

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

After such a busy term, I am sure you are all looking forward to a relaxing break (and a few chocolate eggs!).

Over the past few weeks, our children and staff have worked really hard and have enjoyed some fantastic events.

As always, World Book Day was a triumph, with some brilliant costumes. The children then had lots of fun conducting various experiments in British Science Week.

On 22nd March, a group of children took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival and, after hours of rehearsals, gave a fantastic performance of Hamlet at The Woodville.

On the same day, the whole school took part in Year 4's Charity Day for the Red Cross, raising money for the Humanitarian Appeal.

We then celebrated Mother's Day, with our afternoon tea and cakes. I hope everyone who joined us had a lovely time with their children.

We were back at The Woodville on Tuesday, where our choir took part in the Trust's Music Concert, singing a variety of songs from musicals. I am sure all of you who came along would agree it was a wonderful evening.

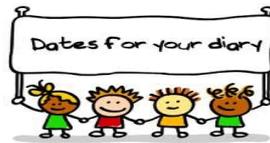
Finally, we are looking forward to the Year 5 Passion Play at the Church tomorrow.

I am so proud of all of our pupils, who really are a credit to our school.

We are saying a sad goodbye to Mr Read tomorrow, who has decided to retire after 8 years of being a fantastic Site Manager at St Botolph's. We will really miss him and wish him a happy and relaxing retirement. We will be welcoming Mr Wickens, our new Site Manager, after Easter.

Wishing you all a relaxed and happy Easter break.

Kind regards  
Mrs Amy Chitty  
Head Teacher



Dates for your diary	
<b>April</b>	
Fri 1	9.30 Passion Play at Church 1.30 <b>End of Term 4</b>
Sat 2	Ramadan begins—Islam
Thur 14	Baisakhi (Vasakhi) - Sikhism
Tue 19	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
Fri 22	World Earth Day 9.30 Service at Church
Thur 28	Y6 Health Questionnaire
Fri 29	International Dance Day 9.00 Eucharist—Y1C
Sat 30	Confirmation Service
<b>May</b>	
Mon 2	<b>Bank Holiday (School Closed)</b>
Tue 3	Eid-ul-Fitr
Fri 6	9.00 Eucharist—YRA
Mon 9	KS2 SATs Week
Fri 13	9.00 Eucharist—Y5S
Sat 14	FOSB Family Bingo
Thur 19	American Day Lunch
Fri 20	9.00 Eucharist—Y6W
Mon 23	Healthy Living Week Y6 First Aid Workshops
Tue 24	Young Voices at the O2
Fri 27	<b>Additional Holiday for Queen's Jubilee</b>
<b>June</b>	
Mon 6	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
Tue 7	<b>Start of Term 6</b>

## House Points

Congratulation to Fleet, who currently have the most House Points so far this year!

House Team	Points
Cray	8430
Darent	8619
Fleet	8775
Medway	8416

## Thought for February ...

*"Easter eggs symbolise our ability to break out of the hardened, protective shell we've surrounded ourselves with that limits our thoughts and beliefs. As we break open our hearts and minds we discover a transformation to new, life enhancing thoughts and beliefs."*

## TERM DATES 2021—2022

### TERM 4

22nd February —1st April 2022

### TERM 5

19th April —26th May 2022

### TERM 6

7th June —22nd July 2022

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Trust Day)

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

27<sup>th</sup> May 2022—Jubilee Holiday

## TERM DATES 2022—2023

### TERM 1

1st September—20th October 2022

### TERM 2

2nd November—16th December 2022

### TERM 3

4th January —10th February 2023

### TERM 4

20th February —31st March 2023

### TERM 5

18th April —26th May 2023

### TERM 6

5th June —21st July 2023

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

(School closed to pupils)

30th September 2022

1st November 2022

3rd January 2023

20th March 2023 (Trust Day)

17th April 2023

3rd July 2023

## POLLING DAY

(School closed to pupils)

4th May 2023

## Termly Attendance

We continually monitor attendance and punctuality and pupils with persistent lateness and unauthorised absence will be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

**Well done to Year 4 Juniper Class, who have had the best attendance so far this year at 96.7%.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY! THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day this year. Once again, we had some fantastic costumes from pupils and staff!



For more photographs, visit our school website: <https://www.st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk/news/world-book-day-2022>

## A few polite reminders .....

- Although we do love dogs, please remember that they are not permitted on our school site.
- Could we please ask that parents monitor what their children are watching on television. We have had a few incidents recently of behaviour similar to that shown on popular television programmes, that are not necessary suitable for children.
- Once again, could we please ask that you use consideration for pedestrians, local residents and other road users when driving and parking outside of our school.

Thank you.

## Year 4 Charity Week for the British Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal

During the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year 4 held charity events to support the British Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal and have so far raised over £650 (with sponsorship money still coming in!).

They held a cake sale and a sponsored silence (where they completed their lessons and communicated without speaking for a whole hour!) and the whole school took part in a Wear Blue and Yellow Day. Well done Year 4!



Great fun was had by all during British Science week last week. Thinking scientifically, pupils engaged in a variety of science investigations: from learning about the lifecycle of a worm and setting up a wormery, to investigating how polar explorers keep warm in the Arctic through our 'blubber glove' investigation, to investigating how to keep our bodies healthy through exercise and the effect sugar has on our teeth by setting up an experiment involving eggs!

The week was a huge success and the children talked about their learning with excitement.



## Define Fine

Define Fine is a parent/carer-led organisation set up in response to the growing number of children and young people who experience school attendance difficulties

If your child is struggling with their attendance, take a look at their website ([www.definefine.org.uk](http://www.definefine.org.uk)), which has lots of helpful resources, as well as a peer support Facebook group for parents.

## Congratulations ....

... to our Year 5&6 Tag Rugby team who competed in the Aletheia Academies Trust Tag Rugby Tournament on 17th March and finished in 2nd place! Well done to everyone who took part.

Take a look on our website to see more photos from this event.  
<https://www.st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk/.../trust-tag-rugby...>



## Mother's Day Tea

Thank you to all of the mothers, grandmothers or special ladies who attended our Mother's Day Teas; it was lovely to be able to hold an event like this once more. To see the photographs taken each afternoon, please visit our school website: <https://www.st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk/news/mothers-day-tea>

Below are a few of the lovely comments that were received:

*"Such a lovely event. We all had fun - a great treat after two years of lockdown. Thank you!"*

*"Lovely atmosphere and tea. I enjoyed every minute of it."*

*"Thank you very much for allowing the opportunity for mums to come in—makes fabulous memories."*

## WANTED

We would be very grateful for donations of the following:

- Book Day Costumes
- Wellies

Thank you!



## TRUST MUSIC CONCERT

On Tuesday 29th March, 30 of our choir were fortunate to take part in this year's Trust Music Concert. The theme was Musicals and we began with a stirring rendition of the Lion King. Our choir sang a compilation from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang superbly. The whole Trust choir told the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the concert finished with a lively performance of a Grease medley, sung by all 350 children!

I hope that those of you who came along will agree that it was a fantastic evening.

During the course of the evening, we also managed to raise a fantastic £350 for the Red Cross.



## Shakespeare for Schools Festival

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 30 children from Year 3 through to Year 5 represented St Botolph's in the Shakespeare Festival for Schools at The Woodville. They had worked tirelessly for months, learning Shakespearean language and the complex characters of Hamlet.

They had a wonderful evening performing and watching the other schools, but clearly stole the show! Well done to all the children, they blew us away!

Photographs of the event will be available very soon.

## Fundraising for Ellenor

A representative from Ellenor visited us today to collect a cheque for £655.58, raised by Year 3 with their cake sale and 'Sponge the Teacher' event earlier this term. The charity was extremely grateful for this wonderful donation.



## Sports Stars!

Congratulations to the following children for gaining Star Awards for their sporting achievements this month!

AJ	-	Kick Boxing
Aly	-	Dance
Beatrice	-	Cheerleading
Bradley	-	Rugby
Freddie	-	Rugby
Harlie	-	Gymnastics
Harry	-	Football
Jacob	-	Rugby
Layton	-	Boxing
Lexi	-	Cheerleading
Luca	-	Kick Boxing
Melvin	-	Football
Oscar	-	Boxing
Ruby	-	Rugby
Rylan	-	Karting
Veronica	-	Gymnastics
Victoria	-	Gymnastics and Swimming

Well done!



**DON'T FORGET  
THAT WE FINISH  
AT 1.30PM  
TOMORROW!**

**THE ST BOTS CLUB  
WILL RUN UNTIL  
3.00PM**

