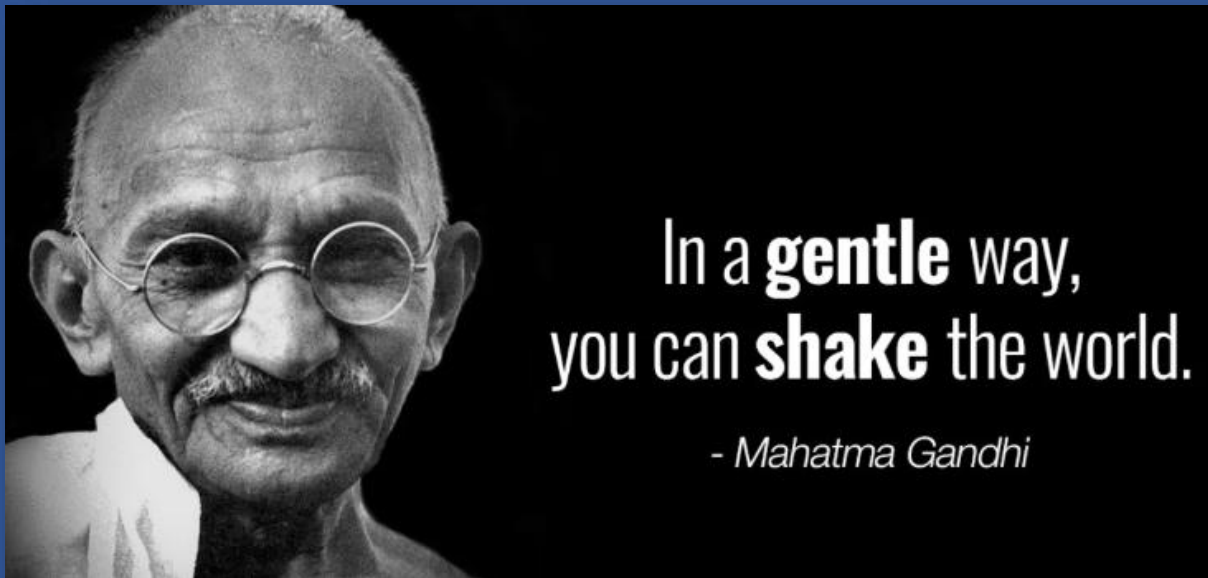


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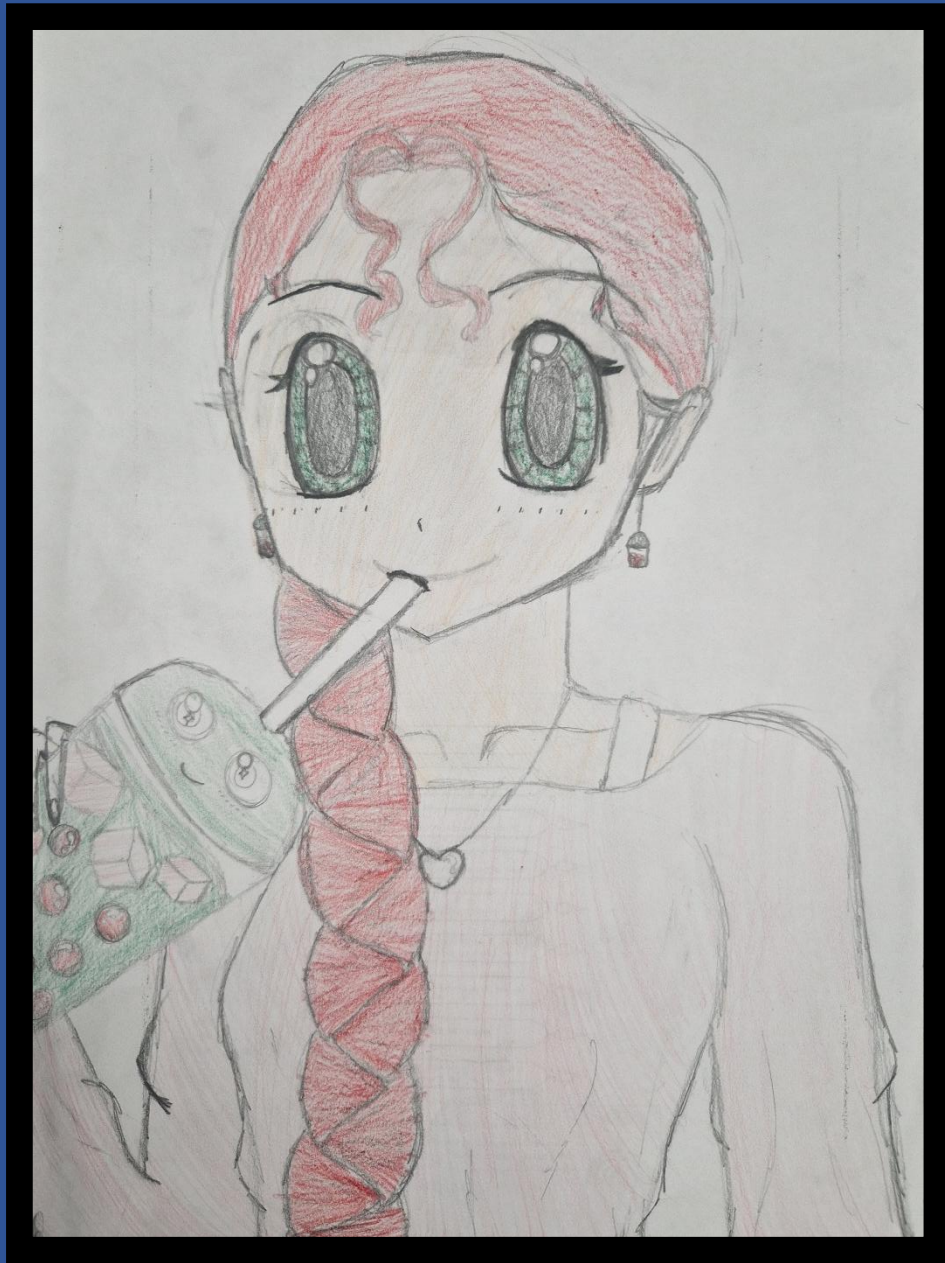
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Thought for the week...



Art of the week



Ayaaz, Year 5 Beech

Important email from Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education

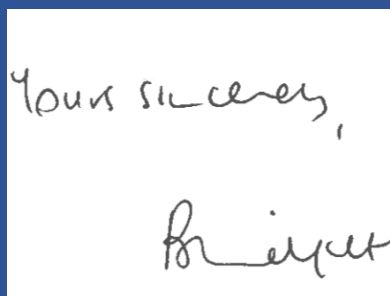
Dear Christina,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Nascot Wood Junior School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader – sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.



Your sincerely,
Bridget

Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education

Congratulations...

To Joseph (year 4 Juniper) for success in his rugby team, winning 3:0 against Fullers.

Joseph scored one of the tries which led to the success.

He was awarded a medal at the end of the match.



Events for the Spring Term

Date	Event	Time	Notes
06/02/2026	Y4 - St.Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
10/02/2026	Y5 - Saxon-Viking Day	9am to 3pm	Year 5 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers.
13/02/2026	Y3 - Egyptian Day	9am to 3pm	Year 3 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers.
13/02/2026	Last Date of the Half Term	3.20pm	Usual 3.20pm collection time
16/02/2026- 20/02/2026	Half Term		
05/03/2026	Y4 & Y6 - Shakespeare Rewired	Y4 – 10.30am to 12:00pm Y6 - 1pm to 2.30pm	
06/03/2026	Y3 & Y5 - Shakespeare Rewired	Y3 – 10.30am to 12.00pm Y5 - 1pm to 2.30pm	
13/03/2026	Y6 Rowan - Parliament Trip	8.20am – 1.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Rowan class.
20/03/2026	Y5 - St. Albans Cathedral Trip	9am to 3pm	
23/03/2026	Inset Day		
23/03/2026	Y6 Poplar - Parliament Trip	8.20am – 4.30pm	School gates open at 8am for Poplar class.
24/03/2026	Y4- Legoland Trip	8.20am – 5pm	School gates open at 8am for Y4. Year 4 Class Teachers will be asking for parent volunteers
27/03/2026	Last day of the Term School finishes at 12pm	12pm	Please note school finishing time

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 Holly, Juniper, Willow, Elm and Poplar classes for attendance over our target and to 3 Oak class for perfect attendance!

Attendance and punctuality report Week beginning: January 2026

<i>Class</i>	<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Number of children late</i>
3 Holly	98.33%	3
3 Oak	100%	6
4 Juniper	99.33%	6
4 Willow	98.33%	8
5 Beech	95.33%	2
5 Elm	99.33%	3
6 Poplar	98%	8
6 Rowan	93.33%	3



Our target is 97% attendance each week!

Stars of the week

Friday 23rd January



Class	Nominee	Reason
3 Holly	David	<i>For being a fantastic member of Holly Class, Your attitude and dedication to your learning is impressive; you never give less than your absolute best. You should be very proud of yourself.</i>
3 Oak	Andre	<i>For showing resilience in a disappointing situation. Your appropriate response to your injury and willingness to still support your fellow teammates demonstrates your maturity and sportsmanship.</i>
4 Willow	Eoin	<i>For his fantastic performance as the ambulance driver during a roleplay activity in PSHE.</i>
4 Juniper	Yuvaeshnaa	<i>For consistently working to the best of her ability, setting examples for her peers and regularly joining in during class discussions.</i>
5 Elm	Mitchell	<i>For really trying his hardest in his school work, making excellent progress in his reading, writing and maths and demonstrating his increased confidence in lessons. He has a brilliant positive attitude to learning and a great work ethic.</i>
5 Beech	Ariana	<i>For being an excellent contributor in our maths lessons this week. Ariana has shown a deep understanding of our Fractions topic and is able to explain methods clearly. Well done!</i>
6 Rowan	Ava	<i>For demonstrating fantastic focus and diligence in our maths lessons, and consistently showing a strong desire to learn and improve.</i>
6 Poplar	Ileas	<i>For his excellent writing in English. This week Ileas has written some lovely creative writing based on mythical creatures in the 'Invisible World'. His writing is a pleasure to read and mark. Well done, Ileas!</i>