

UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Friday 7th
February
2025

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Thought for the week...



Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

Mark Twain

Thank you...

Many thanks to all the parents who have helped with school trips by providing transport, leading groups and generally offering help.

Your time and effort is much appreciated – thank you!

Art of the week



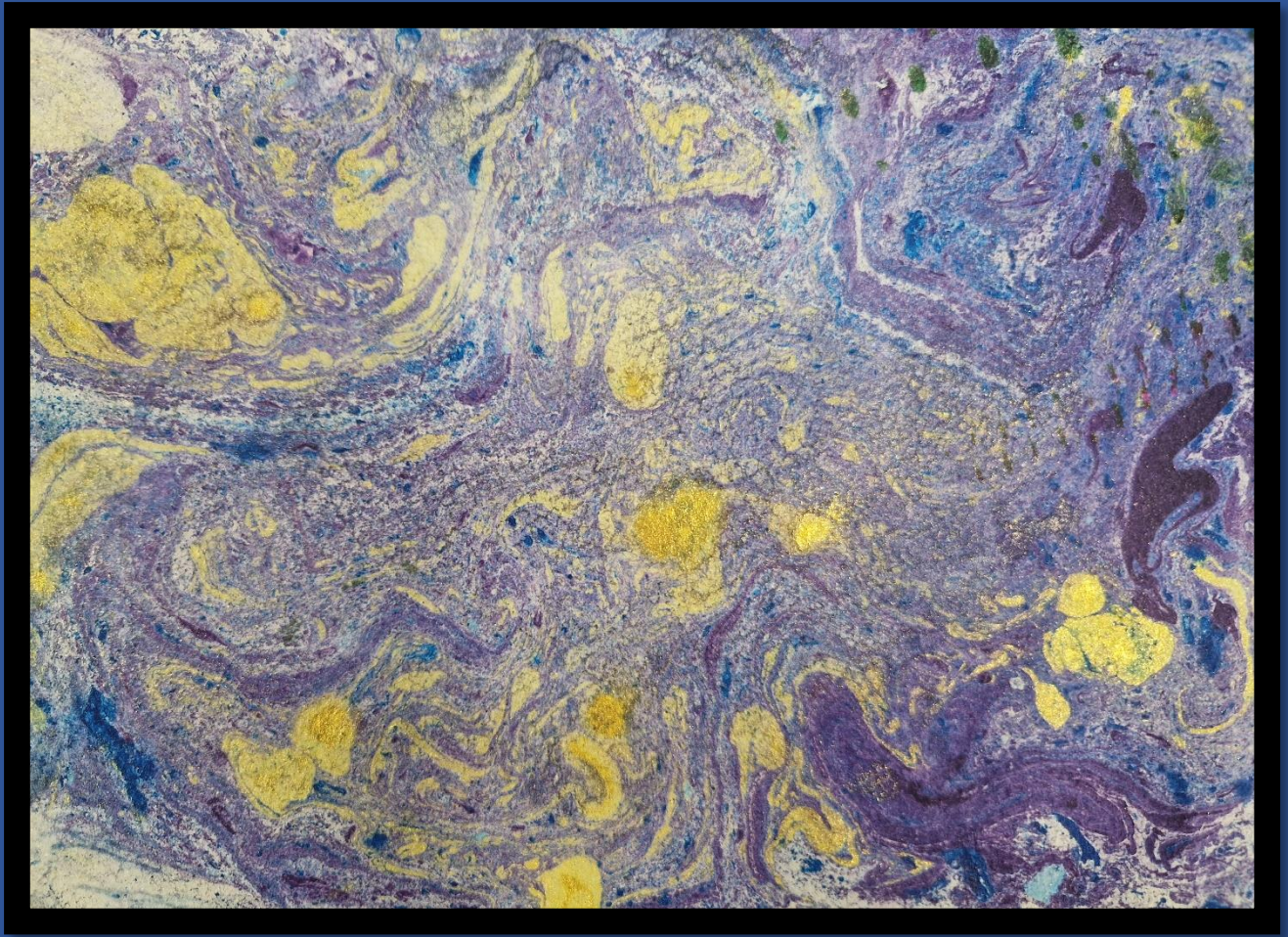
Yash, year 3 Holly



Jaazebah, year 4 Oak



Gabi, year 4 Oak



Noura, year 3 Holly

Year 6 visit the 02 for Young Voices













Year 6 had a wonderful time taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 on Tuesday evening.

Many thanks to Mrs Agnew, Miss Reynolds, Mrs Ahmed, Miss Park, Mrs Ramparsad, Mr Capozzi and Mrs Haines for taking the children and enabling them to have this wonderful experience.



Request for class representatives...

During our review of the Year 6 trip to the O2 arena, we noted how useful it was to be able to contact parents via the class whatsapp groups to notify them about estimated time of arrival or any delays etc.

If you would be willing to be a class contact for your child's class and post any relevant messages about trips from the school, please could you contact the school office.

Hot off the press...I have a volunteer for 3 Holly and 5 Beech.

With many thanks.



Focus on Attendance

This academic year, there is an increased national and Hertfordshire focus on the importance of attendance. All our attendance figures are reported to the Department for Education every week, enabling them to assess how well each school is doing.

I will be including an attendance and punctuality report in each parents update, enabling you to see the picture across the school.

Congratulations to Juniper and Oak classes for attendance over our target and to Willow and Beech class for near-perfect attendance!

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning: Tuesday 27th January 2025

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	90.67%	3
3 Willow	99.33%	4
4 Juniper	98.67%	6
4 Oak	98.67%	4
5 Beech	99.33%	1
5 Elm	95.67%	3
6 Poplar	94.67%	5
6 Rowan	95%	4



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Year 5 trip to St Albans Abbey



On Monday, year 5 visited St Albans Abbey.

The cathedral is the oldest site of continuous worship in Britain and having been founded as an Abbey in 793, it is steeped in a rich history. Visiting the Cathedral gave the children a hands-on experience of religious practice, history, architecture and art.

The children took part in a clay tile making workshop, having found inspiration from the numerous decorative pieces in the Cathedral.

I was lucky enough to accompany Year 5 on their trip and I felt enormously proud of their knowledge, respectful attitude whilst in a place of worship and the quality of their questions. Well done, year 5!

















The children also saw the moon installation, which is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composed and created by BAFTA and Ivor Novello award winning composer Dan Jones.

Measuring seven metres in diameter, the moon features 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the lunar surface. At an approximate scale of 1:500,000, each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 5km of the moon's surface.

Year 4 compete in local athletics competition



We were delighted to take our year 4 representatives to compete with two Watford schools in an Athletics competition at Watford Girls Grammar School. All the children did really well and I am pleased to tell you that they won the competition!

Congratulations to all the children in the team-not only did you win, but you showed sportsmanship when competing!





Stars of the week

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Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Hannah	<i>For your excellent work on column multiplication. You worked methodically and precisely setting out your work with exceptional neatness! You then used your knowledge to be the teacher and help your peers. Excellent work!</i>
Willow	Alexey	<i>For a well-written persuasive speech which was delivered confidently with enthusiasm and clarity. Well done, Alexey. I'm sure we will all be taking more care of our environment after hearing your arguments.</i>
Oak	George	<i>For showing incredible perseverance and determination when being faced with challenge during our English lesson. Well done for not giving up!</i>
	Aardash	<i>For his outstanding effort and dedication in doing additional work at home which helped to produce high-quality work in the English lesson.</i>
Juniper	Aayan	<i>For showing great dedication in practising his times tables at home and becoming the top student in Year 4 on Times Tables Rock Stars.</i>
Elm	Valentina	<i>For working so conscientiously and enthusiastically in her maths class.</i>
Beech	Cassie	<i>For being an enthusiastic videographer, demonstrating confidence and creativity both in front of and behind the camera. Well done!</i>
Poplar	Kai	<i>For his enthusiastic Bhangra dancing in this week's P.E lesson. Kai always emits positivity and in this week's dance lesson he was beaming, whilst keeping to the dhol beat. Well done, Kai!</i>
Year 6 Rowan and Poplar		<i>To year 6 for their fantastic singing and dancing at the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena on Tuesday night. They all performed with enthusiasm and energy, making the evening a wonderful and memorable occasion. Well done, year 6!</i>