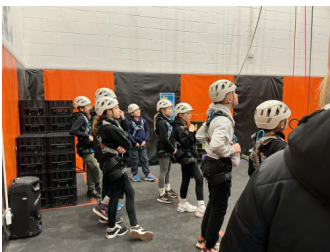




# Weekly Newsletter

## Parents Evening Reminder

If you have not already done so, please could we remind you to book a Parents Evening appointment with your child's class teacher by 10.30pm today. This can be done through the MCAS app. The dates for the appointments are Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th March between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.



## Year 2 Explore the Great Fire of London at Staircase House

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Staircase House as part of their work on the Great Fire of London. The children took part in a range of hands-on workshops and drama activities, stepping into the roles of maids, guards, Samuel Pepys, and even the Mayor of London, to bring the events of 1666 vividly to life. A highlight of the day was making boat biscuits, a simple mix of flour, water and salt; just as they would have been in the 17th century. This activity gave pupils a real insight into the types of foods people relied on during the period. To round off the visit, the children designed their own fire company logos, showing brilliant creativity and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful trip that made history memorable, engaging, and truly immersive for our Year 2 learners.



## Year 6 - Robinwood Residential

**This week Year 6 have been to Robinwood Residential. They have taken part in lots of different activities which developed their teamwork and communication skills as well as challenging their daring, grit and determination. The activities included exciting ones such as zip line, giant swing and crate challenge as well as ones which required them to think carefully and work as a team to solve puzzles and escape the piranha pool or the dungeons. Night line, which really asked the children to trust and depend upon each other, was also a very popular activity. The children have returned very tired, but also very happy and with stories of funny and supportive leaders at Robinwood as well as lots of good food and the ever popular brownies at snack time!**

**'It was fun!' - Pippa**

**'Fun, fun, fun with a sprinkling of fun on top!' - Florence**

**'Scary but fun!' - Rosa**

**'The group leaders were really fun and considerate. The food was amazing as well!' - Jack**

# GROW STARS OF THE WEEK

**Reception**  
**Seb & Denis**

**KS1**

**Year 1: Alfie & Karina**  
**Year 2: Thea & Finley**

**KS2**

**Year 3: Gracie & Charlie**  
**Year 4: Daniel & Elsie**  
**Year 5: George & Luna**

**Year 6: Archie & Suleman and all of Year 6**

## Reception - Toys Throughout Time

This week, we welcomed a visitor from the Portland Basin Museum for a Toys Throughout Time workshop.

The children had a fantastic time exploring and playing with a wide range of traditional and historic toys.

They were fascinated to see how toys have changed over the years, and they learned a lot about how materials, designs, and play styles have evolved.

It was a fun, hands-on session that really brought history to life!



## Branching Out/Kids Club News

### Kids Club Behaviour Policy Update

We would like to let families know that Kids Club is now aligning with the school's primary trust behaviour policy, with some adaptations to ensure it is appropriate for our setting.

Any behaviour incidents that occur during Kids Club will be managed separately from the school day. However, if a situation arises where a behaviour meeting would be helpful, we may look at the child's needs across both the school day and Kids Club to ensure we are offering the most consistent and supportive approach.

Thank you for your continued support.

This week, at Branching Out, we have been enjoying the introduction to the spring weather with lots of outdoor games and activities.

We have also been making Mother's Day crafts and charms for the special ladies in our lives.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

For a full list of dates for the 2025-26 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.

Date	Event
<b>March</b>	
9th	Year 2 visit to Staircase House
9th-11th	Year 6 residential
16th	Parent Teacher Meetings
18th	Parent Teacher Meetings
23rd	Class photos
26th	Easter Disco
<b>27th</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>April</b>	
13th	<b>School reopens</b>
13th-14th	Year 3 residential trip
<b>May</b>	
4th	<b>Bank Holiday: School Closed</b>
11th	Year 6 SATS week
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Last Day of term</b>

## PTA Easter Disco

The PTA Easter Disco will take place on Thursday 26th March. Tickets are £5 per child and are available to purchase on MCAS. *Please be aware no child can attend without a ticket which MUST be purchased by Friday 20th March.*

There will be a tuck shop and a stall run by Year 6 parents available on the night.

Times:

Reception and Year 1	4.30pm-5.30pm
Years 2 and 3	5.45pm-6.45pm
Years 4, 5 and 6	7.00pm-8.00pm

