

# Headlines

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the Spring Term. It has been a busy time in school and the children have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities, with many more planned.

### STAFFING

I'm sure you would like to join me in extending warmest congratulations to Mrs Thompson and her family, who have welcomed the arrival of a beautiful daughter, Ferne. You will be pleased to know Mrs Thompson and baby are doing very well and have already visited us in school!

### REMINDER - PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings for this term will be held on Tuesday 5th March. We will follow the same format, i.e. face-to-face, with appointments held in the School Hall. Please see text message sent this week regarding online booking slots. As these meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning, please contact your child's class teacher if you are not able to attend the meeting.

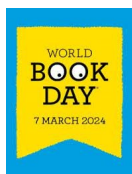
There will also be an opportunity for parents in Years R to 6 to attend our very popular 'Celebration of Pupils Work' sessions. As you know these are designed to give an opportunity to look through your child's work and see their classroom and learning environment. Further details, including the date and time, will be sent separately. Please can you confirm with the class teacher if you plan on attending.

I hope that you and your families are able to have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February 2024.

Mrs T Ford  
Headteacher

**ATTENDANCE**  
Congratulations to  
Hawks Class and  
Grasshoppers Class for the  
best attendance in the last  
two weeks

	22nd - 26th Jan	29th Jan - 2nd Feb
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>93.4%</b>
Ladybirds	93.5%	93.2%
Butterflies	94.7%	94.4%
Grasshoppers	95.6%	99.4%
Falcons	92.5%	89.1%
Hawks	96.5%	96.2%
Owls	94.2%	92.1%
Kites	90.0%	90.0%



## WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

**No costume required!!**



This year FOSS have kindly bought every pupil in Years R to 6 a plain white T-shirt. The children will be creating a design on the front of the T-shirt (in school) to represent their favourite book!

**Bring and Buy Book Sale - 7th March**

Bring along 50p for a book sale during school time - all books 50p each!

**Please donate any unwanted, good quality books for  
the sale by Friday 1st March. Thank you**

# PROUD CORNER

## Well done to:

- Lily-Louise B, Year 5 - Street Dance Certificate & Shield

Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have been presented with Headteacher Awards:

- ♦ Albert M, Reception Class

## Well Done!

A very well done to all those children who received a Well Done Certificate today.

Keep up the good work!

## HAWKS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Hawks Class had their class assembly about ancient Greece. We enjoyed learning about Gods and Goddesses, including Zeus and Apollo. We also learned about Alexander the Great and his huge civilisation. He managed to capture 8 countries and 10 to 20 city states. In class, we have been reading 'Who Let the Gods Out'. We particularly enjoyed learning the Olympian song because we got to act out Olympic sports like sprinting and chariot racing.

Written by Joey D

## COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

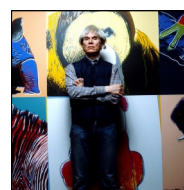


### Johann Pachelbel

(Baptised 1 September 1653 – Buried 9 March 1706)

Johann Pachelbel was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ schools to their peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



### Andy Warhol

(6 August 1928 – 22 February 1987)

Andy Warhol born Andrew Warhola Jr.; was an American artist, film director, and producer who was a leading figure in the visual art movement known as pop art. His works explore the relationship between artistic expression, advertising, and celebrity culture that flourished by the 1960s, and span a variety of media, including painting, silk screening, photography, film, and sculpture.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### FALCONS CLASS TRIP TO CHERTSEY MUSEUM



This term Falcons enjoyed a trip to Chertsey Museum for a workshop to learn all about Pre- History – Stone Age to Iron Age. We dressed up in clothing, investigated bones and artefacts from Pre-history, as well as making our own axes and carvings. We had a wonderful day and are looking forward to our next adventure!



### Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child in September 2024?

*We are now commencing the admission process for our Sunbeams Nursery for September 2024*

#### **If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**

If your child is under three years of age, we offer EITHER five morning sessions (9:00am to 12:00 noon) OR five afternoon sessions (12:30pm to 3:30pm). You may choose less than five sessions but we would recommend you choose at least two sessions per week.

For eligible parents we offer four 'Free Early Education for Two year olds' (FEET) places, for which a copy letter proving eligibility from Surrey County Council needs to be provided to secure this place.

(For eligibility please see: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/childcare-professionals/providing-free-early-education/providing-free-early-education-for-two-year-olds#>)

#### **If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021**

We offer 15 hour funded places on a two and a half day split; either Monday full day, Tuesday full day and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, Thursday full day and Friday full day.

For eligible parents we offer 30 hour free childcare places, for which a code from HMRC needs to be provided to secure this place. (For eligibility please see <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>)

For further information and/or an Application Form, please contact:

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Business Manager  
Telephone: 01932 563022  
Email: [admin@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)

## DATES - 2023/2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2024

Mon 12th to Fri 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 21st February	Ladybirds Trip to Chertsey Museum
Friday 23rd February	Grasshoppers Class Assembly 9:05am
Tuesday 5th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day for Years R to 6
Friday 8th March	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 15th March	Ladybirds Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 22nd March	Owls Class Assembly 9:05am
Tues 26th - Thurs 28th March	Year 4 (Hawks) Residential trip to Henley Fort
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays

### SUMMER TERM 2024

**DURING MAY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE  
NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Monday 15th April	Children return to school
Monday 22nd April	Book Fair this week
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Thursday 23rd May	Class Photos
Friday 24th May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Friday 24th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential Trip
Monday 10th June	INSET Day - School closed
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July	Secondary School Induction Days - <b>(Please check with individual school for further details)</b>
Friday 19th July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days - School closed



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**COME AND JOIN**  
**BYFLEET**  
**VILLAGE FC**

**MINI KICKERS - 08:45 - 09:45**  
(GIRLS & BOYS AGED 3-4)

**U6'S - 08:45 - 09:45**  
(GIRLS & BOYS IN YEAR 1)

**U5'S - 09:55 - 10:55**  
(GIRLS & BOYS IN RECEPTION)

**WILDCATS - 11:05 - 12:05**  
(OPEN TO ALL GIRLS YEARS 2-6)

**SATURDAY'S @**  
**KINGSHED LANE, BYFLEET**

**#THEISLANDERS**

Conatct - [info@byfleetvillagefc.com](mailto:info@byfleetvillagefc.com)  
or pop down to Kings Head Lane

