

Friday 21 January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

## Space Week

With Space Week having taken place last week, it has been fantastic to hear many children across the school continue to talk about some of the interesting and inspiring facts that they have learned. Many of our female students across the school have asked great questions about the women that have contributed to Space missions, if you would like to find out more about the important contributions that women have made then you can start here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIEach7rmDg>

## Homework

Please be reminded that homework is an important part of your child's education and supporting them to complete their home learning allows them to consolidate what they have learned in school. Likewise, there is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development. If you have any questions about supporting your child with their homework or encouraging them to read more at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

I wish you all a safe and happy weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## Spring Term First Half 2022 Key Dates

**Wednesday 26 January**  
Daffodil Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**School nurse drop-in**  
Wednesday 26 January at 8.50am

**Tuesday 1 February**  
Sunflower Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Wednesday 2 February**  
Lilac Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Wednesday 2 February**  
Magnolia Class at Science Museum

**Friday 4 February**  
Number Day

**Tuesday 8 February**  
Safer Internet Day

**Friday 11 February**  
Last day of term

*\*dates may be added or amended as necessary*

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	96%
Bluebell	92.6%
Daisy	96.6%
Daffodil	90.6%
Lilac	95%
Sunflower	89.8%
Poppy	96.6%
Lily	99.6%
Carnation	93.7%
Orchid	92.5%
Magnolia	94.7%

Congratulations to Lily Class & Magnolia Class who are our KS1 and KS2 attendance award winners this week with 99.6% and 94.7% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of each term will receive a special prize. Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day.

Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.



**ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY**

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Star of the Week in Buttercup Class goes to Affan! This week, Affan has been working exceptionally hard to follow the school rules and to be a positive role model to his peers. In addition, during phonics Affan has been doing fantastic partner work and has been helping his peers. We are really impressed with your effort this week, Affan. Keep it up!



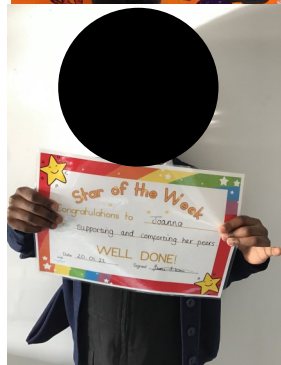
Star of the Week in Daisy Class is Sophia. Sophia has been showing fantastic understanding when finding one less than a number. She has mastered using a numbering to find one less. Well done, Sophia!



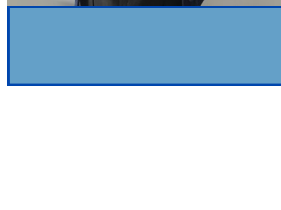
Star of the Week in Bluebell Class goes to Olena for settling in well and trying her best to learn and follow the class rules.



Star of the Week in Daffodil Class goes to Joanna. Joanna is always keen to help others in class. In helping others Joanna is understanding and supportive. She loves to work as a team and bring a smile to everyone's face. Well done Joanna, keep it up!



Star of the Week in Lilac Class goes to Zareen. Zareen has been an excellent role model to her peers this week, she has been encouraging others to make the right choice and has been a very kind friend to her partner! Well done, Zareen!



Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Jorgie. Jorgie has been working hard this term to be a good partner, she has been making good choices and showing kindness towards those she is working with. She has also been consistently using her strategies to solve problems in partner talk. Well done Jorgie, keep up the good work.



Star of the Week in Lily Class is Pearl! During our Maths lessons, Pearl has been able to identify and discuss the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes. She has answered questions confidently and supported her peers too. Sensational work, Pearl!



Star of the Week in Poppy Class goes to Aanya for her work in Maths. She is able to clearly explain her ideas to the rest of the class and enjoys challenging herself. Keep up the fantastic work, Aanya!



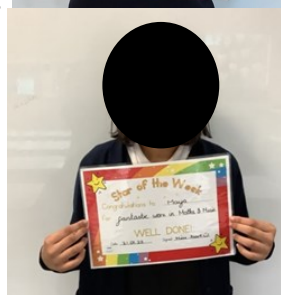
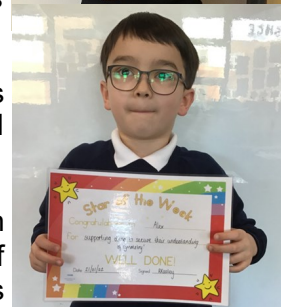
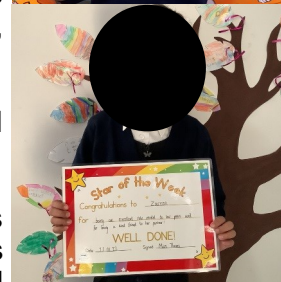
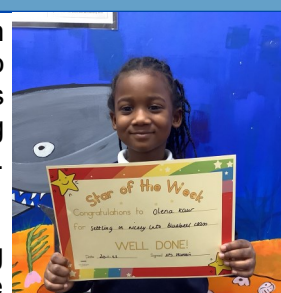
Star of the Week in Carnation Class goes to Matthew. Matthew has had a great first week in Carnation Class. He has settled well and has shown 100% effort! Keep it up!



Star of the Week in Orchid Class is Alex! Alex is a keen mathematician and has shown an excellent understanding of symmetry, which he has shared with fellow classmates. Alex has worked hard to support his classmates secure their understanding of symmetry also! Excellent work, Alex!



Star of the Week for Magnolia class is Maya. She has been working extremely hard in our Maths and Music lessons this week and she has made great contributions to the whole class discussions. Well done, Maya!





## HEADTEACHER AWARD

The Headteacher Award in Buttercup Class goes to Isabel! Since the beginning of the school term, Isabel's confidence has greatly improved, and she is now confident to write sentences independently. Well Done, Isabel!

The Headteacher Award in Daisy Class goes to Jwana. This week, we are reading 'The Jolly Postman'. Jwana used her phonic knowledge to help her write a fantastic description of the Jolly Postman. Keep up the fantastic work, Jwana!

The Headteacher Award in Bluebell Class goes to Umar. Congratulations to Umar for trying his best to pronounce all his sounds correctly when speaking and writing.

The Headteacher Award in Daffodil Class goes to Meida. This week, Meida has been working hard to extend her ideas in Literacy. She is using more ambitious adjectives and punctuation in her writing. Well done Meida, we are proud of you!

The Headteacher Award in Lilac Class goes to Grace. Grace has been making a super effort to use her sounds to write sentences independently! Fantastic effort Grace, keep up the great work!

The Headteacher Award in Sunflower Class is Zayan. Zayan did some beautiful reading this week with his teacher, he was decoding lots of real words and alien words by looking for special friends carefully. Well done, Zayan!

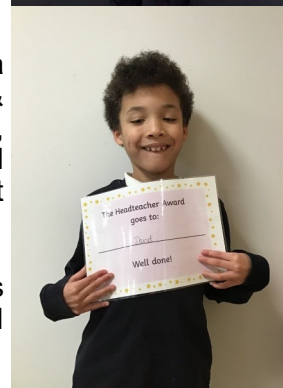
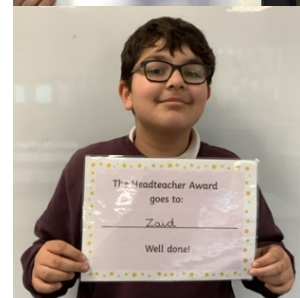
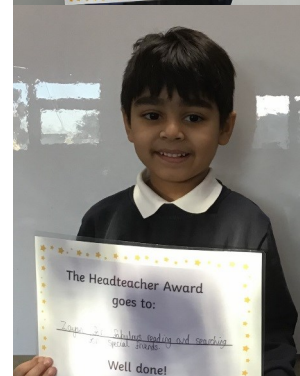
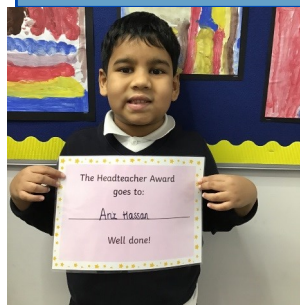
The Headteacher Award in Lily Class goes to Ariz! Throughout this term, Ariz has been a really supportive and encouraging friend to his peers. He always congratulates others for their achievements. What lovely manners, Ariz. Well done!

The Headteacher Award in Poppy Class goes to Sandra! Sandra has received the Headteacher Award for her ideas in Literacy & Language. This week, we discussed when we have felt frustrated, like Cottonwool Colin in the story we are reading. Sandra shared her story of wanting to cook lots of food and feeling frustrated that she was too young to use the oven!

The Headteacher Award in Carnation Class goes to David. David is a fantastic role model to the class. He is always ready to learn and shares his ideas clearly. Well done!

The Headteacher Award in Orchid Class goes to Dilasu! Dilasu has shown an outstanding improvement in not only her handwriting, but her confidence to write independently! Dilasu was able to independently write an engaging newspaper article!

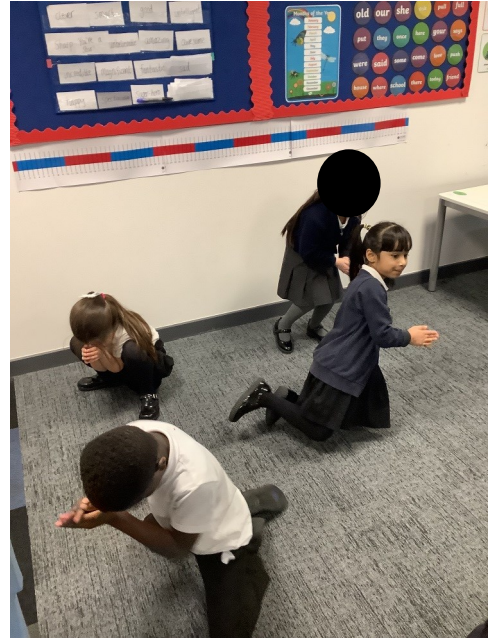
The Headteacher Award for Magnolia class is presented to Zaid! He has shown real enthusiasm in our Literacy lessons this week and he has created an amazing poem about the start and end of a nightmare. Two of the lines he wrote were:  
'Shattered dreams fell as sharp as nightmares,  
As meteor showers circling like memories around your head'.





## CURRICULUM CORNER—YEAR 1

In Music this half term, we are learning all about musical vocabulary. This week we were focusing on pulse and tempo. We listened to different pieces of music and discussed how the tempo changed throughout. Then we used pulse and tempo to tell a story about sharks.



We thought carefully about the tempo (speed) of the sharks moving through the water and when they might get faster or slower, we also learnt that the pulse is the heartbeat of the music. We thought of our own actions and sounds to represent different parts of the story!

