

## House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were:

Ridgeway	342pts
Silbury	338pts
Avebury	335pts
Kennet	333pts



Well done ALL!

## Year 4 Wilderness Assembly

We were treated, today, to Year 4's Wilderness Assembly, following their highly successful trips last week.

The children told us all about their time living away from home for half a week and learning to be self-sufficient. They also clearly demonstrated, from their presentations, that they had a wonderful time completing all the physical activities and meeting the wildlife from The Forest of Dean.

The children spoke really clearly and performed the different aspects of the assembly with confidence. It was lovely to be both informed and entertained, as well as seeing where the residential trip seamlessly links with the work they have been doing at school. Whether swinging from the crate stack, crawling through the tunnels, meeting the wildlife or enjoying the night walks and campfire - the children embraced every challenge, with 100% attendance. To return on Friday, write it on Monday and perform the next Friday was a magnificent result. **Well done all.**

Thanks, as always, to those staff who make this trip possible by giving up their own time to go: Miss Harland, Mrs Turner, Mr Paget, Mr Buckley, Mr Shore, Mrs Wirdnam, Mr Badger and Mrs Cunningham.



## Nursery News

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year.

This provided so many opportunities to learn about other cultures and the importance of some of the traditions associated with this celebration. The children loved creating their own dragon dance and enjoyed trying Chinese noodles for snack.



## Open Hour Book Viewing Next Week

Next Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup> Feb) at 3pm is the next Open Hour for parents.

It is an opportunity to visit the classroom with your child and look at the work in their books.

This isn't a meeting with the teacher; indeed the teacher does not need to be there.

It is just a chance to spend time with your own child so admiring their work.

Please note the session runs from 3-4pm and you can attend at any point between these times, but we do need to lock the gates at 4pm, so that Sunshine Club can use the site safely.



## Olivia shares a smile

We are very proud of Olivia following receipt of the email below, from Cirencester Hospital.



*"We wanted to reach out to Olivia in 3Maple and express our gratitude for receiving the kind cards for our lonely patients. This is such a kind gesture and makes all the difference to someone who may not have family and friends.*

*It takes a special person to think about others and we appreciate the smiles it brought to our patients. Keep making the world smile!"*

Well done Olivia, it is lovely to see you Paying Forward in this way.



## Year 2 Trip to STEAM

On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the STEAM museum! On our way, we took a tour of Swindon and saw some of its famous landmarks including the Magic Roundabout, The County Ground and the Ken White Murals. We even saw a GWR train driving across one of the railway bridges!

Once at the museum, we took part in a fantastic workshop all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Great Western Railway.

We found out what life was like for the navvies who built the railway and also got a chance to become engineers, as we put together our own model trains. A brilliant day was had by all. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to help.



Please look at this poster and get preparing!  
The Abbey Meads Has Got Talent competition is coming! Be ready to compete in your classes and age groups between 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> March. You could find yourselves in the final on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Abbey Meads has Talent!

# TALENT SHOW

THE STAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU!

**The Arts House Cup Competition 2025!**

Present your talent to your year group week beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>, to compete for a spot in the final in assembly on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>

**WHAT IS YOUR TALENT?**  
SINGING, DANCING, PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, PERFORMING, MAGIC, SPORTING SKILLS...

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### Birthday Logo Competition – WINNERS

Congratulations to these children on not only winning the competition, but having these fabulous metal signs made of their designs. These signs will be around the school for at least the next 25 years and they look fabulous. Mrs Cunningham is now planning where they will go, with some being inside and others on the playground areas. We will show finished signs in assembly next week.



## FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

With Lighthouse

**A SIX WEEK COURSE HELPING FAMILIES TO CREATE A MORE HARMONIOUS HOME**

**WHERE:** FERNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SN2 1NX  
**WHEN:** TUESDAYS, 9-11AM, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL  
**WHAT:** PRACTICAL IDEAS AND STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIOUR, RELATIONSHIPS AND HAPPINESS AT HOME

TO BOOK A SPACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT GWOLLEN@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG OR VDAVID@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG

Follow our Instagram page for dates of other courses and general family life tips on @lighthouse\_bluekitetrust

## PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

### ONLINE EVENT

As part of the PINS project, we have arranged for Kirk Anderson, a Specialist Keyworker, to do an online session on Managing Challenging Behaviour.

This session is aimed at supporting parents/carers and how they can help their neurodivergent children at home.

This is for all parents/carers, not just for those who attend our PINS schools.

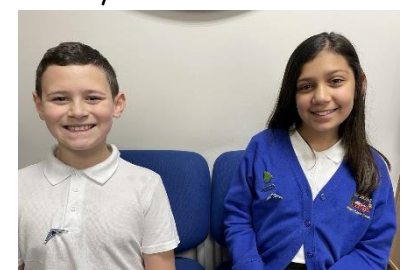
**Swindon SEND Families Voice**

This will be on:  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm-8.30pm on Microsoft Teams

You can email us on swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com to request a link to the meeting or use the meeting code below:  
Meeting ID: 934 101 915 545  
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Password: fb95V2

### The Blue Kite Trust Pupil Parliament

Congratulations to Zeynep (Chair) and Kobi (Vice Chair) on being appointed to the inaugural Blue Kite Trust Pupil Parliament as our School Council representatives. They attended their first meeting yesterday and are now part of a 52 pupil strong parliament, representing the 7000+ children across the schools in our Trust. They look very smart with their new badges, which are unique; designed in the shape of the Blue Kite Trust logo! Later in the year they will make a presentation in the Council Chambers about the work we have done at AMCPs and debate plans for the next school year.



## Breakfast Catch-Up

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

Please come along to meet the Swindon SEND Families Voice team to find out what we do!

**Location:** Toby Carvery, Abbey Meads, Swindon, SN25 4YX  
**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
**Time:** 9.30am onwards

Swindon SEND Families Voice

## FOAMS BOOK SWAP

### 6<sup>th</sup> March

For World Book Day FOAMS will be holding a book swap in the community room.

Each class will get a chance to visit during the school day and each pupil can choose a book to take back with them for free.

The community room will also be open after school, where books can be bought for a donation.

Book donations can be dropped off in the tubs in the School Reception area until 5<sup>th</sup> March