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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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As we come to the end of term, we are incredibly proud of the progress and achievements the children have made. Our staff have worked with dedication and commitment, and we thank them sincerely for all their hard work. We are also grateful to our parents and carers for their continued support of the school. Your engagement in events and partnerships with us make a real difference to our school community.

End of term certificates

Each term we celebrate children who have excelled in different areas of school life. Please see photos below of the children who received the awards for the Spring Term.

Nature and Sustainability Award- Nina Redwood and Cianna Shijo

Headteacher Award- Ronnie-Ray Merritt and Elma Synnott

Art Award-Maddie Johnson and Poppy Frost

PE Award-Lilly Neale and Victoria Maksynowicz

KS2 Spring Concert

We were all **bewitched** by the fantastic performances at the Spring Concert on Wednesday! We are really proud of the KS2 classes who took part. It was lovely to see the children **shine** following the effort they put into their performances, and it was great to have so many parents here to support their children. **I've got a feeling** it will be hard to beat this year's concert next year but **mamma mia** I am sure they will try!



Attendance Matters

Over the past week our attendance has dipped, and we're keen to work together to improve it. Every day in school counts—regular attendance helps children keep up with learning, build confidence and feel part of the class community. Thank you for your support in helping children arrive on time and ready to learn each day.

A message from Mr Parkin

This term has looked a little different, with temporary changes in leadership, but the commitment and professionalism of staff have ensured that our school has continued to move forward with confidence. Teaching and learning have remained strong, routines and expectations have been upheld, and important improvement work has continued across the school, all while keeping children's wellbeing and progress at the heart of everything we do. Mrs Charles-Jones has led the school superbly as Head of School, supported closely by the Senior Leadership Team, and it is reassuring to know the school is in such safe and capable hands. As we look ahead to the summer term, we are excited to build on this momentum and continue our journey of improvement together. I hope you all have a refreshing and restful Easter break.

Mr Parkin

VMMA Kickboxing Free Taster Session with Pinkery Class

Pinkery Class enjoyed an energetic and exciting free taster session with VMMA this week. Every participant threw themselves into the activities with enthusiasm, creating a fantastic atmosphere from start to finish.

The session introduced basic kickboxing techniques, including stance, balance, and a range of punches and kicks. Working with pads helped everyone build confidence, improve accuracy, and understand how to use the techniques safely. Alongside skill-building, the group took part in fun interactive games, adding plenty of laughter and teamwork to the lesson. The session began with a dynamic warm-up to get bodies moving and finished with a calming cool-down, ensuring everyone left feeling stretched, settled, and proud of what they had achieved.

A key part of the session focused on responsible use of the skills learned. The coach spoke with the group about when – and when not – to use kickboxing techniques, emphasising that they are for controlled practice, discipline, and personal development, not for everyday situations.

Next half-term keep an eye out for information regarding after-school clubs.



Outdoor Learning: Easter Egg Hunt

This week, our Reception children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt around our school grounds. We began by talking about what Easter is, with children sharing their ideas and experiences. Outside, the children enthusiastically searched for eggs, showing great perseverance and excitement. It was wonderful to see them helping friends, demonstrating kindness and teamwork. This Outdoor Learning session supports building relationships and helping others, with good communication, listening and sharing ideas. With a focus of Understanding the World, with learning about Easter.



In partnership with the English Football League (EFL), Exeter City Community Trust deliver the Joy of Moving programme. The key aim of the programme is to encourage children to enjoy being physically active while developing an understanding of how to lead a healthy lifestyle. It promotes a holistic approach to learning by combining physical activity with classroom-based health education.



Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 took part in sessions which were based around multi-skills and team-building activities. These sessions focused on developing fundamental movement skills such as balance, coordination and agility, while also targeting different components of fitness including speed, strength and endurance. Alongside physical development, pupils were encouraged to work collaboratively, improving communication, teamwork and confidence in a fun and inclusive environment. This builds on the structured six-week Joy of Moving programme previously completed by Years 4 and 5, and the same programme that Years 5 and 6 will take part in after Easter. Each week, pupils explore different aspects of health and wellbeing through a "Move and Learn" approach, which integrates physical activity with classroom learning. Topics include Body and Mind, Meal Planning, the Eatwell Guide, Hydration, and other key areas linked to healthy living.

The programme is designed not only to improve physical fitness but also to support cognitive and social development, helping children to build positive habits, increase their knowledge of health, and develop important life skills that can be applied both in school and at home!

I hope you all have a restful weekend,

Mrs Charles-Jones

Upcoming Events

Monday 20th April Non Pupil Day

Penny Wars 21st April - 1st May Before & After School

Spring Fling Disco - 15th May KS1 3:30 KS2 5pm

Fathers Day Shop - 11th and 12th June

KS1 Sports day - Friday 26th June 2026 - 1.30 - 3.00

KS2 Sports Day Friday 3rd July 2026 - 9.30 - 12 and 1.30 - 3.00

Race For Life Event: Friday 10th July - 2pm-3pm

Summer Fair - 17th July

Residential meetings

Yr6- London- Weds 3rd June 3.20 in Pinkery classroom

Full term dates for the year are on our website



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