

# Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



## RECEPTION SCIENCE LEARNING

Reception received an exciting delivery of tiny caterpillars this week.

We are excited to see how they grow over the next few weeks!

The tadpoles have also started to grow legs and are getting bigger by the day.



## THRIVING AT FINEDON

Children attending forest school at Irchester Country Park this week enjoyed mud painting, campfire, mud kitchen play and willow whittling which they will burn next week to turn into coal.

In school, children decided they would like to create a wellbeing board in the junior dining room which includes acts of kindness, postcards to send someone a kind message and breathing techniques.



## BANK HOLIDAY

A reminder that the schools are closed on Monday due to the Bank holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Puffin Class** with 95.6% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Unfortunately, no class achieved over 96% this week.

Congratulations to **Starling Class** with 99.2% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Red Kite, Woodpecker and Chaffinch Classes who also achieved over 96%.

Another brilliant week of attendance at the Junior School - well done everybody!

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars	
Flamingo Class	Oscar
Toucan Class	La'Rosa
Nightingale Class	Myah
Peacock Class	Sophia
Dove Class	Rex
Puffin Class	Izzy

## INFANT VALUE STARS – POSITIVITY

The value stars were awarded to Isla, Eulee, Piper, Tristan, Jack and Jaxon.

Junior School Stars	
Chaffinch Class	Elijah
Woodpecker Class	Isobel
Kestrel Class	Benjamin
Starling Class	Kyla
Kingfisher Class	Jack
Magpie Class	Sulaiman
Red Kite Class	Kalina
Robin Class	Matthew

## JUNIOR VALUE STARS – FRIENDSHIP

The value stars nominated by the children, were awarded to Oliver, Marcel, Junior, Florencia, Freddie, Kadi, Raegen and Theo.

## ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their achievements in this week's assemblies.

- Swann, Freddie and Rex for their achievements in gymnastics
- Darcy, Jack, Freddie, Morgan, Wren and Jasper for winning awards at swimming
- Kyrach-Joy for her learning about bees at Bee School

## PREMISES WORK

You will have noticed that the seating area has been removed at the infant school and we were delighted to find that the quality of the ground underneath it remains good and therefore hope to erect our 'outdoor classroom' in the summer months.

You will also see the cabin taking shape at the infant school. When complete, this will provide us with much needed additional learning space for the children.

We will shortly begin work at the junior school to build an identical cabin!

Exciting times!



## KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Our safeguarding team have spent a significant amount of time this week supporting children and families with inappropriate use of online platforms.

We urge you to be fully aware of who your children are engaging with online and the content of any messages they are sharing and ensuring that they remain kind to their peers at all times.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has a wealth of information for parents, including lots of helpful tips on phone use.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

## WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Coming to St Mary's Church, Finedon all the way from Uganda, is the wonderful Watoto Children's Choir. The junior school will visit the church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June to watch them perform and then they will be performing at the church at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

The concert is free for anyone who would like to come along and show their support.

Please see two posters at the end of this newsletter with further information about the event and the history of the Watoto Children's Choir.

## YEAR FOUR MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLE CHECK (MTC)

By the end of year four, children should know all times table facts up to 12 x 12. To check this key objective, there is a requirement for all children in year four to sit a multiplication test (MTC). This is an electronic test with 25 random questions that children must answer within 6 seconds.

Year four will sit the MTC at the start of June.

To help your child prepare, please ensure they practise their times tables regularly over the coming weeks. They can do this through TT Rockstars (the Soundcheck Game mirrors the MTC) or by using the paper sheets they bring home.

## CLASS PHOTOS

Have you ordered your school group photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** to school is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your class link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

## SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

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- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs, be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see key dates for you to be aware of.

**Any new dates are shown in red font.**

Date	What's on
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed – bank holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six SATs
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>FoFS discos</b> <b>4:15 – 5:15 Y3/4</b> <b>5:30 – 6:30 Y5/6</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Sheringham
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FoFS Spring Festival for Infant School children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Term five ends.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Term six begins

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 & 2 trip to Hunstanton
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year Six STEM day Northampton University
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year Three visit to Leicester museum
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day – Junior School in the morning and Infant School in the afternoon
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year Two visit Junior School for a tour, story and picnic</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 6:00 pm</b> <b>Please Note this is a date change</b>	<b>Reception 2024 new intake information session</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day – children spend the day in their September class.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day – children spend a second day in their September class
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports issued
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Six Production
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Church service to say goodbye to Year Six
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year Six visit to Boost
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term six ends





To Celebrate **Euro 2024**, on Friday 14th June we are holding a special Themed Menu.  
Order your meal online by midnight Wednesday 5th June.



**Main - ENGLAND Fish and Chips**

Fish Star with Chips and Garden Peas  
Tomato Ketchup (optional)



**Vegetarian - ITALY Pizza and Chips**

Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Chips and Garden Peas  
Tomato Ketchup (optional)



**Plant Based - PORTUGAL Peri-Peri Rice**

A Lemon and Herb Peri-Peri Seasoned Vegetable and Rice Salad with Carrot and Cucumber Sticks



**Packed Lunch - FRANCE Cheese Baguette**

Mild Cheddar Cheese Baguette with Carrot and Cucumber Sticks, a Raisin and Sultana Bag, an Apple and a Belgian Waffle



**Pudding - BELGUIM Belgian Waffle**

A Sweet Belgian Waffle with a sugar coating



**FRIDAY 14TH JUNE**

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# BETTER DAYS

There is Hope

All the way from Uganda, East Africa, the Watoto Children's Choir is performing songs from their new album, "Better Days—There Is Hope". Come join us as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration and hope.

Watoto Children's Choirs have travelled extensively since 1994. In fact, almost every day of the year the choir is performing somewhere throughout the world. That means thousands of people get to meet some of our future leaders. As people see their smiles and are embraced by their hugs, our children have the privilege of telling people, "No matter what you're going through, Jesus is our hope and there are better days ahead. Look at what God has done in my life."

Other than coming to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good work God is doing through Watoto than by meeting the children and hearing their stories. This one-of-a-kind experience will inspire and encourage you, your friends, and your family.

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# *Watoto* **Children's Choir** LIVE

## **YOU'RE INVITED**

Join the **Watoto Children's Choir**  
as they sing, dance, and share their  
stories of restoration and hope.

Enjoy this **FREE CONCERT** featuring  
music from the new album,  
**"Better Days—There Is Hope".**



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