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Friday 4th April 2025



The resurrection of Jesus reveals no obstacle is too large, no problem too big and nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate us from the love of God. The joy of the resurrection fills our hearts!

Lord, as the light of your resurrection dawns, may our Easter alleluia burst forth in new joy and hope.
Amen.

Wishing all of our families a very peaceful and joyful Easter.

Highlights of Term 4

It has been another very busy term, here are just some of the events that have taken place: Shrove Tuesday pancake making, Ash Wednesday Mass, World Book Day, Japanese Students visited, St. Joseph's Day, KCSP Science Day, Comic Relief Day, Mothers' Day event, iRock concert, Lenten Fair, Easter Garden competition, Easter egg hunt, phonics workshop for parents, Easter raffle, Come and See Learning.

80th Anniversary VE Day – Thursday 8th May

On Thursday 8th May parents and families are invited to join us for a whole school picnic to celebrate this important anniversary. All children will need a picnic with them - if you are in receipt of free school meals, these will be provided, please confirm with the office. We will be dressing in red, white and blue and having an ice-cream van; we hope you are able to join us.



SATS Easter School for Year 6

This will be taking place on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th between 10 and 12. Those who have taken part in the past have really benefitted, building both their skills and confidence.

Diary dates

Tuesday 22 nd April	School returns for term 5
Friday 25 th April	2pm Giraffe class
Thursday 8 th May	80 th Anniversary VE Day - bring your picnic.
12 th - 16 th May	SATS WEEK
23 rd May	End of term
June 6 th	Pentecost celebrations
Friday 13 th June	Fathers' day event 2pm
Thursday 19 th June	Sun Bear trip to Role Play Rascals in Faversham
Friday 20 th and Monday 23 rd	INSET days

Diary dates

Thursday 26 th	Sports Day in the morning
Tuesday 15 th July	Y5/6 production to parents, 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 17 th	Y6 Tea Party, pm
Monday 21st July	Class parties
Tuesday 22nd Jul	End of Term 6, 1.30

Easter Gardens

It was wonderful to see so many beautifully hand crafted Easter gardens brought in to school



Class Medal Winners – Term 4

Sun Bear Class (Reception)

We are very pleased and proud to be able to award this term's medal to Brooke.

It has been a real pleasure to watch Brooke blossom over the last few terms. She has stood out this term for her kind heart and gentle nature. She is a true Sun Bear – always showing how she cares.

Brooke has now begun to notice the value in trying hard at everything she does. She has started to understand that it is OK to make mistakes and is resilient when things do not always go her way. This has really helped her learning go from strength to strength especially her Reading and Maths. Brooke is always ready to have a go and will listen to feedback, never giving up which is a very mature attitude to have when you are just 5!

Brooke is most definitely living out the true meaning of the St Joseph's motto.

We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved so far Brooke. Keep up this super attitude to learning!

Mrs Handford and Mrs Johnson

Dolphin Class (Year 1)

Wonderful things that begin with F to describe our medal winner... Fabulous, fascinating, fun, faithful, fair... I could go on and on!

This fabulous young lady started in Dolphin and was very shy and wary to begin with. But with lots of love, trust and patience it did not take long for us to see her amazing personality shine through...and boy does she shine!! She has completely impressed everyone this year as she has transformed into a happy, confident member of Dolphin class. She is learning to regulate her emotions far more positively with the help of her wonderful network of friends who will always have her back and take care of her when she is sad. Flip this round and she will also be a kind, caring and attentive friend to anyone she is familiar with! (Always following our school and class motos!)

They say go with the 'Flo' but this Flo goes with drive and determination, particularly when it comes to her learning. All her learning is so beautifully neat and well thought out. She strives to always do her best and also has an incredible creative side, producing some beautiful pieces of art which I proudly display on my walls. Florence, you are such a fantastic role-model to the class and your behaviour has been exemplary both in and out of class, I am grateful for all the extra jobs and help that you constantly volunteer to do! I could not think of a far worthier medal winner this term!

Mrs Austin, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Liew

Class Medal Winners – Term 4

Popokotea Class (Year 2)

This year it has truly been a pleasure to get to know such a wonderful young person. This young man is so full of kindness, always using his manners and treating others with respect. He's not only an amazing friend to everyone around him, but he also shows a constant desire to improve and grow. Our class is extremely lucky to have him. His resilience as a learner is inspiring, and he never shies away from trying his best. He's always thoughtful and considerate, always putting others' feelings first. His helpful nature and willingness to go the extra mile for those in need truly make him stand out. He is always asking me if he can do a job and is always first to lend absolutely anyone a helping hand no matter student or staff. Tommy is a truly remarkable individual who brings positivity to every situation! I am extremely lucky to have the opportunity to teach Tommy this year and I am so proud of what he has achieved so far! There are not enough words to describe Tommy, but here are a few that come to mind: thoughtful, caring, helpful, considerate and positive. He is such a kind-hearted young gentleman and he definitely deserves this medal! Tommy never change – you are absolutely amazing!

Miss Marvier and Miss Hughes

Giraffe Class (Year 3)

Isabelle joined us at the start of the year and she has the most unstoppable presence! She is a bundle of pure excitement and energy, which we are slowly but surely harnessing. Isabelle has made fantastic progress with her learning, achieving things I do not think she even thought she was capable of. Most notably her mental arithmetic is now becoming a real strength, where she is able to demonstrate a range of strategies to support herself independently. She is also going from strength to strength with her reading and is trying so hard in her phonics sessions. Isabelle is demonstrating great resilience with her writing, even though she can find it very frustrating, she is making great progress. Isabelle is starting to actively live out our school motto and is taking more time with all that she does. I do not think Isabelle, we have ever met a child who can talk as much as you! It certainly is a talent! But most importantly Isabelle, you are amazing darling – with determination, you can accomplish whatever you desire!

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Chapman

Class Medal Winners – Term 4

Giraffe Class (Year 4)

Thomas it is an absolute honour to present this award to you! You live and breathe our school motto and genuinely help every day with absolutely everything. You are an outstanding role model for your peers and kind to all. Thomas you are thriving academically. You have demonstrated consistently a very strong work ethic, where you are determined to succeed. Most notably with your maths learning, where you are able to recall facts instantly and achieve complex calculations using a variety of jottings. Thomas your ability during our PE lessons is also highly commendable. Showing sporting talent and great sportsmanship. Every morning you come into class ready to learn, with a focused attitude. You have admirable manners, which we want you to know, have not gone unnoticed. Thomas remember to believe in yourself and you will be amazed at what you can achieve!

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Chapman

Penguin Class (Year 5)

I am so pleased to award Sonia this term's medal.

Sonia, you always show great compassion and kindness to everyone in school; especially in your role as playground leader, where your kindness and compassion overflows particularly with the younger members of the school. A member of staff told me recently, that if there were more Sonia's in the world – the world would be a kinder place, and I could not agree with her more. Sonia is also a wonderful help to the whole school community, where she is always ready to do a job. She always lives out the school motto in everything that she does. Sonia shows great love for her family and tells us everything they get up to in our weekly Friday chats. She always tries so very hard in all her learning and has the confidence to ask for support when needed, she always wants to finish her learning and often asks to stay in at break times to do so.

Well done Sonia. You certainly deserve this medal.

Mrs Simpson, Mrs Clipstone and Miss Mooney.

Class Medal Winners – Term 4

Penguin Class (Year 6)

Ivy, well what can I say? You have continued to try so very hard in all aspects of your learning this term and it certainly has paid off – the improvement is commendable. The amazing effort you have put into improving your handwriting, since Christmas, is incredible, and I know you are proud of it – even though you will not admit it. Lately, you have shown more and more effort with your input and participation in our lessons, especially English, where you write with maturity, flair and a great deal of effort is made; which makes it a pleasure to read. In our maths learning, you are continuing to make good progress and are now able to understand relationships between different areas; particularly fractions, decimals and percentages.

Ivy has a wonderful, solid friendship group and I'm sure at times they are glued to each other as you never see them apart. She always asks for jobs during break and lunchtimes, which is extremely helpful. Ivy is an honest and trustworthy member of our school and is not frightened to stand up for herself and others when she believes injustice has been served. Her opinions are strong and often justified.

Ivy's has shown great enthusiasm in our SATS booster sessions; where she comes in and just "gets on with it" – I'm sure the jam on toast helps!!

Congratulations Ivy. You just need to keep up all your hard work.

Mrs Simpson, Mrs Clipstone and Miss Mooney.

Celebration Assembly 28th March 2025

	Love God	Love Learning	Love Life
Sun Bears	Charlie and Otilie for being wonderful prayer leaders this week	Hudson for his wonderful reading and writing all week	Yule for his creative and fun ideas that helped others learn
Dolphins	Kay for really trying his best to follow and live out our school motto	Teddy for a fantastic week with his attitude to learning! Keep it up	Alfie for settling into Dolphin Class and having a great week
Popokoteas	Beau for his amazing drawing of the Last Supper	Reyna for her amazing effort in English	Lily-Bumble for her kindness and care towards her friends.
Giraffes	Harper.C for reading and speaking so clearly in our Easter production rehearsal	Alic for really impressing us with his writing this week	Olivia for settling in so well in Giraffe Class
Penguins	Grace for her amazing contributions in RE	Freddie for such enthusiasm in all aspects of learning	Max for caring for a friend in their hour of need



April Fool's Day !

Some of our class teachers got into the spirit of April Fool's Day this year.

The almost extinct Lipra Loof (April Fool backwards) birds, were flying over the school on Tuesday morning, on their way to warmer climates. Due to the lack of diet (sugar snap peas) on the way, they would almost certainly not reach their destination, due to starvation. Luckily, Penguin Class were on hand, ready to help feed them. With sugar snaps being help up high, and the sounds of reassuring voices piercing the sky, the children waited for these birds to come and feed from their hands. However, they did not come. The children could not believe that they had fallen for this April Fool joke.

Well done Mrs Simpson!

Mrs Austin expressed her sadness to her class that due to the grass being too long, children were not able to play outside on Tuesday. She suggested the children cut the grass using scissors.....they thought it was hilarious when it was explained that it was indeed an April Fool's Day joke!

Well done Mrs Austin!