

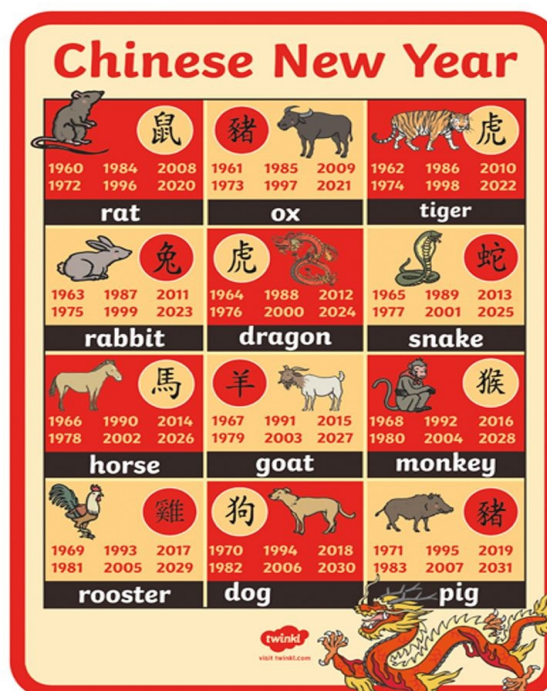
## Thank you for the Music

WE were delighted to award Music Ambassador badges this week to children in Year 5 and Year 6 who support and champion music making in our school. These children volunteer to give up part of their lunch break to support our Infant Music Makers Club, and many are also loyal and longstanding members of our school choir. Their passion for music is a great source of inspiration for all of us. Well done!



## Gung hay fat choy

Is a Cantonese greeting that means "wishing you great happiness and prosperity". It's a popular way to say Happy New Year" during Chinese New Year. "Gong xi fa cai" is a Mandarin greeting that means the same thing. Chinese New Years falls on 29th January and we would like to wish everyone who is celebrating a Happy New Year of the Snake!

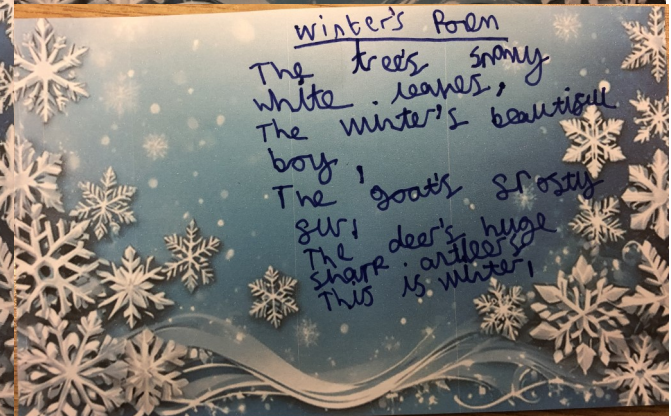
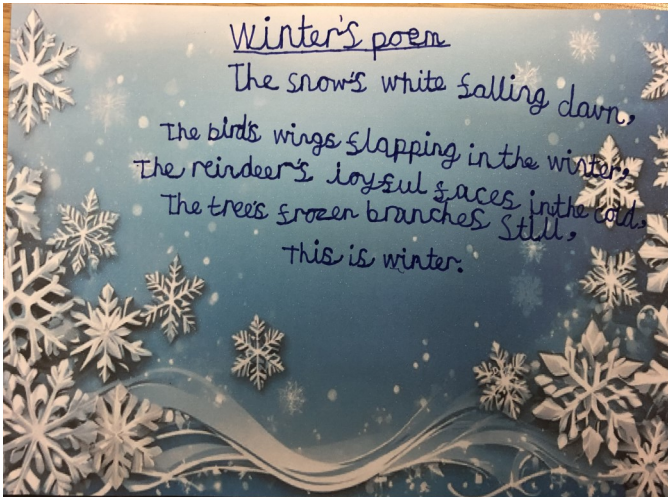
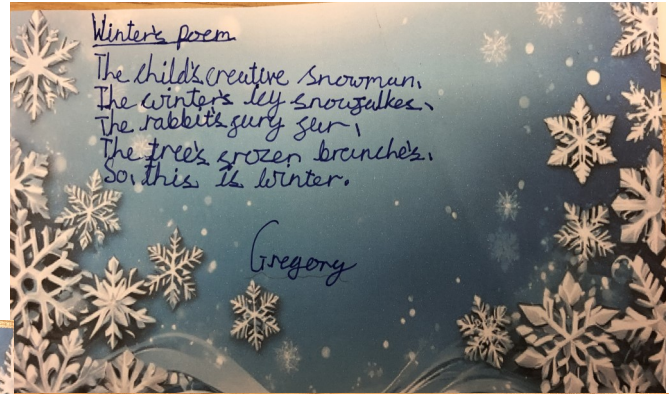


## Dates for the diary

- 28th January— Reception Height and Weight Check
- 30th January—Year 6 SATs meeting 8.30am
- 3rd February— National Storytelling Week
- 6th February—Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
- 11th February— Safer Internet Day including workshop for parents at 2.30pm
- 12th February— Year 3 Egyptian Day
- **13th February— YEAR 3 SWIMMING TODAY**
- 14th February— **INSET DAY— SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 17TH—21ST February **HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

# A Winter's Tale in Poems

YEAR 4 have been inspired by their class text Winter's Child this week and have produced some wonderful poems. Using possessive apostrophes, the children have created descriptive poems about the sights, feelings and experiences of winter, all based around a stunning illustration taken from the text. Here are some examples from Gregory, Lucas and Jack. Well done Year 4!



## Book Recommendation

THIS week our book recommendation comes from Emily and Evie from Elephant Class. They presented their book recommendation to the whole school during worship on Friday. They have chosen 'Tamarind and the Star of Ishta' by Jasbinder Bilan which is about a girl called Tamarind whose mum died soon after she was born. When she goes to India to spend a week with her Mum's family, she asks a lot of questions about her mum, but gets no answers.

Soon Tamarind's curiosity gets the better of her and she goes exploring. She finds some of her mum's belongings and meets a strange girl who calls herself Ishta.

Emily said that she likes how Tamarind is adventurous and Evie says that she learns Origami.

Both girls are looking forward to finding out how it ends!



Why should I come?

Who will represent the school over the next year

**DONT FORGET ITS OUR**

**PTA AGM**

Thursday 30th January 2025  
at 3:30pm

Childcare available for school age children.

Please prebook a space by emailing  
[ashfordcofepta@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcofepta@gmail.com)

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Find out where your money has been spent



# Our value for this half term is compassion



THIS week in worship we explored the following passage from the Bible:

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

We thought about different occasions where we need to wear special clothes such as going to a party or a wedding or playing a sport. We then reflected upon the values mentioned in this Bible verse and how we could make sure that we ‘wear’ these values every day, showing these in our everyday actions.

This photo shows the wonderful helpers in worship wearing bright orange bibs with these values to help us all to remember to put these on every day!



- Costly caring
- Offering help
- Making a difference
- Putting others first
- Always listening
- Sensitive to suffering
- Service in action
- Interested in others
- Offering care and concern
- Noticing a need

## House Points:

**Foxall**  
439

**Howard**  
509

**Lockington**  
460

**Mann**  
252



**Ace Attendance Winners of the Week**

The class with the best attendance this week is...

**INFANTS:** Tigers—96.9%

**JUNIORS:** Lemur—98.5%

Our attendance target is 96%      Whole school this week 93.4%

# A Helping Hand

ARE you worried your child or teenager is above a healthy weight?

'Be Your Best' is here to help

Be Your Best is a free, local healthy lifestyle programme.

It is for Surrey families with children and teens aged 5-17 years, who are above a healthy weight.

With the guidance of our friendly and supportive health & wellbeing advisors - your child can learn about nutrition, develop a love of physical activity, gain confidence, and most importantly have fun!

Although the programme is for 5 – 17-year-olds, the whole family will benefit by building healthy habits to last a lifetime.

What is 'Be Your Best'?

Be Your Best is a 12-week programme which will help your child achieve better health, by supporting them to eat better, move more, and improve overall well-being.

Our interactive sessions include:

Live cooking workshop

Easy food swaps

And much more!



## A helping hand for a healthier family

**Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?**

*Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range. We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health and wellbeing.*

*The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:*

<b>Sessions include</b>	<b>One-to-one sessions</b>
Live cooking workshop	With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location
Meal planning for the whole family	<b>Group sessions</b>
Easy food swaps	Week days after school via Zoom
Managing screen time	<b>Family Fit sessions</b>
How to become an active family	Wednesdays 4.30 - 5pm via Zoom
Importance of sleep	

*"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." Mum*

For more information, visit [bybsurrey.org](http://bybsurrey.org) or email us at [BeYourBest@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:BeYourBest@surreycc.gov.uk)



Family meal planning  
Fun physical activities

## Who is 'Be Your Best for?'

Be Your Best is for children and teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above a healthy weight range.

Since 2020, Be Your Best has helped hundreds of Surrey children to manage their weight and become the best version of themselves.

## Find out more

To find out more about Be Your Best please fill in this simple form by going to :

<https://www.activesurrey.com/Be-Your-Best>

# ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Koala</b>	<b>Dominion</b>	<b>For finding her confidence to ask for help when she needs it</b>
	<b>Dante K</b>	<b>For being a kind friend to others</b>
<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Robyn B</b>	<b>For being such a kind and compassionate friend</b>
	<b>Jack S</b>	<b>For great enthusiasm and progress in phonics</b>
<b>Tiger</b>	<b>Oliver B</b>	<b>For his creative dance inspired by the weather in PE</b>
	<b>Rosie A</b>	<b>For creating a wonderful and detail self portrait</b>
<b>Panda</b>	<b>Millie W</b>	<b>For creating a beautiful self portrait</b>
	<b>Perrie J</b>	<b>For her positive attitude during phonics sessions</b>
<b>Zebra</b>	<b>Malik D</b>	<b>For settling into ACE and having a great first week</b>
	<b>Henry W</b>	<b>For writing a great big write on your own version of the Minpins story.</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Jesse</b>	<b>For making green choices all week</b>
	<b>Sabrina</b>	<b>For incredible art work on texture</b>
<b>Lemur</b>	<b>Emma DC</b>	<b>For great partner work when designing a garden in PSHE</b>
	<b>Nancy L</b>	<b>For great perseverance while writing her own version of a story in English</b>
<b>Meerkat</b>	<b>Tariq G</b>	<b>For writing such an exciting Cinderella story</b>
	<b>Margaret D</b>	<b>For creating very accurate definitions for the different types of skeleton</b>
<b>Rhino</b>	<b>Jaden R</b>	<b>For showing a growth mindset and perseverance</b>
	<b>Alice W</b>	<b>For her exceptional effort and enthusiasm in English and maths</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>For making a real effort to improve his presentation</b>
	<b>Olivia H</b>	<b>For writing some great sentences about her imaginary adventure as a Winter's Child</b>
<b>Llama</b>	<b>Mollie K</b>	<b>For her engagement, effort and independence in all her learning</b>
	<b>Fatima Z</b>	<b>For applying her learning to write a fantastic report</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Gracie</b>	<b>For her focus and high standards in English</b>
	<b>Stephanie</b>	<b>For a hard working and positive attitude in her learning</b>
<b>Panther</b>	<b>Lilly-Ann</b>	<b>For engagement and effort to join in with class discussions</b>
	<b>Dawood K</b>	<b>For always having high aspirations and aiming to be the best that he can be</b>
<b>Leopard</b>	<b>Aiden</b>	<b>For being a compassionate and supportive learning partner, sharing his understanding with others</b>
	<b>Jorja B</b>	<b>For showing good understanding when classifying plants in science using a Carroll diagram</b>