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April 2025



**Term Dates**

<b>SCHOOL TERMS &amp; HOLIDAY DATES</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>5 INSET DAYS 2025 ( 2 remaining)</b>	<b>Inset Day 4: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b> <b>Inset Day 5: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>



<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	<b>2025</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Offer day for Reception 2025
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Yrs 4 & 5 Chance to Shine
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Class photographs (Please all attend in school uniform)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Girls Football 4-6pm Solihull Moors
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Yrs 4 & 5 Chance to Shine
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	EYFS Children - Animal in Hands Visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Girls Football tournament Years 3 / 4
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Yrs 4 & 5 Chance to Shine
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Solihull Sings Year 3 at Solihull School
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	KS1 Girls Football - Shooting Stars
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Yrs 4 & 5 Chance to Shine
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Yr 4 Cricket Competition @ Berkswell Cricket Club
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Sports Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Yr 5 Cricket Competition @ Berkswell Cricket Club

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Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Yr6 Solihull Borough Athletics @ Tudor Grange
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 - 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 5 Bikeability 1.30-3.00pm
Wednesday July 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Residential - Culmington Manor
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Open Evening

**Nursery Spaces September 2025**

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**We have a limited amount of Nursery spaces available for September 2025**

**Please email: [office@george-fentham.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@george-fentham.solihull.sch.uk) for an Application form**

**The BASE are able to offer before and after school club and wrap-around care. 01675 443 193**

**Class Assemblies**

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our class assemblies. Please see the dates below of each class assembly. Further individual class details such as times will be sent out nearer the dates of each assembly.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date of Assembly</b>
Year 1	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Year 2	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Year 3	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Year 4	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Year 5	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Year 6	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Year 6	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June Yr 6 Leavers Service at Birmingham Cathedral Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 Yr 6 Leavers Service at Hampton Church

*Please note if any changes are made to the dates published above we will let you know at the earliest opportunity.*

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Nursery and Reception

Reception	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 Father's Day Event 9.15-10.15
Nursery	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 Father's Day Event 10.45-11.45

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined our Parent Consultations this week. We hope you found the opportunity to discuss your child's learning journey and look at their work really useful.

You are always welcome to speak with our teachers if you have any concerns or worries. This can be at the end of the school day when our children have been safely dismissed or through contacting the school office.

Class Events

**Nursery:**

We have had a super half-term learning all about growth. The children have been fully immersed in learning all about life cycles; having hands on experience of our chicken eggs hatching and chicks growing.



We have also been lucky enough to watch frogspawn develop into tadpoles and we are hoping we will see some froglets next half term!

The children enjoyed a lovely walk around the field looking for signs of spring and we have planted sunflower seeds.

During our Jigsaw sessions we have been talking about the importance of being healthy and linking this to our Understanding of the World as we have explored healthy foods and where they come from. We have planted some potatoes in our garden. Look at our wonderful observational drawings of vegetables below.





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In Nursery we always promote the love of reading and World Book Day was a perfect opportunity for us to celebrate so many wonderful books. The children enjoyed sharing their books and painted some amazing pictures of their favourite characters.



Our new learning theme next half-term is 'Animals'. Have a lovely Easter break!

**Mrs Bromhall & Mrs Porter**

**Reception:**

What a busy half term it has been!

Our new theme 'Growth and Spring' has allowed us to explore the outdoors, notice changes in the seasons, observe new growth and hunt for mini-beasts.

We took delivery of our eggs and watched the eggs hatch. We all witnessed our first born chick. We have also had frogspawn and are eagerly awaiting the changes we will see.

The children have enjoyed listening to and reading stories such as, 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'The Tiny Seed' and looking at non-fiction texts to find out about life cycles, seed growth and parts of a flower.

We have planted lots of seeds and the children have the responsibility of caring for the seeds. They are very much enjoying the competition to see whose seed grows first! We have explored vegetables and flowers, used tools to chop vegetables to see how they look inside and used our observation skills to draw pictures.

We have also celebrated World Book Day, Health week, learnt about St David's Day and Easter. Our Mother's day event was truly fabulous, the children enjoyed spending time with their mums in school.

Keep looking for signs of Spring during the Easter break.



Happy Holidays Reception.  
**Mrs Brown and Mrs Flint**

**Year 1**

We can hardly believe the spring term has come to an end, and soon the children will be starting their final term in Year 1, it has flown by! The past few weeks have been incredibly busy with so many exciting events, and as always, the children have been amazing. We are so proud of them! On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, Year 1 took part in an 'African Safari Explorer Day'. The children looked fantastic in their explorer outfits and fully embraced the experience. Throughout the day, they

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learned fascinating facts about Africa, used their mathematical skills to measure the size of African animals, and got creative by crafting animals using wooden spoons, card, split pins, and pegs. With their wooden spoon puppets, they added key details to bring their animals to life making crocodiles, rhinos, cheetahs and lots of giraffes, all of which looked brilliant!

Using their special explorer skills, the children also searched for hidden African animals around the school. They were thrilled to spot a giraffe, a lion, a hippo and many more. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the parents who put so much effort into creating, buying, and making such wonderful costumes, we truly appreciate your support!

Alongside our fantastic Explorer Day, the children have been immersed in their learning across all subjects. In English, they have written informative fact files, whilst in Geography, they explored the country of Kenya and the Masai people. In Science, they discovered the five groups of animals and their diets. Music has been particularly exciting, with impressive progress on the glockenspiel, many children can now play a tune using three notes. In PE, Year 1 demonstrated creativity in dance, developing fantastic sequences, and enhanced their hand-eye coordination while gaining a deeper understanding of attack and defence in team games.



### Year 1 Inspire Phonics Workshop

On Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 1 hosted an Inspire Phonics Workshop in the afternoon. This event was designed to give parents a deeper understanding of how phonics is taught in the classroom and how they can best support their child's learning at home. The session gave parents the opportunity to join in with their children, taking part in a variety of fun and creative activities, all aimed at reinforcing phonics skills in an interactive way.

It was wonderful to see parents and children working together, participating in games and exercises that not only made learning enjoyable but also helped strengthen their phonics knowledge. The workshop was a great way to build a strong partnership between home and school, ensuring that children are given the best support in their learning journey.

As a reminder, the phonics screening check will take place during the week beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all parents to continue practicing phonics with their children at home to ensure they are well-prepared.



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Have a wonderful Easter, thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer term.

**Mrs Salmon and Mrs Barratt**

**Year 2:**

In Year 2 we have had a really exciting half term. We've been on many 'journeys' (learning about different journey stories) in English, such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We even wrote our own version called 'We're going on a Gerry Hunt', based in school. In History, we completed our work on the Plague, learning about the scary Plague Doctors and how the nursery rhyme 'Ring a Ring o' Roses' is all about the Plague, and then began our topic about the 'Great Fire of London'. We've examined artefacts to see what they teach us about the past, written our own diary entries, using empathy to imagine what life would have been like and have recreated Pudding Lane, using our own Tudor houses, and are looking forward to burning them to help us better understand how and why the fire spread so quickly.



We've enjoyed creating our own games activities in PE, collaborating together to plan, make and then test our ideas, as well as having a fabulous time dancing like penguins.

In PSHE we have also explored how to keep our mind and body healthy, identifying what helps us to relax and what might make us tense, as well as ways to deal with this. The children have loved it!

**Mr Bass**

**Year 3:**

Year 3 have had yet another incredibly busy and successful half term!

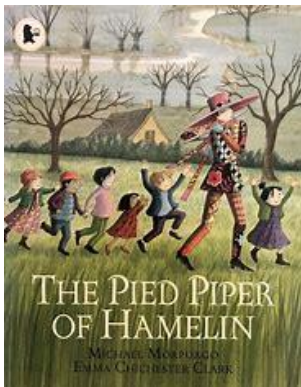
In English, we have been writing narratives based on the legend 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin', focusing on adventurous vocabulary, description and a variety of sentence types to add interest. We have created some fantastic non-chronological reports, letters to the Mayor of Hamelin and lovely character descriptions. Next we linked all this work to our Local Geography Study of Hampton in Arden and Hamelin in Germany. We researched how they were both similar and different using atlases.



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In maths we are becoming really confident with a range of times tables and enjoy our Times Tables Rockstar logins. Then in science we have been busy with our green fingers- growing our own broad bean plants and learning all about the life cycle of plants.

Finally, we represented our school at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre competing in the 'My Commonwealth Games Personal Best Festival' alongside other schools. We took part in 7 events in total, each based on a Commonwealth sport, and we worked hard to improve our personal best scores in each event. All of our children demonstrated our school games values of respect, self-belief and determination to improve our scores. We were brilliant at cheering each other on too, well done all! In our swimming lessons all the children are going from strength to strength and really enjoying all the fantastic coaching. Well done Year 3 - have a well-deserved break this Easter. You've earned it!



**Mrs Jones and Mrs Chamberlain**

**Year 4:**

It is hard to believe the amazing variety of activities that we have experienced this half-term. In our Ukulele lessons, we are expanding our understanding of chords to practise pop songs. So far, we have explored songs from 'The Ramones' to 'Snow Patrol' which will hopefully lead to a very exciting concert at the end of the summer term! However, our musical understanding doesn't stop there, as we explored the classical music of French composer Saint-Saëns in our Art and D&T lessons. Interpreting his suite, 'The Carnival of the Animals', we created birds that are literally flying off the corridor display.

In PE we have enjoyed better weather and opportunities to go orienteering outside, while indoors we paused our dance lessons to re-enact the Maya ball-game of 'Pok-ta-Pok', which we found both challenging and inspiring.

Our study of chocolate continues cross-curricula, led by our focus on explanation texts in English. We have traced the process from cacao pod to chocolate bar; from its first use by the Maya Civilisation in History to D&T where we have designed and created our very own chocolate feast. Our trip to Cadbury World consolidated much of our learning with many great opportunities to watch the chocolate-making process before having a go ourselves. Any worries about eating too much sugar have been answered in science this term, where we have observed how to keep our teeth healthy by watching what certain drinks can do to a hard-boiled egg shell!

We were delighted to see so many parents and carers at our Maths Inspire Workshop; not only having a go at times-tables but also taking part with the children in the many different games and ideas for learning times-tables, on and off-line.



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Our thanks go to the PTFA for their support in supplying the school with tablets so that the children can practise in the classrooms and to the Fentham Trust for funding our Ukulele lessons.

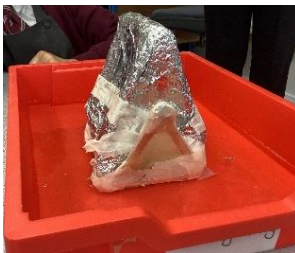
**Mrs Guerin and Mrs Mallin**

**Year 5:**

Year 5 has been a hive of activity as children continue their learning journey; being ready to learn, compete and challenge themselves in various aspects of the curriculum. We have been developing our learning around our class book 'White Dolphin' by Gill Lewis and reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed acting in the role of the Highwayman and the King's guards bringing the poem to life.

In science we have had fun mixing, filtering and exploding materials to investigate reversible and irreversible changes. Whilst in Design and Technology the children have been applying their knowledge of the properties of materials to design and making their own model houses to combat the issue of flooding in river deltas.

In PE our gymnasts have been sharing their amazing skills to put together routines which combine several elements including rolls, balances and weight on hands. We have been so impressed with their resilience and bravery when trying new things. From children who balanced at the top of the hall wall bars to those who did their very first forward roll- well done, we are so proud!



**Mrs Bradburn and Mrs Kermode**

**Year 6:**

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks. They have been interpreting and drawing dual bar graphs, line graphs and pie charts, and have produced the most amazing stories during their creative writing lessons. Our text, 'Broken Glass' has taken us on a journey through both the slums and the more affluent areas of India, through the eyes of a little boy named Suresh. It has been wonderful to observe the children's absorption in the text, along with their empathy towards the characters.

In dance, the children have been choreographing both non-locomotive and locomotive Bollywood Dance routines with pattern and direction and in Design and Technology, they have planned a delicious vegetable Indian Curry, which we will cook next half term!

In both Geography and English, the children have been learning all about Water Aid. They have been exploring how water is a universal need but that access to water differs depending upon where you live.



I am so incredibly proud of the perseverance, absorption and resilience the children have demonstrated throughout the term - they are all absolute superstars!

**Miss Timothy**



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**School Sports - Mrs Bradburn**

After the Easter holidays we will begin our Summer Club offering. **Club registration will be open for after school clubs from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.** Please click the link for the appropriate club. The information given will be shared with the appropriate sports coaches to ensure we are able to keep your child safe. The first sessions will be the week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The last sessions will be the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025. **If you have provided the required information & consent, please assume your child has a place in the club.** We will contact you only if your child has NOT been allocated a place.

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		<b>Jet Dance</b> 3.20 -4.30pm Please contact Jet Dance
Tuesday	<b>KS1 Summer Sports Club</b> This club will showcase a mixture of summer sports - cricket, rounders, Ultimate Frisbee, tennis & golf By invitation only (12) Adaptive Sports 12.20pm -1.00pm	
Wednesday	<b>KS1 Tennis Club</b> By invitation only (16) Adaptive Sports 12.20pm -1.00pm	<b>KS2 Athletics</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/wAK18SFhpj">https://forms.office.com/e/wAK18SFhpj</a> Children from this club will be chosen to represent the school at Borough Athletics Competition (32) Open access 3.20pm - 4.20pm Adaptive Sports
Thursday		<b>KS2 Summer Sports Club</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/YuQvqghDjT">https://forms.office.com/e/YuQvqghDjT</a> This club will showcase a mixture of summer sports - cricket, rounders, Ultimate Frisbee, tennis & golf Open access (32) 3.20pm - 4.20pm Adaptive Sports
Friday	<b>KS2 Archery Club</b> By invitation only (12) Adaptive Sports 12.40pm -1.15pm	<b>Reception and KS1 Football</b> <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/JU9B4JYSHG">https://forms.office.com/e/JU9B4JYSHG</a> Girls from this club will be chosen for a school competition. Open access (32) 3.20pm - 4.20pm Adaptive Sports

*During the summer term (weather permitting) the afterschool clubs would like to use the field. We politely remind all parents that the school has priority in this instance and kindly ask you not to use the field at these times. This is an important safeguarding issue, and we need your support to enable us to maintain our duty of care for the children who attend sports clubs.*

*Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.*

**Netball Skills - 26/2/25**









Well done to our team of Year 6 netball players who represented George Fentham at the Interschool Netball Skills Competition. It was a tough competition and you showed a great improvement in the speed of your skills from the first to final rounds. No medals this time unfortunately, but Mrs Kermode was super impressed with your behaviour and determination. Well done!

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**Year 3 Personal Best Festival – 27/2/25**

Year 3 had a fabulous day at the Year 3 Personal Best Festival, showing off their agility and speed across a range of sports from basketball to rugby. They were a credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and fantastic positive attitude towards their activities. Well done!

**Activities:**

							
<b>NAME</b>	<b>THREE JUMP FUN</b>	<b>KEEPIE UPPIE</b>	<b>DRIBBLE MASTER</b>	<b>BUCKETBALL</b>	<b>TARGET TALLY</b>	<b>WALL CATCH</b>	<b>TRY, TRY, TRY AGAIN</b>
	Distance travelled (m and cm)	Number of cones collected (30 secs)	Number of crossovers (30 secs)	Number of balls collected (30 secs)	Number of points scored (30 secs)	Number of passes caught (30 secs)	Number of tries scored (30 secs)

**Boys Football Final, Solihull Small Schools' League- 10/4/25**

This week our Year 6 team played in the South Solihull finals. This is the first time we have reached the final in over 10 years!!! We played in two matches, resulting in 4:3 to St Patricks and a win of 12:0 against Our Lady of Compassion. This resulted in third place overall. The boys were an absolute credit to the team and our school. Congratulations to you all and a huge thank you to Mrs Bradburn for organising and attending all of the games.

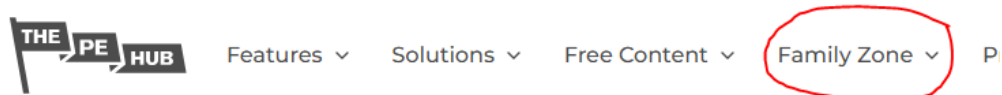
**Sporting Assemblies & Gateways to a Healthier Future**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Years 1, 2 and 3 were delighted to take part in a taster session for the 'All Stars & Dynamos Cricket Programme'. Josh Aspinall, from Warwickshire Cricket Board, delivered these sessions which were greatly enjoyed by all. If your child is interested in developing their passion for cricket further the All Stars and Dynamos Cricket programmes are run at Hampton-in-Arden Village Cricket Club.

*PLEASE NOTE: George Fentham School are not linked to this club in anyway and recommend parents make all the usual checks regarding safety and suitability for their children.*

**The PE Hub**

The PE Hub have launched 'Family Zone', a website full of fun PE games to inspire families to get active at home. It's completely free to use and includes video and PDF resources for parents. Simply go to [www.thepehub.co.uk](http://www.thepehub.co.uk) and select family zone from the drop down menu.



**Music – Mrs Kermode**

We have had a busy half term, music-wise. The children have discovered more composers and musicians in our music assemblies, such as Antonio Vivaldi and Stravinsky, and the children have had fun looking at the knowledge organisers in order to learn more in their spare time at home, listening to other recommendations of that composer's work and completing the quizzes to show how much they have learnt. Well done to all children who have won prizes or who have taken music activities home this half term! We have also discussed the value of music in our lives and how singing and playing an instrument, or listening to a variety of music can add richness to our daily life and bring us all together.

Year 3 are continuing their series of workshops in preparation for their participation in 'Solihull Sings' at Solihull School in May 2025. Ms Sainsbury from Solihull Prep School has been in twice

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more to teach the children a number of different songs and actions and she has been so impressed with their progress. Their singing stamina has greatly improved and they are continuing to learn the different songs confidently. Your wonderful singing is noticeable in assembly too Year 3 and is setting the bench mark for other classes. Very well done!

Year 4 have continued their Ukulele sessions as part of 'Wider Opportunities' taught by Solihull Music Service. The children are making excellent progress and are confidently able to hold their instruments and understand about the different strings and finger positions. Congratulations Year 4 on a successful half term - your teachers are hugely impressed with your focus during lessons. Keep it up!

Finally, instrumental lessons have been continuing weekly and the children are enjoying their sessions with the Solihull Music staff. We are very keen to encourage even more children to take up an instrument, so **if you are an aspiring musician and would like to learn an instrument, please sign up using the Solihull Music information which came home via Parent Pay.** If you would like some advice as to which instrument might suit you, or to discuss financial support or instrumental hire, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kermode or the School Office to find out more. Solihull Music can be contacted on: [solihullmusic@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:solihullmusic@solihull.gov.uk) or 0121 704 6500. We have spaces available in all instruments at the moment.



**Down Syndrome Day 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Inline with our 'Celebrating Similarities and Differences' work, last week we held an assembly which celebrated and explored Down Syndrome Day. We used a lovely book to introduce our children to 'Ella', who has Down Syndrome. This was part of a Down Syndrome presentation written by dsuk (down syndrome uk) and explored all of the things that Ella enjoys doing with her friends. The story and learning were both age appropriate and our children were really engaged throughout the assembly. Once back in class, teachers took time to follow-up and answer any questions. They were really impressed with how much our children knew and had remembered.

**Wellbeing Warriors - Health Week 2025**

In our last week before Easter the whole school celebrated Health Week. During the week our Wellbeing Warriors found out about the 5 ways of wellbeing and enjoyed lots of interesting activities focusing on health and wellbeing. Everyone had the chance to try Tri-Golf and KS2 had a visitor from Coram Life Education.



**Competition time!**

*Take a photo of you sharing one of the 5 ways of wellbeing with your family and give a printed copy to your class teacher. All photos must be handed in by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April. (That means you get the Easter holidays to keep practicing your ways of wellbeing with your family.) Prizes will be awarded for the most original ideas and will be announced on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.*

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bradburn



### E-Safety - Mr Bass

The Online Safety Committee have had a number of productive meetings this half term, mainly focused on our Online Safety Poster Competition and judging the fabulous entries we had from every class. It was a really hard decision and we decided that 'everyone' deserved a certificate for taking part, in recognition of their hard work. The committee selected one winner from each class, who have had their designs enlarged onto A3 and displayed around school, and then a top 3, who all received a prize. Although the winners were sent out via ParentPay a few weeks ago, they are listed below.

#### Class Winners:

- Reception - Dilys, Year 1 - Raya, Year 2 - Tayla, Year 3 - Daisy, Year 4 - Eliza, Year 5 - Albie, Year 6 - Maisy

#### Overall Top 3:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Daisy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tayla
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dilys

The committee have also updated the posters on the Online Safety page of the website and we will be looking at our next project in readiness for after Easter.

### Bunny Bingo

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April the PTFA held our third "Bunny Bingo" fundraising event. The evening was a huge success. Thanks to your generosity on our non-school uniform day, we had a huge amount of donated chocolate which made for exciting prizes. A huge thank you to our PTFA members for all of their hard work in organising and running this event.



### Comic Relief

We are very pleased to say that our non-uniform day for comic relief raised £225.00. Thank you for your support in this.



### Marie Curie 2025

This term we have had a Marie Curie daffodil collection box in school and we have invited everyone to make a voluntary donation if they wish to acquire a daffodil to wear. We still have the daffodil box in school should you wish to make a donation in return for a daffodil at the start of summer term when we return on April 28<sup>th</sup>.



### World Book Day - Story Boxes

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts on World Book Day. Every child who took part in the World Book Day activities has had their enthusiasm rewarded and we are extremely grateful to you for your support.

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The 'Story in a Container' creations are amazing and it was a delight to see the children so excited about their reading. School was buzzing with all things reading and seeing the beautiful boxes and containers displayed in our school library was a treat for everyone.

Judging the 'Story in a Container' was incredibly difficult and involved most members of Staff. The winners are as follows:

	Name	Book that inspired the Story Box
Nursery	Jacob	The Highway Rat
	Violet	Heather, the violet fairy
Reception	Rupert	Whatever Next
	Sammy	Tyrannosaurus Drip
Year 1	Emily L	The Bowerbird
	Brodie	Funnybones
Year 2	Ava	Hansel and Gretel
	Henry	How to Train your Dragon
Year 3	Logan B	Ultimate Football Heroes
	Theertha	The night we got stuck in a story
Year 4	Felicity	Harry Potter
	Eva	Eva's Dream
Year 5	Kiran	Dogman
	Elliot	Wonka
Year 6	Sebastian	George's Marvellous Medicine
	Cassidy	Moonlight at Moonstone



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School Attendance

At George Fentham Endowed School we are committed to ensuring all children achieve the highest levels of attendance possible and continue to ask for your support in this matter. If there are any factors impacting on your child's attendance, please let us know at the earliest opportunity. We will work in partnership with you and offer all support possible in order to increase attendance.

**129 children achieved 100% attendance in Spring Term 1.** A very big "well done" to those children who achieved 100%. These children were presented with a certificate to recognise their great attendance. Please see below the percentage of children, by year group, that achieved 100% attendance in Spring Term 1:

- Year 2 23 children out of 29 = 79%
- Year N 15 children out of 22 = 68%
- Year R 20 children out of 30 = 67%
- Year 1 17 children out of 27 = 63%
- Year 6 14 children out of 26 = 54%
- Year 4 12 children out of 23 = 52%
- Year 3 14 children out of 28 = 50%
- Year 5 14 children out of 28 = 50%

School Council

School Council are continuing to look at the use of the school playground. We have fed back on the data collected from our questionnaires and looked to see if there are any patterns across the classes. We are now working with Mrs Bradburn and Mrs Bailey to look at the costings of some of the equipment so that we can see how much our ideas would cost to put into practice.

Mrs Bailey

*Behaviour on the field and village playground before and after school*

*We have recently received a number of emails from village residents and parents regarding the behaviour of a small number of our children before and after school. When children are dismissed at the end of the school day, it is parents' responsibility to supervise their own children and monitor their behaviour. However, as the children are in George Fentham uniform, they are also still representing our school and their behaviour continues to reflect on us all.*

*Specifically, we have received complaints regarding children destroying hedgerow at the bottom of the playing field before and after school by making dens. As a result, the hedgerow has become much thinner. Could we please ask for your help in encouraging our children to respect other people's property and refrain from damaging the hedgerow any further.*

*There have also been a number of incidents reported to us involving disagreements on the field or in the village play area after school. We understand that some parents have been there during these times. As I am sure you will understand, it is extremely difficult for us to deal with incidents that happen before or after school, which are not on our school site and happen when parents are present. Again, we are asking for your support in supervising and monitoring your own child to minimise any issues involving behaviour or friendships and if there are any issues, ensuring they are dealt with at the time.*

*For clarification, the field does not belong to George Fentham Endowed School. It belongs to the Fentham Trust and school has exclusive access to it during the school day and after school for school clubs. We are also aware that the field and play area are used by children and families who do not attend George Fentham Endowed School.*

*If you have any further concerns about the field, you may wish to contact the Fentham Trust directly.*



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**IMPORTANT - Medicines in school**

Our Medicines in School Policy and Administering Medicines Policy are both on our school website, along with the permission forms for prescribed and over the counter medicines.

Should your child require any medication during the school day, please complete the relevant form and bring this, with the medicine, directly to the school office. Medicines must not be sent in with children. It is really important that your child's medicine has the prescription label on it and that your instructions exactly match the dosage prescribed.

**Holidays in School Time**

Headteachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence in **very exceptional circumstances** and where the application has been made **two weeks in advance**. This does not include family holidays, therefore, we ask that you do not book holidays in school time as these will be unauthorised and could lead to a referral to the Local Authority Enforcement Team for a fixed penalty fine or prosecution.

Should you require any further information, or wish to discuss a leave of absence request please contact the school office.

**Medical, Dental & Optician Appointments**

Following advice from CSAWS, we would like to ask for your support in organising medical, dental and optician appointments outside of the school day. Please note if there is no alternative, you may be asked to show a copy of your appointment letter or card to the school office and complete a leave of absence request.

**Dietary Requirements / Food Allergies**

Please note it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to advise the school office, in writing, of any dietary requirements or food allergies for each individual child. This is not required for food preferences but for medical conditions such as allergies or religious beliefs. This information will be stored on your child's record throughout school.

**Healthy Schools: Break time Snacks and Water Bottles**

**Snacks:**

As part of our Healthy Schools approach, we ask for your support in **only sending in pure fresh or dried fruit and vegetables for morning snack. No other snacks are permitted.** Please note fresh fruit or vegetables are provided by school for all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Key Stage 2 children should be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack from home.

**Water Bottles:**

Children have access to their water bottles during the day and are regularly reminded to drink. Please encourage your child to do this and **ensure that drinking bottles contain water only.** Should you wish your child to have milk at break time details are available from the school office.

**No Nuts in School**

We have a number of children in school who have a severe nut allergy. These allergies can be life threatening. **In order to keep all of our children safe, please ensure that you do not send any nuts or products containing nuts into school with your child, at any time.**



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**REMINDER: Car Parking and Voluntary One-Way System**

Just to remind you, there is a voluntary one-way system at school drop off and collection times which is to enter at the bottom of Fentham Road by the war memorial and to leave the top end of Fentham Road along Marsh Lane. Thank you for your support in this matter.



**REMINDER: Collecting your child at the end of the day**

At the end of the school day we are dismissing approximately 200 children onto the small playground. With limited space and well over 150 adults collecting, we would like to ask for your help to ensure everyone's safety. **Once your child has been released to you by their class teacher, please keep your child with you and do not let them run around on the playground.** It is very difficult, from a staff point of view, to check every child is with the correct adult if children are running between parents. In addition, there are more opportunities for children to bump or knock into each other as classes are being dismissed. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**The BASE**

The BASE provides before and after school care and Nursery wrap around care during term time. The BASE is not run by school, but by a completely separate Voluntary Management Committee. If you have any queries regarding this provision, please contact Mrs Tina Coley directly on 01675 443913.

**And Finally.....Newsletter Update Summer 2025**



We are looking to update our Newsletter next term and would really value your feedback to help us to do this. Miss Smith will be sending out a short survey to capture your thoughts and ideas. We would be really grateful if you could spend a moment completing the survey and submit your responses by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Thank you for your help in this matter.

As we come to the end of our Spring Term, we would like to thank you for your on-going support and wish everyone a lovely Easter Break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs J Gaughan  
Headteacher