

Friday 9th February 2024



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Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic start to the year the children have had! Although the weather has been less than wonderful, the children have been showing their wonderful manners on a daily basis to each other and all of the staff. We have had lots of visitors recently and they have all remarked on how impressed they have been with the wonderful way the children conduct themselves in the classroom and around the school. The children have certainly earned their half-term break!

The Ferns staff team have been hard at work planning exciting extra-curricular activities for the rest of the academic year. We can't say too much at this point, but we are looking forwards to revealing which trip your child will be taking and what other activities we have planned in the next half-term. Speaking of trips, we couldn't be prouder of the year 6 children who had a chilly but amazing time on their residential trip to Runway's End. Staff could not have been prouder of how much they pushed themselves to do some challenging activities!

We are speaking to the children about the importance of regular attendance. We would like to see every child in the school attending more than 95% of the time– it is vital that children come in when they can, even if they are a bit under the weather as lost time can never be regained!

It has been a fantastic first term and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and meeting the community. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.

Have a great break,

Mrs Ford and Mr Gittins

**Attendance**

**Whole school attendance to date: 89% Whole school target: 96%**

**Class weekly attendance:**

Oak— 87.8%

Willow— 87.1%

Sycamore— 82.8%

Maple— 82.3%

Pine— 86.7%

**Celebration Awards**

**Citizenship Award Certificate Winners**

Ibrahim

Ahsan

Lucy

Prayusha

Well done to all of our award winners this week!

**Star Learner Award Certificate Winners**

Mishelle

Bobby-Joe

Finnley

Marnie

Elizabeth



# General updates

## Celebration Assemblies

It has been wonderful seeing so many family and friends attend out celebration assemblies to celebrate the fantastic work that our children are doing.

We think it is important that families get to share in the achievements of their children and it has been lovely to see proud parents and carers watching their proud children receive awards.

We look forward to seeing more of you soon.



## Diary dates

Monday 19th February—Back to school

Thursday 7th March— World Book Day

Friday 8th March—The Ferns' World Book Day

Wednesday 27th March—Last day of term

## School Council

Our School Councillors have been busy representing the school. Our school governors visited to ask children about behaviour and reported that they were really impressed with their responses. They had noticed a change in behaviour and attitudes across the school and commented on how polite the children were. There are more meetings planned with visitors to the school, so watch this space for further updates!



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### ARE YOU A MILITARY CHILD AGED 8+ ?

(ONE OF MY PARENT/S IS EITHER A VETERAN, RESERVIST OR CURRENT SERVING PERSONNEL PLEASE TAKE 5 MINS TO COMPLETE A SURVEY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE )



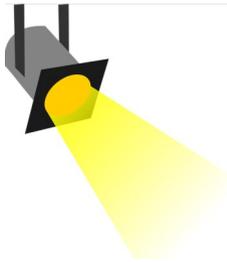
Responses sought from military children & young people in the following locations Aldershot, Pirbright, Deepcut, Keogh Sandhurst, Church Crookham, Aborfield & surrounding areas !

**YOUTH VOICE AMBASSADORS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCES TO CAMPAIGN ON YOUR BEHALF**

#MilitaryChild



# Spotlight on ...



The spotlight is shining on Maple class this week. This half term in DT, Maple have been really busy learning about different types of structures. They have focused on what makes a structure and in particular what makes a structure a “pavilion”.

The children have spent the last 3 weeks creating their own pavilion structures out of lolly sticks and air drying clay. They have also learnt that cladding is an important part of a structure depending on its purpose. For their structures, the cladding was used to keep out the rain and cold.

Keep up the great work Maple.





# Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2023-2024



*September 2023*

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*December 2023*

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*January 2024*

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*February 2024*

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*June 2024*

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*July 2024*

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- Start of Term
- End of Term
- Academy Holidays
- Inset Day
- Public Holiday
- Kite Academy Trust Holiday