



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Message from the Headteacher

Well, what a week it's been! As we continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our educational journey, I am delighted to share some of my highlights.

I've been really pleased to share our school's journey with the inspection team. This process, while robust, has been invaluable in showcasing the dedication and hard work of our entire school community. Parents' and carers' engagement and support have been instrumental in this endeavour, and I am particularly pleased with the unusually high number of responses we received to the parent view survey – and, of course, for the 'results' which will be built further into our plans for school improvement over the coming months and years. These insights provided the inspectors with a comprehensive understanding of our school's ethos and the positive impact we have on our pupils' lives and helped them understand where we need to go next. Thank you.

The inspection process is a crucial part of our ongoing commitment to improvement and excellence. While we eagerly await the official report, which is due to be released in approximately 30 working days, I want to assure you that our journey does not pause here or even wait for the report. Staff and governors are excited to continue with our ambitious plans for the future of the school. We will continue to build upon our strengths and address areas for development, always with the best interests of our pupils at heart.

In the midst of this important process, I was (and still am!) filled with pride as I reflect on our pupils' achievements this week in particular. It has been truly inspiring to witness our fantastic children sharing their learning, not just from this academic year but from previous years as well, with such confidence and excitement. Their enthusiasm for knowledge and their ability to articulate their understanding was brilliant. Well done children!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in education. Together, we are shaping a bright future for our pupils, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend, despite the forecast weather, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning ready for another week of exciting learning.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



### 'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

**Date:** Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Where:** School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Star Awards

w/e 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Hedgehogs** – Ashleigh, Eleanor & Cecilia

**Rabbits** – Addison & Alfred

**Squirrels** – Sophia & Jolie

**Badgers** – Georgina & Izzabella

**Woodpeckers** – Charlie & Reggie

**Owls** – Darcy & All of Class 6





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## Whole School Attendance

20/01/25 - 24/01/25

95.7%

3/09/24 – 24/01/25

96.3%



## Owls Class Enterprise Week

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to a charity of the children’s choice while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

Next week, the children in Owls Class will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create biscuits and paper crafts. They will be selling their gifts to children across the school during break times on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. The biscuits and paper crafts will range in price from between 50p to £1.

Alongside these activities, Owls Class will also be running ‘I’m A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here’ themed sessions for each class to take part in. Sessions will cost £1 per child and will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Look out for their advertising posters for further information.

If your child wishes to bring in some money, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet.

Thank you  
**Mrs Byatt and Owls Class**



## Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Squirrels Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights

## PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?

PTFA to the rescue!



You will be pleased to hear that the PTFA's Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is up and running. All items are in as new condition, and are FREE of charge (although we will of course accept your money if you'd like to offer a donation!). The uniforms are washed and ready for collection - it's like a hand-me-down, but fancier!

Please feel free to call us on 07904 123 554, or email us on [stmacptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stmacptfa@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

## The Week Ahead!

### Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January**

- Squirrels Class Forest School sessions all week
- Owls Class Enterprise Week

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January**

- ‘Celebration Assembly’ – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

## Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

£2.50 per day

[Menu-Nov-2024-Mar-2025.pdf](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

Community Noticeboard

## BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

DATES: 15TH TO 23RD FEBRUARY (HALF TERM)  
 LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM  
 TIMES: 10 AM – 4PM DAILY

ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED LEGO LOVERS AT OUR ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY EXHIBITION WEEK! (NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEES APPLY)

**LEGO FIGURE HUNT**  
 SEARCH AROUND THE MUSEUM, FIND THE HIDDEN LEGO FIGURES & WIN A PRIZE... ONLY £1.50

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:  
 INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK OR  
 WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS

FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# CHARLTON'S FIXTURES AT THE VALLEY

USE CODE: SCHOOLS-12967 | FOR FREE TICKETS

**VS SHEFFIELD UNITED**  
 SUNDAY, JAN 26TH  
 KO 2PM

**VS BLACKBURN ROVERS**  
 SUNDAY, FEB 2ND  
 KO 12PM

SCAN HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

ON THE WEBSITE

# FREE CRICKET COACHING

Interested in playing cricket?  
 Come along and try for free!  
 A six week coaching programme for players of all ages (minimum age 8)

**Starts Sunday 9th February**  
 U11s: 6pm - 7pm  
 U13s, U15s and adults: 7pm - 8pm

**REGISTER NOW**

Duke of Yorks School  
 CT15 5EQ

To register e-mail  
 incredhulks@hotmail.com

## DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

JANUARY 2025

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- MILK (UHT)
- NOODLES
- DOG FOOD
- COFFEE
- HOT CHOCOLATE

PLEASE NOTE  
 We have plenty of pasta & pulses

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