



Eynsham Community Primary School  
Newsletter - Friday 9th May

## Welcome

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*It was wonderful to see so many families and members of the community out last Friday supporting the children during the May Day parade. A special mention goes to our fantastic Year 6 pupils who performed the Morris dances superbly—what a brilliant job they did! We have some lovely photos from the day that are in the newsletter below. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Claire Malin for teaching the children their Morris dancing, and to the representatives from the Eynsham Morris Men who kindly accompanied us along the route. A big thank you also to Robin Colyer and Mr Groves, whose energetic drumming helped lead the parade in such a joyful and vibrant way.*

*As we look ahead, we want to wish the very best of luck to our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting their statutory assessments next week. To support them, we will be opening school early, at 8:15 am from Monday to Thursday, for Year 6 pupils to join us for a special continental breakfast. This is a lovely way for the children to start the day calmly and positively. Further details have been sent via ParentMail.*

*Finally, the children took part in some brilliant VE Day celebrations on Thursday—do take a look at the work below to see some of the highlights!*

*Have a wonderful weekend,*

*Mrs Ginny Bayliss and Mrs Nicola Edwards*

*Executive Headteacher and Head of school*

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## Year 2 trip to Hill End

Year 2 had a wonderful (and very warm!) time at Hill End Outdoor Learning Centre last week. They learned all about different insects and why these are so important for biodiversity, sustainability and pollination. They studied a variety of insects in different habitats such as a pond, meadow and woodland.

It was so lovely to have a day to connect with nature.

















## May Day Parade

















## Year 5 Multi Skills Event

This week in Year 5, we had the fantastic opportunity to visit Bartholomew School for a morning of Multi-Sports. Led by the secondary school students, the children took part in a range of exciting sports including volleyball, rounders, netball and handball. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they tried new activities, developed their skills, and most importantly, had lots of fun!

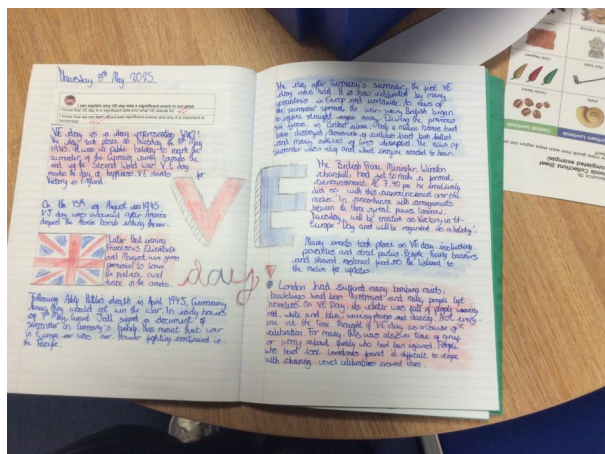


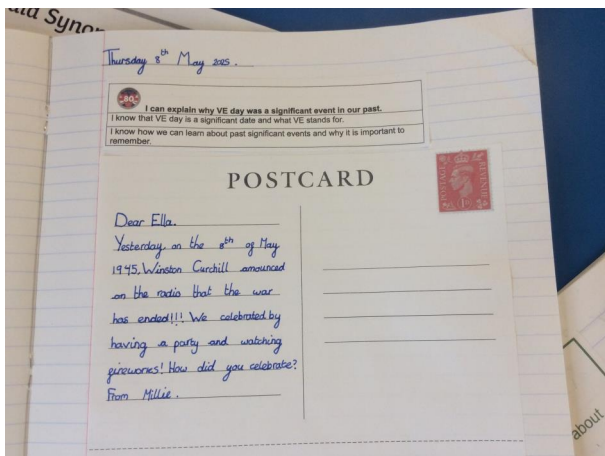
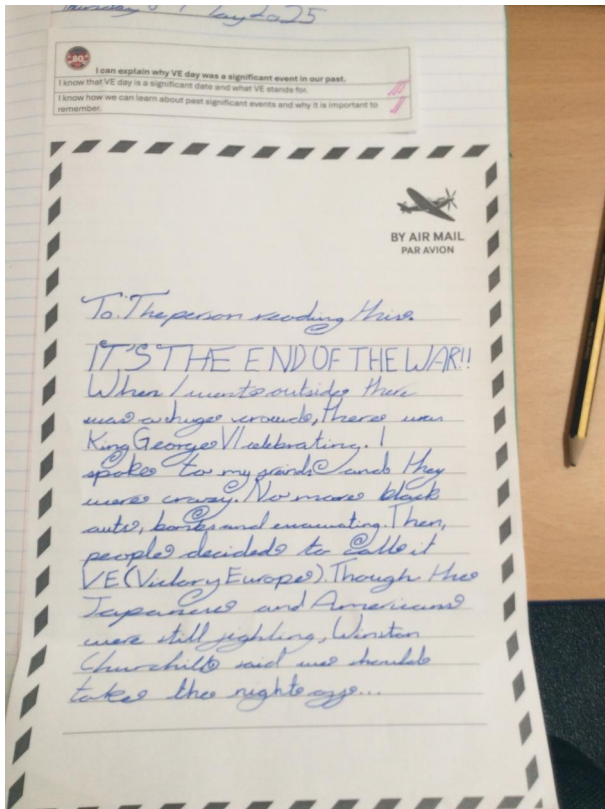
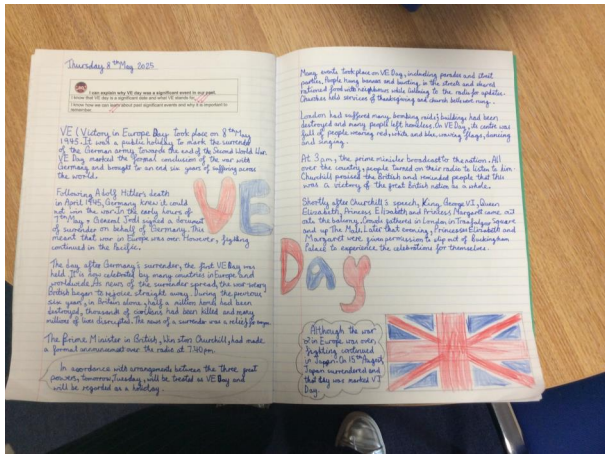





## VE Day

In recognition of the 80th anniversary of VE Day this week, children across the school completed an activity to mark this important event. In classes, we discussed what VE Day meant and how it was celebrated throughout England.





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I know how we can learn about past significant events and why it is important to remember.

Tuesday 8th May 1945




BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

To: F Dad



I'm sure you already know but it's V.E day! Today, in the morning, banners ~~at~~ were hung everywhere and flags were flying! Everything was joyfull! And guess what the royal family came down to the balcony to come and wave to us all and Winston Churchill was there to! In the evening, there were bonfires and fireworks! I can't believe the Nazis stopped us from basically accessing any source of lights! At 10 P.m people were still out partying! No curfew! Of course many people were still upset about people who had died but everyone new today was about celebration!

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BY AIR MAIL  
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To Mum, IT IS THE  
END OF THE WAR!!!

When I went outside there were tons of people all raising flags. It was amazing. Everyone was celebrating, dancing, singing and I even saw King George VI and Winston Churchill. Also I don't know why but I think I saw Queen Elizabeth II on the street. I don't know why but the most important thing is that the war is over!  
From Luke.



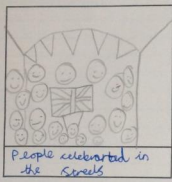
To Weronika,

You have probably heard but the war is over! I am writing this letter to tell you about my experience at VE day. It all started when Winston Churchill announced that Germany had backed down from the war, meaning we had won. People were cheering and celebrating all over the streets. There were flags and bunting covering all the buildings. People were singing, dancing and everyone was dressed in red, white and blue. The city was exploding with color. King George VI himself was out on the balcony! We got to stay out really late in the night, and we had a bonfire! We were finally able to have lights and fireworks. For the first time when we

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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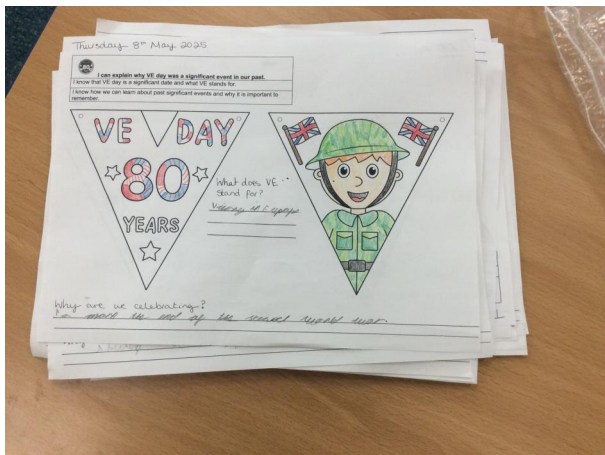
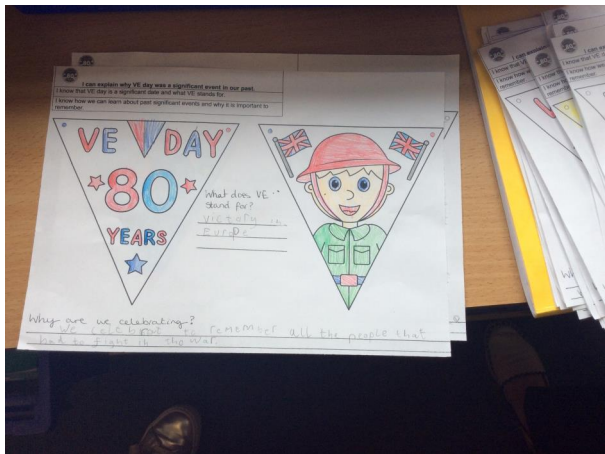
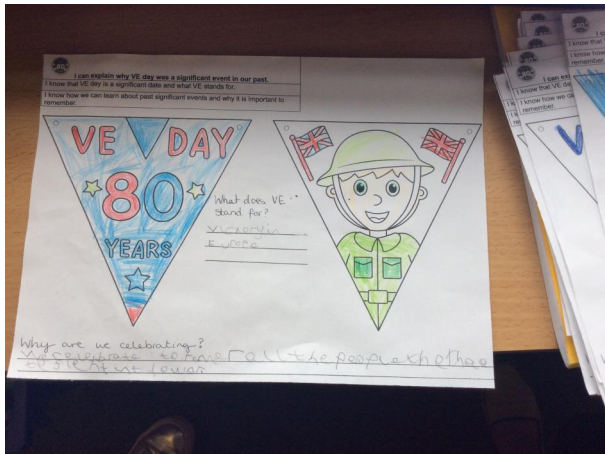
# VICTORY IN EUROPE!

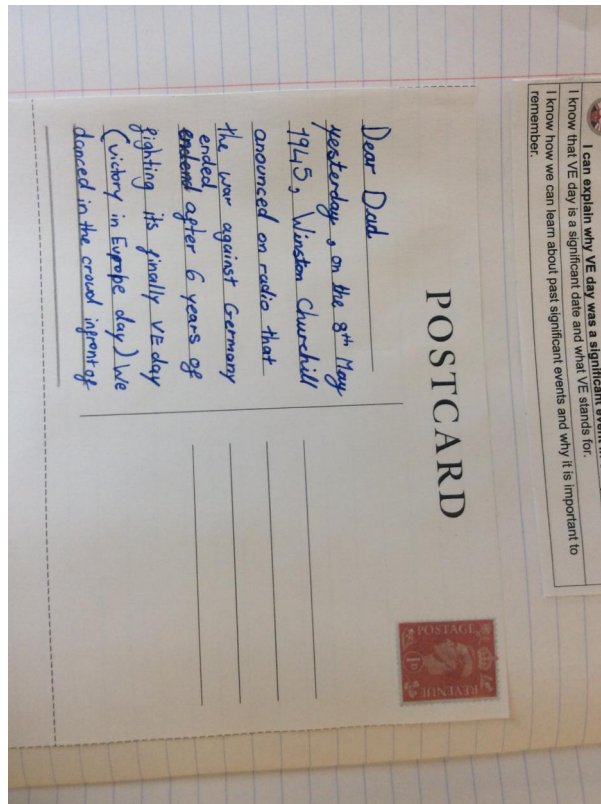
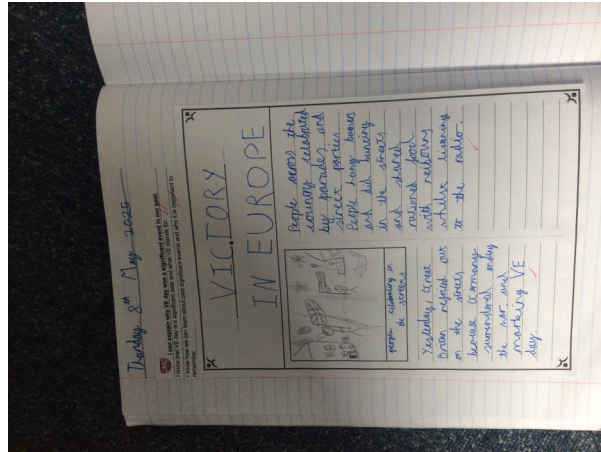


People celebrated in the streets.

Yesterday, the populations of Great Britain rejoiced on the streets because the Germans had surrendered, ending the war in Europe. ✓

People across the country celebrated by streets parties. extremely large streets parties. And the <sup>prime minister</sup> ~~prime minister~~ <sup>parliament</sup> ~~parliament~~ talking about it on the radio. He said in accordance with arrangements between the three great powers, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday. ✓





## Attendance

As a school, we monitor attendance figures on a weekly basis. We aim to have an average of 96%. We appreciate that there will be times with sickness bugs and illnesses which has an impact on children's attendance. However, good attendance means children are able to make progress with their learning. Well done **Robins** who have the highest attendance so far this year.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
Foundation	Kingfishers	95.82%
Foundation	Robins	97.35%
Year 1	Penguins	95.59%
Year 1	Puffins	90.77%
Year 2	Flamingos	95.67%
Year 2	Toucans	95.83%
Year 3	Hummingbirds	95.64%
Year 3	Nightingales	95.46%
Year 4	Jackdaws	96.01%
Year 4	Woodpeckers	95.49%
Year 5	Hawks	94.88%
Year 5	Red Kites	94.52%
Year 6	Eagles	96.63%
Year 6	Kestrels	95.30%

## Times Table Rock Stars

I have organised a Times Table Rock Stars competition for Years 3-6. They are playing for the chance of winning a trophy and being crowned champions of TTRS. The children can only earn points for their teams outside of school hours and are only able to earn points for 30 minutes a day. There are 3 weeks of fixtures, with each fixture starting every Tuesday and ending on Sunday evening. There will not be a fixture during SATs week.

As well as the class competition, there is also an individual competition taking place every Thursday during school hours. This is a league and knockout competition with the chance of winning a trophy.

Have fun and keep practising those tables!

Mr Clack

## Message from the Governors

The Governing Body has met twice since we last wrote to you and continues to be encouraged and proud of all that we hear take place at Eynsham. We regularly visit the school during the day, and Governors have recently made visits to look at Safeguarding, Assessment, Health & Safety, and Behaviour.

We were really pleased to hear that the improved use of the outdoor areas and lunchtime activities has helped increase children's engagement during playtimes. During our visits, we have been able to see pupils at play, enjoying their improved outdoor areas, and we have been particularly impressed by the Year 6 Play Leaders. The Governors have always been really impressed by the excellent behaviour displayed by pupils at Eynsham; they are always

willing to talk to us during our visits, exhibit a keen thirst for learning, and always speak positively about their enjoyment of school.

The school continues to forge good links with members of staff from the other schools in the EPA. We were impressed to hear at our recent meeting that there has been some collaborative work with the Headteacher at Hanborough Manor on Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA), and three members of staff have restarted work on the Inspire Curriculum (Years 5-8) in collaboration with Bartholomew and the other EPA Primary schools.

Assessment is a key part of the learning process at ECPS and is frequently discussed with Governors throughout the year. The assessment data is currently strong and demonstrates effective teaching of the curriculum, with targeted teaching where necessary. The school has robust assessment systems in place to ensure any gaps are flagged, and intervention teaching is given. As the KS2 SATs examinations approach, we would like to wish all of the Year 6 pupils the very best of luck.

## Summer Fair



Please see below for important information about this year's Summer Fair.

**PTA Summer Fair Friday 23rd May after school from 3pm until 5pm**

We are excited to announce that this year's Summer Fair will be taking place following our Summer Dance performances. Each year group will perform to their chosen songs,

showcasing their talent and hard work. After the performances, the party will continue with a BBQ, summer bar, fair rides, stalls, tombola, bouncy castle, and a special appearance by the Witney Motor Club with a selection of rally & vintage cars. We are also delighted to have a visit from the Eynsham fire service, adding to the excitement of the day.

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### **Non Uniform Day - Friday the 16th May 2025**

To help stock the tombola stall, we will be having a non uniform day on Friday 16th May in exchange for donations for the stall. Please can we ask you to bring in your contributions on the morning of **Friday 16th May**. All donations can be left at the school office, on the green trolleys, or in your child's classroom. Please can the children donate the following:

- **Foundation: Sweets & biscuits**
- **Year 1: Sweets & biscuits**
- **Year 2 & 3: Crisps & snacks**
- **Year 4 & 5: Confectionery & tins**
- **Year 6: Cans, beer & bottles of wine**

### **ON THE DAY:**

#### **Cake Donations 23rd May**

We will be asking for cake donations for the cake stall, please can you drop off any homemade or shop bought delights to the office on Friday the 23rd May.

### **Helpers**

We really need volunteers to help set up or clear away after the fair. If you can spare some time to help, even just an hour, please let us know your availability by emailing [lucy.merry@eynshamapps.co.uk](mailto:lucy.merry@eynshamapps.co.uk) or visiting the office.

### **Token**

This year, we will have the option for parents to purchase tokens for the children to use at the Summer Fair. The tokens will have a cash equivalent value. There is no minimum or maximum number you can purchase. These tokens will be available to purchase on the day of the Summer Fair from the BAR and FOOD stalls. You can pay for the tokens with either

cash or by card. For all other stalls cash or tokens can be used. You can also purchase tokens from the school office from **Monday 19th May**. This will be cash only. Tokens can be used on all stalls, games and refreshments, apart from the Hatwell fair rides. **You will not be able to exchange any unused tokens at the end of the fair for a refund.** If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Lucy Merry.

### **TEDDY TOMBOLA**

We are looking for donations for our Teddy Tombola, please drop off any donated teddies to the school office by **Monday the 19th May**.



### **School Picnic Lunch – PRE ORDER REQUIRED**

The school catering company, Dolce, has arranged for a whole school picnic to happen on the day of the School Fair. This must be preordered via the school grid app before **Sunday 18th May**. Or please provide a picnic lunch for your child from home.

Please note that there will be **no hot school dinners available on this day**.

Thank you very much, we couldn't do this without your continued support.

Your PTA

### **Emergency Services Day**

Witney Emergency Services are holding an open day on Saturday, where children and adults can come along for a fun, family-friendly day as we celebrate the incredible work of our emergency services!

Please click the link below for more details

<https://thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/Alerts/A/264541/999-Emergency-Services-Day-Witney>

## Photography Competition

Just a reminder about a local nature photography competition which is open to primary age children (with £30 prize for the winner!)

### Photography Competition



Celebrate Nature & showcase your snapping skills with our photography competition!

To mark five years of the Nature Recovery Network, we're calling out for nature themed entries focusing on celebrating our local environment, the intrinsic value of our natural world and what it brings us. From the smallest of flowers in our back gardens and green havens, to creatures and natural networks in the wild, we're looking forward to receiving your submissions!

- Under 11s - £30 prize
- 11-17 years old - £50 prize
- Adults 18+ - £100 prize

(With one winner plus one runner up in each category)

Photos can be taken with a camera, smartphone, or other device but must be submitted in a digital format as at min 5mb - max 10mb 300ppi.

Submit your photo by Friday 6th June to [alice@millstreetarts.co.uk](mailto:alice@millstreetarts.co.uk)

Winners announced & photography displayed on Saturday 21st June 2025 at The Big Midsummer Meadow Nature Celebration event & at Mill Street Arts.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April:	Mini Marathon FS- Yr6
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May:	Mayday parade
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May:	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May:	Foundation trip to Farmer Gows
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	Cygnets and Ducklings group and individual photos
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May:	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Non Uniform</b> Day in exchange for tombola donations
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May:	Big Summer Sing (yr 3)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May:	Foundation stage group and individual photos, Year 6 group and yearbook photos
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May:	Year 1-5 class photos
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May:	PTA Summer Fete with Dance performances: 2:00pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May:	Last day of half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:	Term 3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> half) begins
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June:	Sulgrave Manor- Year 6
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June:	KS1 Cricket Festival
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 5 trip to Oxford
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	KS2 Quadkids at Tisley Park
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Bournemouth Beach- Year 1
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	Foundation Stage Parent Information Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 6 Transition Day at Bartholomew
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	Meet the new teacher day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 6 Transition Day at Bartholomew
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July:	EYFS Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July:	Year 3 trip to Mandir
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July:	Sports Day

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July:	Back up sports day in case of bad weather
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reports out
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Year 6 Production to the school: 1.30pm
Thursday 10th July	Year 6 Production to parents: 1:30pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)
Thursday 10th July:	Year 6 Production to parents/carers: 6pm
Thursday 17th July:	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents/carers 1:15pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

## Awards



### Headteacher Award:

Year 6 - Julia, Eddie

Year 4- Kylie, Leo, Leo F

Year 3- Jude, Laila, Lillie-Rose, Leo

Year 2- George, Edie

Year 1- Angelina, Xander

### Reading Award:

Year 6 -Max

Year 4- Annika, Jude

Year 3- Albert, Owen, Mark, Lola

Year 2- Leo

Year 1- Angel, Lea

### Writing Award:

Year 6 - Dory, Flo

Year 4- Jacob, Lily

Year 2- Nathan, Oliver

Year 1- Riley, Alexander

**Maths Award:**

Year 6 - Ellis, Phoebe, Owen

Year 4- Will, Antonia, Lucia

Year 3- Henry, Nancy, Harry

Year 2- Milo, Poppy, Tom

Year 1- Zen, Toby

**Well Done Award:**

Year 6- Millie

Year 2- Iris, Annabelle

**Silver Award:**

Year 4- Skylar, Harrison

**Platinum Award:**

Year 4- Leo, Arthur, Oliver

Year 3- Peace

Year 2- George, Dylan

Year 1- Xander, Julia

**Diamond Award:**

Year 6- Ellis

Year 4- Lucas, Annika, Amelie, India, Timea, Lucia, Maya, Leo

Year 3- Harvey, Sam, Xian, George, Zach, Artie

Year 2- Eleanor, Leah, Sapphire, Edie, Robyn, Willow, Eva

## Contact

If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff here at school, please see the contact details below

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