



NEWSLETTER

Spring 26

Dear Orchard Primary and Pre-school Community

What a busy and exciting term we've had! There's so much to share with you all, and I'm delighted to reflect on the wonderful things happening across our school.

This term, our youngest learners in Pre-school, Reception, and Year One have been immersed in Tiddler Town, where they've been experiencing grown-up life through role play. It's been brilliant to see them developing their understanding of the world around them in such an engaging and playful way.

Our Reception class had a wonderful trip to Badsey for dancing and singing at the Early Years Music Festival, and across the whole school we've enjoyed a fantastic Forensic Science day where children became young detectives! We also celebrated Red Nose Day, raising over £200 for a great cause.

On a celebratory note, I'm thrilled to share some wonderful achievements. The official opening of our new playground equipment was a special occasion, and we're incredibly grateful to our Mayor, Julie Hemming, for leading the proceedings. It's wonderful to see our children enjoying these fantastic new facilities. Thank you for your contribution through the Friends which supported this project.

Our attendance this term has been positive at 93.8%, and I'd like to give a special mention to over 70 children who received gold stars today for achieving 100% attendance this term. We're aiming to reach our target of 95%, so please do continue to prioritise getting your child into school every day – every session really does count!

We would also like to thank all the parents who attended Parents Evening – it was lovely to see you all and discuss your child's progress and next steps. Thank you also to the parents who completed the WEST questionnaire recently; this helped us gather valuable feedback about our school. More information about this will follow shortly.

We're also excited to announce that our new football kits have arrived, and we're ready to launch our football team. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop their sporting skills and represent Orchard Primary. More updates to follow next term!

On a personal note, I'd like to congratulate Miss Dickinson, who has been awarded her Level 3 in Early Years. She has now secured a full-time position in a local nursery, and we wish her all the very best in this next chapter. Well done, Miss Dickinson!

Looking ahead, there's plenty to look forward to. Term dates for next year have been released, so you can now book your holidays with confidence. The dates for our summer production have been set – do look out for ticket information coming soon. We also have Sports Day and Year 6 transition to High School to look forward to, along with lots of fun PTA events throughout the term.

Finally, congratulations to Pears House, who were the winners of this term's house points with an impressive total of over 4000 points. Well done to all our learners for their continued hard work and positive behaviour.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April.



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