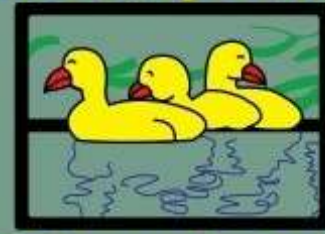


Fleckney CE Newsletter



Headteacher Update

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding half-term, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all the fantastic experiences our children have enjoyed here at Fleckney Primary School - so read on to find out!

A very special well done to our Foundation Stage children for their recent performance to parents and carers — what a show it was! The children sang beautifully and performed with such confidence and enthusiasm. It was clear just how much effort had gone into preparing for the event, and a huge thank you must go to the Foundation Stage team for all their hard work and dedication in making it such a success.

It was also a pleasure to attend a STEM conference at Robert Smyth on Saturday 7th March with Mrs Korja and a group of 20 pupils. The children fully embraced the day, taking part in a range of exciting and engaging activities.

Their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm were commented on by other schools, which made us incredibly proud.

Our Year 3 Maths Breakfast Club has also got off to a fantastic start this term. Combining maths with a few tasty snacks has certainly proved popular, and it's been great to see the children starting their Mondays feeling positive and ready for the week ahead.

This week, we were delighted to welcome a performance from Holy Trinity. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout, and their behaviour and attitude were exemplary — a real credit to the school.

As we approach the Easter break, we hope you all enjoy a well deserved rest and some special time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April for another exciting term of learning.

Mr Richards



Spring 2 Edition

Fleckney Primary Sports News

On Tuesday 10th March, our girls' football team played their final set of tournament fixtures. They put in a brilliant effort, winning three games and losing just one. There were plenty of goals, great teamwork, and some standout individual performances throughout. A big shout-out to the girls who stepped up to go in goal. Your courage and team spirit made a huge difference. Well done to everyone involved!

Year Six Dodgeball Tournament

Seven Year Six children travelled to Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough on Thursday 26th February, to take part in a Dodgeball tournament against local schools.

The games were very fast paced and energetic. Very quickly, the team learned to work together effectively. They showed great teamwork and were very vocal in their support for each other. They made the wise tactical decision to play their 'last player standing', which meant that one player, wearing a bib cannot be sent off in that match. Although we didn't win the tournament, all of the children played with great enthusiasm and determination. Well done.



Football coaches from Kibworth Town Football Club delivered sessions to Foundation Stage and Year One children as part of Girls' Football Week. The weather was perfect and the children all had a lot of fun. Thank you to the coaches and well done to the children.

Dance Festival Y6

Three year six children attended a dance festival at Robert Smyth Academy on Thursday 26th March. Year ten dance leaders from the academy planned a routine for each group to learn and perform. Our children practised a Zombie dance whilst other groups' danced to songs from Aladdin, Six and Matilda. It was a very creative and energy packed afternoon and a great deal of fun. The children really enjoyed the event, particularly as it was led by the year ten students. Thank you to the organisers and young leaders for putting on such a great event. Well done to all who took part.



Year Four Dodgeball Festival

On Thursday 12th March, six children from Year Four travelled to Welland Park Academy in Market Harborough to take part in a Dodgeball Festival. It began with skills training, before moving on to more competitive, fast moving games. Every player demonstrated skill, confidence and enthusiasm. They really supported each other, showing great team work and didn't stop smiling throughout the event. Well done to all who took part.



Football Tournament Year Five and Year Six

The final round of the football tournament was played on Tuesday 3rd March at Market Harborough Football Club. The Year Six Tournament was played first. They had three games against strong teams. The first match was against Kibworth. It was a fast moving game with the play moving quickly from one end of the field to the other. It was 0-0 for much of the match but Kibworth scored three goals in quick succession shortly before the final whistle. The second match was a closer games against Great Glen Primary. Again, there was no score for much of the game, until they scored their only goal, winning 1 - 0. The final match was against Ridgeway Primary. This was another confident team to face. They scored twice but we did manage to get one back thanks to a super cross from Hugo and a very impressive scissor kick goal by Braith. Every player demonstrated great skills, there were great tackles, impressive attacking runs and super saves. We didn't win the league but we did play with determination and energy. Well done all.

The sunny spring weather was ideal for the Tag Rugby Festival held at Market Harborough Rugby Club on Thursday 19th March.

Nine year four children took part in a range of training activities organised by young leaders from Robert Smyth Academy. First they practiced passing the ball quickly and efficiently. Next, they played 'Hare and Hounds' trying to take tags from other players' whilst avoiding losing their own. The teams then took part in a series of friendly matches. We played Meadowdale School first and drew the match. Thanks to some very swift sprinting and impressive agility, we won the next two games against Great Bowden and St Cuthbert's. We narrowly lost the last game to St. Joseph's. All of the players really demonstrated great enthusiasm, skills and impressive tactical awareness. Well done to all who took part.





Dojo Winners



Although Spring 2 has been a short half term, it has certainly been one of our busiest! Over the past five jam-packed weeks, children across the school have shown tremendous effort, enthusiasm, and commitment to their learning. Their hard work has really shone through, and this is clearly reflected in the fantastic number of Dojos earned throughout the term.

We are especially pleased to welcome several new pupils who joined us this half term. They have settled in brilliantly—embracing our routines, meeting our high expectations for behaviour, and demonstrating excellent learning behaviours from the very start. It has been wonderful to see them becoming part of our school family so quickly.

Every week, staff have been impressed by the determination, kindness, teamwork, and resilience on display across all year groups. Whether tackling new challenges in class, supporting friends, or showing maturity around school, our pupils consistently make us proud.

A huge well done to all of our Dojo winners for Spring 2, and indeed to every pupil who has worked so hard. Your positive attitudes and brilliant efforts are what make our school such a special place to be.

We look forward to even more achievements next half term!



Kindness Cup Winner



Elizabeth T – A Truly Remarkable Young Lady

Elizabeth is a wonderful and kind young lady whose presence has a way of brightening every space she enters. She carries herself with a gentle warmth that instantly puts others at ease, and her natural empathy shines through in everything she does.

What makes Elizabeth especially extraordinary is the intuition she brings into her interactions. She seems to sense when someone needs help, comfort, or simply a friendly face. Whether she's offering a thoughtful word, lending a hand, or quietly noticing the needs of those around her, she is consistently attentive and deeply considerate.

Her sensitivity is one of her greatest strengths. She is the type of person who notices children who are standing alone or feeling left out, and without hesitation, she steps in to offer friendship. This simple but profound act of kindness has an impact that reaches far beyond the moment—it makes others feel seen, valued, and included.

Elizabeth also has a beautiful way of giving compliments—genuine, heartfelt, and perfectly timed. She doesn't offer empty words; she speaks from sincerity, lifting others up with authenticity. Her smile is warm and inviting, and she greets everyone she comes across with kindness and respect, no matter who they are.

In all she does, Elizabeth radiates thoughtfulness. Her actions are quiet but powerful, her intentions pure, and her heart undeniably generous. It is clear to everyone who knows her that her compassion is not something she turns on or off - it is the essence of who she is.



Celebrating Excellent Attendance



Attendance League Tables

Overall

-  **1st** **96.9%** - Year 5
-  **2nd** **96.4%** - Year 4
-  **3rd** **96.2%** - Year 3
-  **4th** **95.8%** - Year 2
-  **5th** **94.1%** - Year 6
-  **6th** **92.9%** - Year 1
-  **7th** **91%** - FS

(national is 94.8%)

Persistent Absence

-  **1st** Year 4 - **8.2%**
-  **2nd** Year 3 - **8.8%**
-  **3rd** Year 5 - **10.6%**
-  **4th** Year 2 - **10.9%**
-  **5th** Year 6 - **13.0%**
-  **6th** Year 1 - **13.6%**
-  **7th** FS - **19.2%**

(% of children less than 90% attendance, national is 15.2%)



Foundation Stage

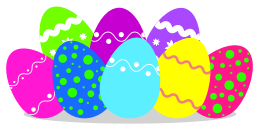


Foundation stage have been very busy this half term putting together and learning all the songs for our annual Carers Assembly, Ellie the Penguin! The children made us all very proud and they all loved being part of a special event. Everyone had a part to play.

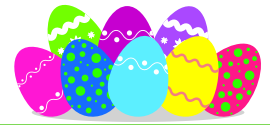
In our learning we have been exploring growing and planting, exploring the garden centre role play, new life and Spring and celebrating the Christian Festival of Easter by designing our own bunny faces!

In our maths mastery work we have been finding out the parts of different numbers using counting cubes and using the number blocks to help us.





Year 1

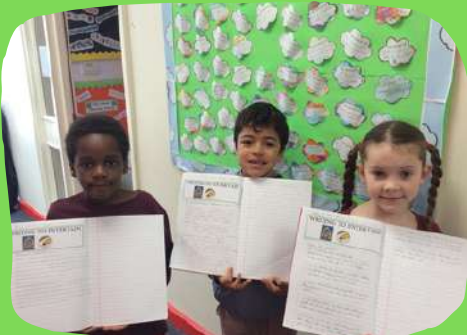
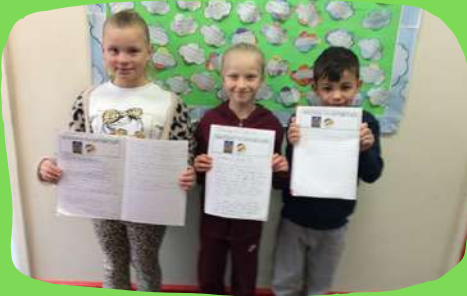


The Year 1 children have been busy developing their creative writing skills this half term. Finding inspiration from Chocolate Mug Cake recipes to Traditional Tales. They showed such enthusiasm for one of our shared story books, 'Katie and the Sunflowers' by James Mayhew. The children really enjoyed following Katie's adventure through an art gallery and seeing famous impressionist paintings, so much so, they then went on to share their creativity writing their own version of the story and designing a front cover for their own books too. Our Design and Technology topic has linked with our story of the Gingerbread Man and our science learning about Materials. The children were set the challenge of finding a way for the Gingerbread Man to cross with river without being eaten by the fox or getting wet and soggy! The children enjoyed testing the buoyancy of different materials and planning and refining their ideas to make a raft for the Gingerbread Man.

We all had great fun joining in the World Book Day celebrations, with the children amazing us with their toilet roll character creations. We were really impressed with their imagination and creating skills.



Year 2



In our Science topic this term we have been learning all about plants. The children have enjoyed learning about the different parts of a plant, seed dispersal and planting seeds and bulbs. The children had a go at planting their own sunflower seeds and took part in an experiment to compare what will happen to four plants under different conditions. The children predicted what would happen if a plant was given water and sunlight, water and no sunlight, no water and sunlight and no sunlight and no water. We have been checking the progress of the plants to see if our predictions were correct.

In our indoor PE lessons, the children have been learning a dance linked to our science topic, plants. Amelia Drummond-Harris, who is a student in Year 2 and a dance teacher, has choreographed and taught the children the dance to the song 'Green Garden' by Laura Mvula.

In English, the children have learnt all about the Great Fire of London. As well as finding out the differences between London 1666 and modern day London, the children also investigated how the Great Fire of London started and was eventually put out. The children took part in some drama activities and wrote a diary entry detailing the events of the Great Fire of London from the perspective of a rat.



Year 3



What a fabulous half term it has been for Year 3. Even though it was a short one, it was certainly jam-packed with exciting learning and memorable moments. We began the half term with a real treat: Performing Arts students visited Year 3 to teach the children a song along with the choreography to go with it. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the week, and their efforts shone brightly during a special showcase performance for the Year 2 children. Wow—what a show it was. The Year 3 pupils were absolutely fantastic, and it's clear we have some very talented performers in our midst.

In English, the children have been exploring the story of Paddington. This has led to thoughtful discussions about refugees, empathy, and what it might feel like to arrive in a new country and culture. The unit ended with the children writing a wonderful descriptive opening to a story, drawing on everything they had learned. In Maths, Year 3 have been busy learning about measures, including perimeter, and have now begun their new unit on fractions. They have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they tackle new concepts.

We were also lucky enough to celebrate World Book Day this half term. The creativity on display was incredible—we have never seen so many wonderfully characterised toilet rolls in school! The imagination and effort from everyone made it a day to remember.

Although this half term has been short, it has been full of energy, learning, and creativity. We are already looking forward to the summer term, when Year 3 will begin preparing a special assembly to celebrate World Earth Day.



Year 4



In year four, we have studied a book called, *The Flower Man*. He transforms a dull, grey town into a happy and vibrant place by giving out flowers. The children have explored using similes, metaphors and personification to describe the town when it was grey and unhappy and after it had become a much brighter place. We have been really impressed with the children's creativity and imagery. In maths, we completed our work on fractions and have taken the logical step to decimals. We have identified tenths and hundredths and learned to multiply and divide numbers by ten and one hundred. This term we have been learning about the science of sound. We found out about sounds being vibrations and identified which part of a musical instrument is making the air move. We also took part in a sound walk around school and had a lot of fun making string telephones to understand how they work. This half term, 4KL have been swimming and 4MP have been very energetic, practising their street dance moves. Both classes visited the St Nicholas' Church to learn more about the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Father Phillip and other members of the church community for making this happen. Well done to all of the children for listening so carefully and asking well thought out questions. We were very impressed with the children's World Book Day characters that they made at home and the Mother's Day cards which were made at school. Well done!





Year 5



Year 5 have been working incredibly hard this half term, and we are very proud of everything they have achieved.

Many of our children took part in Bikeability, where the instructors were hugely impressed by their determination, focus and excellent manners.

This half term, Year 5 also visited the church to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. The children behaved beautifully throughout the visit, listening with maturity and showing great respect. They engaged thoughtfully in the prayers and discussions, demonstrating a wonderful sense of reflection and empathy.

In art, we have been exploring the work of Kandinsky, learning how he used music to inspire his abstract pieces. The children have enjoyed studying his use of shape and colour and have experimented with applying his techniques in their own artwork.

In English, we have been learning about non-fiction texts, with a particular focus on writing recipes. After taste-testing different soups to explore flavour, texture and aroma, the children created their own exciting and imaginative recipes.

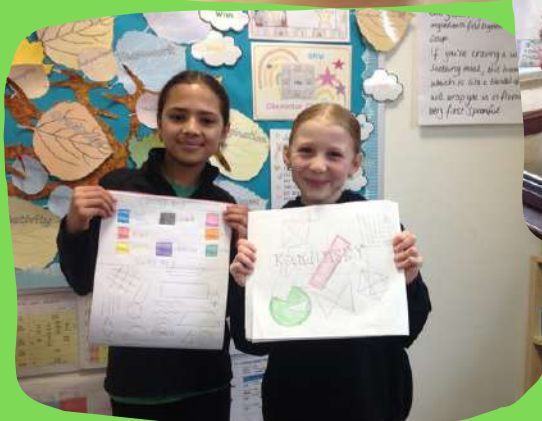
World Book Day was another highlight this half term. The children made creative bookmarks, read stories to younger pupils, and listened to teachers share some of their favourite books. They also took part in thoughtful discussions and debates about what makes a great book and who they believe is the best children's author.

In science, we have been investigating the properties of materials. Our experiments have included exploring electrical and thermal conductors and identifying which materials dissolve in water. Recently, the children demonstrated fantastic scientific thinking by separating a mixture of sand, gravel, salt and iron using methods such as magnetism, dissolving, sieving, filtration and evaporation.

During PE, the children have been developing their throwing and catching skills through Tag Rugby. They have learned to pass quickly and accurately, communicate effectively as a team, and later progressed to passing while running and repositioning themselves for the next move.

In geography, the children have been researching the journey of rivers—how they are formed, how they flow, and the paths they take toward the sea. They are thoroughly enjoying this topic, and the knowledge they are building will be very useful as we continue our studies.

This half term has been both busy and productive, and we could not be more proud of Year 5's achievements.





Year 6



It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting half term in Year 6!

In English, the children have thrown themselves into writing some brilliant argument texts, tackling big questions such as “Should children have mobile phones?” and “Should social media be banned for children under 16?” Their ideas have been sharp, thoughtful and impressively mature. We definitely have some future debate champions in the making!

Alongside this, we travelled (from the safety of our classroom!) to New York in 1974 to learn all about Philippe Petit, the extraordinary tightrope walker who balanced on a wire between the Twin Towers as if it were nothing more than a walk to the shops. The children were absolutely hooked by his daring story and the courage it took to pull off such an incredible feat.

In Maths, we have now wrapped up our work on fractions, decimals and percentages. These are always challenging topics, but the children have tackled them brilliantly. We have now moved on to measurement, where we have been exploring area and perimeter.

Early in Spring 2, the children took part in a week of mock SATs. They approached every assessment with determination and resilience, showing just how much effort they are putting into preparing for the summer. They should be incredibly proud of themselves, we certainly are!

In Geography, we have explored global trade and learned how to read an OS map. The children have quickly mastered 4 figure and 6 figure grid references, which is no small achievement. We are now beginning to look at how trade can be made fairer in less economically developed countries.

In Science, we have been learning how to classify living things and how to create our own classification keys. The classes particularly enjoyed practising this skill with liquorice allsorts and exploring our own school grounds to classify our school biodiversity.

In Music, the children have been exploring identity through song. They have looked at anthemic music, rights movements and how views on identity have changed over time. Their discussions have been incredibly mature and thoughtful.

In RE, we have been exploring what the resurrection means to Christians. We have also taken a closer look at the Easter story and thought carefully about why it remains so important to Christian belief today. This finished with our church services featuring some of our year 6 children as readers,

All in all, it has been a fantastic and full-on few weeks. The children continue to impress us every single day with their enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work.

As we head into the summer term after the Easter break, we kindly encourage families to keep up with home learning wherever possible. We are now only four school weeks away from SATs, and regular reading, times tables practice and short bursts of revision will make a real difference to the children’s confidence when they return. Thank you for your continued support.





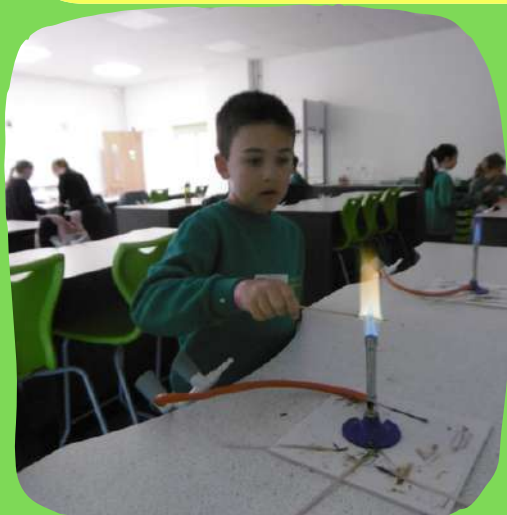
Times Tables Rock Stars

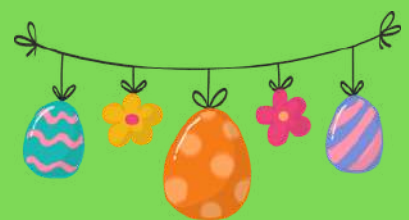


Almost 40% of children across key stage two now have a badge celebrating the fact that they can answer their times tables questions on rock stars in: under 3 seconds (rock stars), under two seconds (rock legends) and under 1 second (rock heroes). That is 104 children out of 264. This is a huge increase from 11% and just 30 children when we started giving badges out halfway through the autumn term. Well done to all of these children for working so hard to earn their status and a huge thank you to the FSA for funding the badges. It has made a huge impact! Hopefully, lots of other children will be inspired to earn their badge now too. In order to do this, the children need to complete 10 consecutive games in the studio game mode, answering at an average of less than 3 seconds per question. Studio game mode is unlocked when the children have completed their 30 minutes of home learning each week in garage (if they are in years 3,5,6) or their 12 soundchecks for home learning (if they are in year 4).

Primary Stem Conference

On Saturday 7th March, many children from Fleckney joined those from 6 other schools to attend the 14th annual STEM Conference at Robert Smyth Academy. They had a fantastic time taking part in various practical workshops, such as Rocket Launch, Gyrocopters and Balloon Buggies. They thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck-in and making the most of their opportunities. Our children were a credit to the school, as always, showing exceptional behaviour and enthusiasm.





Joules Market Harborough

The school were very fortunate to receive a large box of donated fabrics from Joules. With the donations our amazing midday manager, Mrs Martin, created some wonderful sensory/comfort blankets and ice pack covers. These have really helped brighten our school medical room.

Joules were sent the pictures and responded, "It is lovely to see that the fabric scraps have been put to such good use. Ice pack covers are a wonderful idea and they look so nice along with the sensory blankets. The photos will be much appreciated on our internal communications."

Thank you Joules and Mrs Martin



Easter Church Services



In our Easter service at church this year, we reflected on why Jesus gave up his life for us. The service provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils, staff, and family members to pause and think about the true meaning of Easter. The children played a central role in the service, confidently leading readings and prayers. Their enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions helped to bring the Easter story to life, reminding us all of its powerful message of hope, renewal, and new beginnings. Mr. Robson made everyone smile as he shared a box of special Easter eggs, each containing little clues from the Easter story, along with a chocolate egg for selected children. He spoke about Jesus' tomb being empty on Easter morning, despite the huge stone and guards at the entrance. He encouraged us to reflect on how we can choose to believe that Jesus rose from the dead and what it means to make Jesus king in our lives. Many thanks to Mrs Goode for providing the music for our lovely selection of hymns, which were sung beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. We would also like to thank all of our parents, carers, and helpers who supported the children in so many ways. It was a meaningful and uplifting service that brought our whole school community together.





Parking Around The School



As you will be aware, car parking outside of our school is an ongoing issue for local residents. As the school continues to grow, we will be looking into solutions to support this concern.

We kindly ask everyone who parks outside of school at collection or drop off times to respect our neighbours. Some dropped kerbs have recently been extended and we ask that vehicles should never be left blocking driveways, even slightly. This is stopping residents from safely moving off their driveways. We ask that you please do not park and leave your engines running, mount kerbs/pavements or park on the grass verges.

We would also ask that all parents/carers treat our neighbours with respect.

We would encourage all of you who drive to school to leave slightly earlier and park slightly further away from the school site.
Thank you

Children In Need



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to this years Children in Need. The school raised a total of £473.21.



Rotary Club Writing Competition



KS2 Young Writers Success!
KS2 children were invited to take part in the Kibworth and Fleckney Rotary Club Young Writer's competition, which was open to several local primary schools. We are thrilled to announce that two pupils from Fleckney C of E Primary School achieved outstanding results, securing both first and second place. Their entries will now go forward to the regional stage of the competition. A huge well done to Emily E (first place) and Erin W (second place), who each received a book token in recognition of their fantastic efforts.





World Book Day



On Thursday 5th March the children and staff at Fleckney Primary School celebrated World Book Day, putting this year's theme 'Reading for Pleasure' at the very heart of our events. Everyone came to school dressed in clothes they felt comfortable reading in. These included book character costumes and pyjamas!

The children had been set a Home Learning task to create a chosen book character out of a toilet roll. Some examples from each class were shown during Collective Worship and we were so impressed by the effort and creativity shown by the children, with highlights including Zog, Stickman, Paddington, Fantastic Mr Fox and Greg the Sausage Roll! During the day the children visited all of the other classrooms to view their creations, took part in buddy reading sessions and relished reading visits from other teachers, sharing a selection of well loved and classic stories. Another highlight was the Masked Reader competition. Six staff (concealed by masks and wigs) were filmed reading a section of the classic book 'Peace at Last'. Every class took part in guessing their identities and a randomly selected winning class won a special trophy. All of the children showed such enthusiasm for reading during the day and we wish to thank families for supporting the activities at home.



Wellbeing Team



As they continue to make positive changes in school, the Wellbeing Team has had another busy half term.

Completing their final training conference, our six ambassadors- Savannah, Neda, Eden, Millie, Oscar and Ethan- truly let their lights shine by displaying and discussing the progress they had made on their action plans from their first training conference. Mrs Dodwell was delighted to witness all of the positive feedback they received from many staff and pupils of other schools – many leaving Fleckney's stand saying they had been inspired. Our ambassadors were also inspired by all the efforts of the other schools and came back with many ideas.

With the sun making an appearance, Winnie's Den has had its doors wide open for the first time this year and feels like a part of the playground again. Although in use all year round, it does feel closed off over the winter. It is great to see visitors basking in the suntrap that is the 'Cosy Corner.' Here's looking forward to a fun filled summer term.

A message from the Team

After our successful Bake Sale, we teamed up with the sporting ambassadors to attend a meeting with Mr Richards to discuss spending the funds. We decided we would like a giant Connect 4, giant Tic Tac Toe, skipping ropes, hula hoops, footballs, skittles and other fun equipment. We are looking forward to using them when they are delivered. Again we thank everyone who donated.

Millie B and Lois M



Clubs

We have organised a new set of after school clubs, which will begin in April 2026. Please see the parentmail letter sent out before half term.

Monday

Rounders - KS2

Outdoor explorers - All years

Tuesday

French club - Years 1-6

Mini Athletics - Years 1-3

Wednesday

Pickleball Club - Years 3,4 and 6

Thursday

Cricket Club - KS2

Friday

Film Club - All year groups



Diary Dates and Term Dates

Spring Term 2026

Easter Half Term:

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Summer Term 2026

School opens:

Monday 13th April

May Bank Holiday:

Monday 4th May

Mid Term Break:

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Last Day of Summer Term

Tuesday 7th July Early close at 1.30pm

Autumn Term 2026

School opens:

Monday 24th August

August Bank Holiday:

Monday 31st August

Mid Term break:

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October

Friday 24th April - FSA School Disco

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

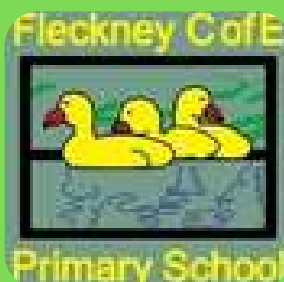
Friday 1st May - FS West Lodge Farm visit

Wednesday 6th May - Year 1 trip to Sudbury Hall

11th May - 14th May - Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 19th May - Class photo day

2nd June - 3rd June - Year 2 Beaudesert residential



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