

Helping us to Help Others

Harvest time is a traditional autumnal event that celebrates the gathering of crops and gives thanks for the year's bounty. Celebrated in churches, schools, and communities around the Sunday nearest the harvest moon, it involves food displays, singing, feasting, and community gatherings. Today Junior parents will have received information on how we will be celebrating Harvest this year. Infant children will have their own celebration in school. A key aspect is the collection of food donations for those in need, reflecting a spirit of giving thanks and sharing the harvest with the less fortunate.

This year we will once again be collecting for the Manna Food Bank. Please pop something extra in your food shop and help us to help those in need. Please see below for a list of items they are currently short of. Please ensure your donations are in date. We cannot accept fresh food—tins and packets only please.

Tinned Carrots
Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Custard & Sachets
Boxes of Porridge Sachets
Tinned Fruit - all types
Tinned Macaroni Cheese
Crackers
Small Jars of Coffee
Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce
Chocolate Spread
Crisps
Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice - full size
Batchelors Pasta n Sauce Pouches or similar
Tea Bags in 40 packs (we have good stocks of other sizes)
Toilet Paper
Bars of Soap
Kitchen Roll
Men's 2in1 Shampoo/Shower Gel
Disposable Razors
Deodorant for both men and women
Washing up Liquid
Sanitary Towels

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foodbank
The Foodbank in Staines Serving Spelthorne



Dates for the diary

- 24th September—
Year 2
Brooklands
Museum Visit
- 30th September—
Junior Harvest at
St Matthews Year
3 & Year 5
- 7th October—
Junior Harvest at
St Matthews Year
4 & Year 6
- 8th October—
Individual School
Photos
- 9th October—
Individual and
Sibling School
Photos
- 15th October—
Open Event for
Reception 2026
3.30pm—5.30pm
- 22nd October—
Visions and
Values Day
- 23rd October—
Parent/Teacher
Consultations
2pm—7.30pm
**SCHOOL
CLOSES EARLY**

Take Art

AS part of their art lessons, Year 2 children have been looking at nature and different textures. This week they went outside to look at nature and then came back and drew the different types of textures they had found.



Donations Needed

HAVE your children grown out of any of their toys? If the answer is yes you may be able to help us. We are looking for the following: Matchbox style cars, dolls, wooden building blocks, duplo and lego. Also felt tip pens and colouring books.



Items must be in good condition. If you are able to help please give your donation to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Election Results

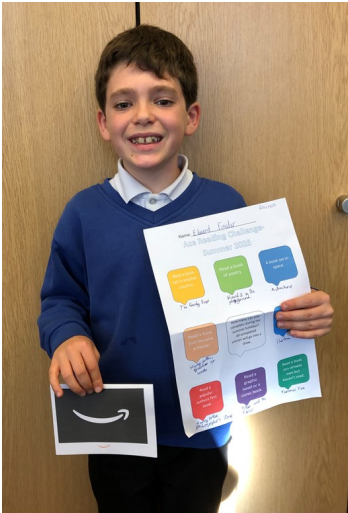
THE results are in! Well done to all the year 6 children who took part in the race to elect house captains and sports captains. They did so well reading out their speeches which is a tough job for anyone. We are so proud of them all.

The elected captains are:-

	House	Captains	
Mann	Lockington	Howard	Foxall
Oli & Hannah	Yusuf & Brooke	Florence & George W	Jude & Mariam M
	Sports	Captains	
Mann	Lockington	Howard	Foxall
Isla & Michael	Thame & Violet	Winston & Scarlett	Sam & Micky



Summer Reading Challenge



WELL done to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Eight challenges were set so it was no easy task! Names were picked from a hat this morning and the winners are confirmed as Edward from Rhino Class and George from Panther Class. Congratulations!



Then and Now

YEAR One were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs. Fowler this afternoon. Mrs. Fowler used to be a teacher at ACE and told the children all about what it was like to be a child in the "olden days". She brought in a selection of artefacts, such as a metal hot water bottle, annuals and one-eared ted, who is 70 years old! The children had a chance to ask questions about the past and particularly liked seeing a photograph of our school from 1907.



Smile for the Camera

AS you will see from the diary dates on the first page, the school photographer will be in school on 8th & 9th October to take individual and sibling photographs. Please put it in your diaries. On those days all children should wear school uniform, making sure they have jumper or cardigan with them. Please also bring a brush or comb if necessary.



Learning the Value of Perseverance



This week in worship we explored 'doing the right thing,' linked to our value of perseverance. We used the story of Jeremiah who, as a prophet faced many challenges sharing God's word.



Despite these challenges Jeremiah carried on with what he knew to be the right thing as he knew that he could trust in God's plan.

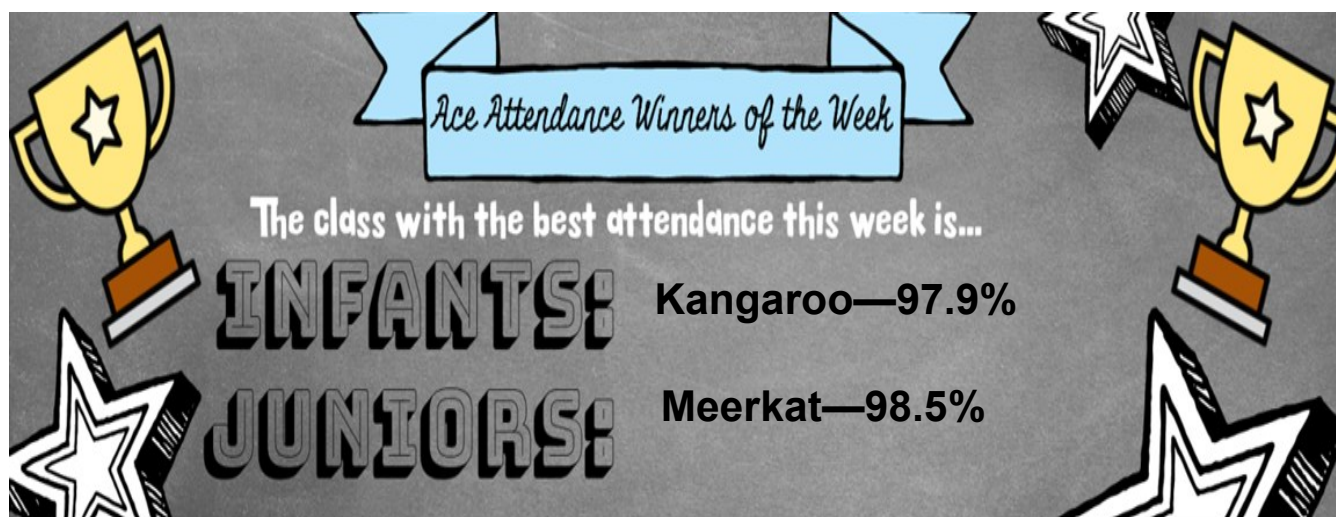
A team of year 6 helpers did a wonderful job acting out the story.

The children were encouraged to think about how they could use their learning from the story in their own lives, thinking about who or what could guide them to persevere and 'do the right thing.'

We will be exploring this in greater depth in class worship next week.



House Points:



Our attendance target is 96%

Whole school this week 94.1%

ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	Name	Reason
Tiger	Albie SW	For coming up with fantastic adjectives to describe the Naughty Bus in English
	Star R	For her perseverance with her reading this week
Panda	Max W	For his brilliant sentences about the Naughty Bus
	Betsy N	For being a thoughtful and considerate learning partner and helping others
Zebra	Anaya N	For having a brilliant first week at ACE
	Muhammed N	For having a brilliant first week at ACE
Giraffe	Bella S	For adapting her thinking when things don't go to plan
	Millie W	For an excellent short story about 'the bear under the stairs'
Lemur	Hazel O	For using outstanding fronted adverbials whilst retelling a narrative
	Raizel	For contributing interesting ideas to class discussions on his first week at ACE
Meerkat	Calum E	For his amazing charcoal drawing of a deer in a prehistoric style
	Harper P	For her exciting description of a woolly mammoth using interesting adjectives
Rhino	Shayan P	For a fantastic effort in maths this week and persevering when finding things tricky
	Bento L	For his focus and concentration during our art lesson when learning about tone and shade
Elephant	Max C	For his creative letter to the Secret Gardener using the present perfect tense
	Betsy C	For her perseverance and focus in our maths unit on place value
Llama	Natalya R	For her role model behaviour for learning and consistent effort in all of her learning outcomes
	Lucas P	For showing great perseverance by editing and improving his writing
Buffalo	Alice W	For her consistently positive attitude and always putting 100% effort in all that she does
	Olivia H	For excellent effort and great contributions in English this week
Panther	George W	For always taking pride in his learning and showing beautiful presentation
	Faliha H	For her perseverance and 'I can' attitude in her learning
Leopard	Johnny P	For his improved focus and participation in lessons this week
	Brooke B	For being a positive role model to others and always trying her hardest in her learning