



FRIDAY ROUND UP

21st March 2025



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week.

Firstly, I would like to encourage everyone to take a moment to read the Social Media section in this newsletter. As technology continues to be a huge part of our children's lives, it is vital that we stay informed about the potential risks and how to keep them safe online.

As we start to see the first signs of summer, it's lovely to have some warmer and sunnier days. With this in mind, I'd like to remind parents that while children are welcome to bring a sun hat for outdoor play, we are unfortunately unable to allow sunglasses to be worn during the school day. If your child has a medical condition that requires them to wear sunglasses, please do get in touch with the school office so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Finally, as we approach the end of term, I would like to remind everyone that the last days of term will now be full school days, finishing at the usual time of 3:30 pm, rather than half days. Please ensure any necessary arrangements are made in advance.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

Class R were excited to invite their parents in for their second 'stay and play' session of the year. We showed them how we strengthen our fingers in our 'funky fingers' session and had fun with them during learning through play. Thank you parents for taking the time to come in to school and playing with all children in the class. What a wonderful time was had by all.



Class 1 have been studying the unit of materials this half term. We completed an investigation where we had to design and then build a structure to withstand a wind. The children chose their own materials for the structure, created a design and we used a hair dryer for the wind.




Year 1 had a lovely walk in the Spring sunshine to the Chinese Bridge. We looked for local landmarks and did some observational drawings.




E-Safety

The Hidden Dangers of WhatsApp for Primary-Age Children

WhatsApp is a popular way for children to stay connected, but for younger users, it can create social challenges and risks, especially in group chats. Here are some key concerns:

 **Exclusion and Friendship Issues** Group chats can quickly become a source of anxiety for children. They may feel pressured to be online constantly to keep up with conversations, and being left out of a group—or removed by others—can lead to feelings of rejection and upset.

 **Unkind Messages and Peer Pressure** Without adult supervision, children may use WhatsApp to gossip, spread rumours, or send unkind messages. The informal nature of messaging can lead to misunderstandings, and children may feel pressured to join in with negative behaviour to fit in.

Exposure to Inappropriate Content Even among peers, children can be exposed to messages, images, or videos that are unsuitable. With end-to-end encryption, parents cannot monitor content, making it harder to ensure a safe environment.

What Can Parents Do?

- Know who they're chatting with – Talk to your child about their group chats and make sure they only talk to people they know and trust.
- Encourage respectful communication – Remind children that messages should always be kind and considerate.
- Set boundaries – Help your child establish healthy limits on WhatsApp use to prevent screen-time stress.
- Teach them to speak up – Let them know they can always come to you if they see or receive something upsetting.

For more guidance, visit [NSPCC Online Safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 24th and Mon 31st March - Raffle tickets on sale from 8.30am

Thursday 27th March - Class R Mothers Day Assembly 9.15am start followed by Class R Mothers day tea and cake

Friday 28th March - Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm

Tuesday 1st April - Eucharist at St Mary's Church - 9am start

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April - INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd April - Children return to school