

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Silbury	423pts
Kennet	419pts
Ridgeway	415pts
Avebury	411pts



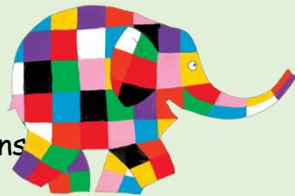
Well done to all!

## Nursery News

In nursery we always celebrate our similarities and differences, but this week the story of Elmer prompted our discussions.



We have also enjoyed finding out more about camouflage and understanding how patterns can be important for animals in the wild.



## Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.



Sam and Chloe (Ash)  
Roman and Alara (Oak)  
Jessica and Henry (1Elm)  
Chloe and Imogen (1Holly)  
Noah and Umut (2Beech)  
Esme, Ryan and Harper (2Hazel)  
Frank and Klara (3Alder)  
Jaydan and Freya (3Birch)  
Camdynn and Sophie (4Chestnut)  
Basirat and Ava (4Hornbeam)  
Yemi, Zara and Oscar (5Rowan)  
Jack, Jacob and Olivia (5Sycamore)  
Alex and Eli (6Juniper)  
Michael and Toby (6Willow)

Well done to all of you

## Foundation Stage Sports Day

Nursery and Reception children will be having their 'Sports Day' morning at 10am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.



Both age groups will run a similar event from either ends of the track. Parents are invited to join them via the gate to the field at the top of the car park.

## Swimathon Success for David and Daniel

In an exciting swimming achievement this Sunday, David swam 86 laps and Daniel swam 62 laps in one hour to raise money for the Swindon Down Syndrome Group Charity. Based on the number of laps swum, David finished 2nd overall among 23 swimmers aged 7 to 16 years. They were awarded these certificates and medals. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done boys, staying active and Paying Forward at the same time!



## Year 5 Gambia Project 2024

Y5 enjoyed another visit from Neil Griffiths last week. He came to tell the children what the money from their Y5 cake sale at the Amble had been spent on. They were shocked and thrilled to hear that their money had paid for all the children and teachers in all 4 schools to have eye tests. Further funds have been provided to ensure those that need glasses now get them. We are so proud of the children's achievements and the positive outcome it has had on The Gambian children.

In return, we sent Neil back with 4 beautiful scrap books of our life at Abbey Meads to show the children there what life is like in our school. He is so excited to share them with the children.

Neil has promised to come back to see the children in Year 6, once he has delivered the books to the children in the Gambian schools.



## Year 6 Camp Out

See you all at 5.45pm to start putting up your tents. Activities start at 6.30pm. Please make sure you are ready to start activities at 6.30pm and have either eaten or you arrange to bring, collect food, drinks etc.



## Second Hand Book Sale

Come along next Thursday July 4th and buy some used books.

**All books 10p**, so bring your loose change!  
Outside the main entrance 2.45pm -3.15pm



## Planning Ahead (item repeated every week this term...)

- 5<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fete - 4pm until 7pm  
*Activities and fun - FOAMS PTA fundraising.  
In the Hall and out on the grounds - see poster on page 3*
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Open Hour (Collect Pupil Reports) 4.30pm  
*Come and collect pupil reports. This is the earliest you can collect the pupil reports as they contain important information*
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Foundation Stage Sports Day - *time tbc*  
*Sporty things for an hour on the field and parents/families can come and watch their Nursery and Reception children.*
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Children meet next year's teacher  
*Children meet the staff who will be working with them from September. This is children only in school time. 9.15am!*
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Musical Extravaganza - 1.30pm  
*All parents and families are invited to join us for a Musical Extravaganza on the field - 1.30pm. Bring chairs/blankets etc.*
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - Art Day - *just in school time for children!*
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - Discos - 5-6pm and 6.15-7.30pm  
*Payments from last time will be carried over. If you did not pay last time please use Parent Pay*
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Break the uniform rules day  
*Another Non-Uniform day but just for fun! Break the uniform rules and really push the boat out if you want. Children must be 'decent' and nothing considered dangerous!*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Yr6 Performance 1 - 2pm - School Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Yr6 Performance 2 - 6.30pm - Hall  
*Parents of Yr6 children will be offered the chance to watch one of these performances - tickets only.*
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - Yr6 Party Day  
*Year 6 children have now written excellent letters to Mr Buckley and he has given his approval, which means the event is currently on! This is of course dependent on Yr6 continuing to set and reach the highest standards in all they do for their remaining 28 days left at AMCPS!*
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of school year!  
*What it says on the tin! Being a Wednesday this means 3pm for the main school and 6pm for Sunshine Club.  
Our first day of 2024-2025 is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.*

[Click here for a reminder about the diary dates](#) →



## Open Hour Teaching

Thank you to the parents and extended families who came to watch our children learning (and teachers teaching!) on Tuesday this week. Opening the doors for this purpose isn't normal and is something very few schools do. We are grateful that you took the time to come and see us at work, and for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we got after the event.

Thank you to the staff for being so open and welcoming the parents in to see them teach. Sometimes being watched by parents can be scarier than Ofsted!!

The feedback proved it was well worth it and appreciated by those who came.



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# SUMMER FETE

5th July 4-7 p.m

Entry: 50p an adult  
Children free

BBQ  
GlamORose Cakes  
Raffaele's Ice Cream  
Games  
Craft  
Tombolas  
Raffle

## Year 4 Trip to Moulton Hill Country Park

Year 4 had an excellent day at Moulton Hill on Monday.

The day included walking there and back, as well as a full day of geographical fieldwork and environmental studies. It was another full and exhausting day, but so rewarding, with all children behaving beautifully and



being a real credit to their school. We continue to bring learning alive by using the local environment and learning a few life skills on the way... well done to all in Year 4. We are very proud of you!

## Spencer scores a try at Twickenham

Congratulations Spencer on scoring a try at the home of rugby! Spencer had a minis rugby festival at Twickenham last Saturday morning and he was excited to score a try in his last game. He was then lucky enough to watch Wales v South Africa and then Barbarians v Fiji. Well done Spencer!



## Amazing Achievement for Amelia

Back in May, Amelia attended an audition for the Junior Associates Programme through the Royal Ballet School. She was notified last week that she has been successful in her audition and will start attending sessions in September! From over a thousand dancers audition only around 10-15% of them are successful from locations around the UK.



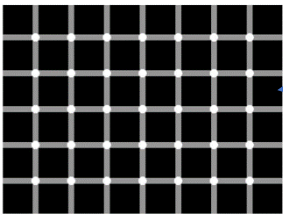
### Tommy Celebrates 1 Year Cancer Free

Tommy was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in March 2023 and he has been in remission since November 2023. He got the all-clear of his bone marrow on the 27th of June last year! So, he has been cancer free a year yesterday!

Which is just amazing!

Even though he was in hospital yesterday, he still enjoyed showing off his t-shirt.

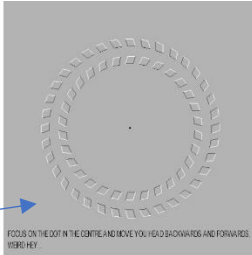
We look forward to seeing you back at school soon Tommy.



Count the black dots! :o)

Count the black dots

Focus on the dot and move your head in and out



FOCUS ON THE DOT IN THE CENTRE AND MOVE YOUR HEAD BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS HERE! HEY!

## Summer 2024

We are delighted to announce that SBC has partnered with Holiday Activities again to support our HAF provision for the Summer Period.

The ordering process is similar to the previous periods through the Holiday Activities platform. Holiday Activities will be emailing and phoning schools shortly.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for HAF, a child must fall into one of the following categories:

- In receipt of **benefits related** free school meals
- Additional 15%:
  - Young Carers
  - Children on a child protection/ Child in Need plan

What is the [Holiday Activities and Food Programme?](#)

### How it works

- [Ordering additional HAF places manually](#)
- [Ordering additional HAF places automatically](#)



Please note that for Summer 2024 children will be allocated 16 x day sessions for HAF, this means they can access 16 different activities rather than being limited to 1 HAF provider as per previous HAF programmes.

Summer HAF will be running from 29<sup>th</sup> July-30<sup>th</sup> August.

If you feel you are eligible please follow the links above.

If you feel you have difficulty doing this please contact the school office for help.