environment. To end the session, we worked on a range of science activities on a range of tables. These included wind turbines, gravity activities, bridge building and a range of experiments about the body. We all had great fun!

Have a great half term holiday everyone – stay safe and rest ready for another half term of hard work!







'50 things to do before you are 5 (and any age really...).'



50 things to do before you are 5, 50....100. Who doesn't love a game of hide and seek? It doesn't cost a thing and adults, if you find a good spot you could have a little nap too!

## Whole School Attendance

I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone that school is now able to administer 'Calpol' should your child be suffering from such ailments as a headache, tummy ache or bad cold and you think that they may need a 'top up' of magic medicine to see them through the day! Some parents have found this really useful over the past weeks with coughs and colds doing the rounds. Please pop into the office to complete a Calpol form, as we are unable to administer any medication without written parental permission.

It's been really encouraging to have been able to support some of you with ways to improve pupil's attendance simply by open dialogue between home and school. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher, myself or Mrs Norman about any aspect of your child's attendance.

Mrs Canning

## Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 7th February were -

- Acorn Class - Lavana
- Maple Class - Storm
- Rowan Class - Florence
- Oak Class - Logan

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Aria
- Maple Class - Asia & Storm

- Rowan Class - Bella
- Oak Class - Tommy-Lei

Wow Writers were-

- Acorn Class - Talon
- Maple Class - Tobias
- Rowan Class - Alicia-Mae
- Oak Class - Carly

This week's Pride Certificate recipients are-

- Acorn Class- Anna
- Maple Class- Isabella
- Rowan Class- Ella
- Oak Class- Annabelle

Dojo certificates go to-

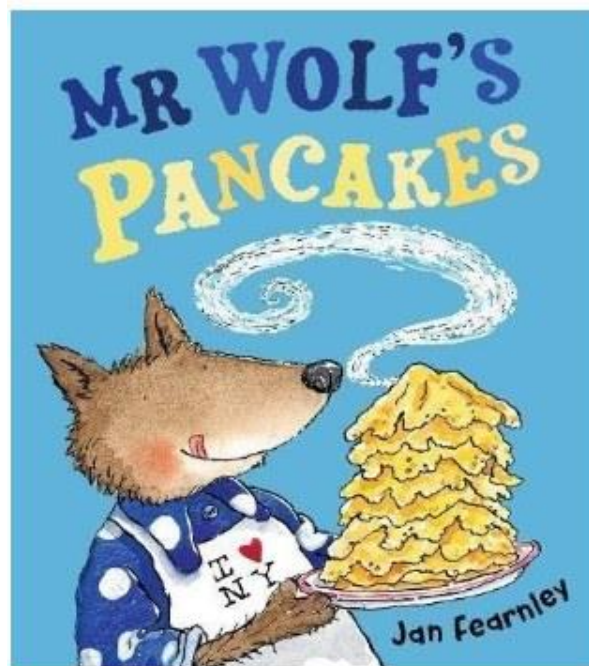
- Acorn Class- Mikayla
- Maple Class- Elizabeth
- Rowan Class- Evie
- Oak Class- Ronnie

Wow Writers this week are-

- Acorn Class- Aria
- Maple Class- Henry
- Rowan Class- William
- Oak Class- Leon

***Congratulations everyone!***

Time for a good book!



**Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley.**

*1 - Rather appropriate for February!*

**The Girl Who Became a Fish by Polly Ho-Yen, illustrated by Sojung Kim-McCarthy**

Young Ita is plagued by phobias in this immersive and heart-warming story for readers aged 7+. When she learns that she can turn into a fish, suddenly she is able to confront her fear of water. Polly Ho-Yen's warm delivery deftly navigates themes of anxiety, transition and change, and young readers will be encouraged to think about how to overcome fears and confront what makes them uncomfortable. With charming and empathetic illustrations by Sojung Kim-McCarthy, this first independent chapter book is highly recommended for Year 3.

**First chapter book**



## Fiction book of the month

### **Diary Of A Future Billionaire by Pamela Butchart, illustrated by Wotto**

Ten-year-old Max has his sights set on becoming the world's youngest billionaire – and he's got a plan. Told through Max's hilarious diary entries, this fun-filled middle-grade tale follows his wild attempts to make his dream a reality. Written by bestselling author Pamela Butchart, it's an entertaining mix of humour, positivity, and big dreams, perfect for young readers who love a good laugh, imagination and a dash of ambition. KS2 readers will love it.

