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Dear parents and carers,

We hope you are fine and dry, unlike the weather!

The start of the term has been an incredibly busy one. Last week, the year 6 children spent two days honing and refining their cycling skills. We were so proud of the children, some of whom learned how to ride a bike and others who can now ride safely on the road. They all showed resilience and determination. Year 4 children have started their swimming lessons and swimming club is now up and running for some of the children in year 6. We also welcomed one of our sister Kite Academies, Lakeside, to our school to start their swimming lessons. At some point over the year, all Kite Academies will be visiting us to use the pool, demonstrating how many benefits there are to working as part of a trust.

As the weather gets colder and darker, please remember to label your child's coats, jackets, gloves and boots. Our lost property box is already starting to fill up with un-named items!

This week, we have been celebrating diversity and equality in our school. Our message has been that every child in our school is unique and this is to be celebrated, but while we are all unique and different, we all have the right to be treated equally.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Gittins and Mr Huotari

Attendance

Whole school attendance to date: 92% Whole school target: 96%

Class weekly attendance:

Oak—86%

Willow— 92%%

Sycamore— 94%

Pine— 98%

Celebration Awards**Citizenship Award Certificate Winners**

**Cassandra, Lily-May, Lily-Mai, Troy,
Sumika, Asit**

Star Learner Award Certificate Winners

**Elsie, Noah, David, Skyler, Freddie,
Emilie**

Gold Award Winners

Noah, Toby, Daniel y5, Jamie, Rhys, Diana, Mischelle, Lily, Elijah, Matthew, Diana, Finnley, Emily, Dylan g, Elsie, Arthur, Leah, Mehenchha, Monroe, Noah, Elijah, Mickey, Andre, Adrian, Grayson



General updates

Makaton

Below are some of the Makaton signs that we have learnt this week so that you can practise with your children at home.



The NSPCC came to deliver their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' programme!

Diary dates

Top-Up Year 6 Swimming - Every Tuesday

Boogie Pumps—Every Monday

National Poetry Day - Thursday 3rd October

Black History Month - 1st - 31st October



Check out our whole school project of 'The Dot'!
Can you spot your dot?

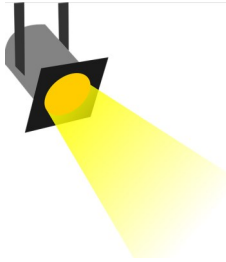


We are still awaiting our first Platinum award of the new academic year!

Platinum Awards are given to children who consistently demonstrate our Ferns' values of Reflection, Curiosity, Resilience and Cooperation, and who are always demonstrating the Ferns code of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We look forward to seeing who our first Platinum Award winner of the year will be!



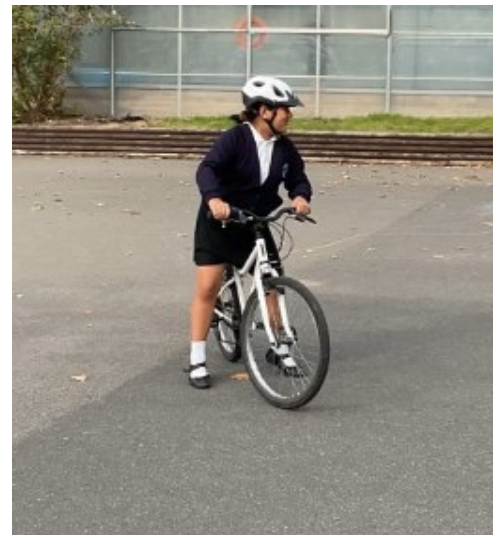
Spotlight on ...



Pine Class

Year 5 & 6 have had a fantastic start to the school year. They have been working incredibly hard in the classroom, focusing on their learning and modelling our Ferns' routines to the rest of the school. They have demonstrated superb learning behaviours and, because of this, we have been able to maximise our learning time at every opportunity. This class have already started to make excellent progress and they should be very proud of themselves.

Last week, Bikeability came to visit! Every single one of our year 6 learners took part in Bikeability across Thursday and Friday. This programme is excellent and enabled all children to make significant progress with riding their bikes. One of the best parts: it was completely free!





Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays 2024-25

- Start of Term
- INSET Day
- End of Term
- Public Holiday
- Academy Holiday

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Term	First Day	Last Day
AUTUMN 2024	Wednesday 4th September	Friday 25th October
	<i>Half Term Holiday: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November</i>	
	Monday 4th November	Friday 20th December
INSET Days: Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September		
SPRING 2025	Monday 6th January	Friday 14th February
	<i>Half Term Holiday: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February</i>	
	Monday 24th February	Thursday 3rd April
INSET Days: Monday 17th January & Friday 4th April		
SUMMER 2025	Tuesday 22nd April	Friday 23rd May
	<i>Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th - Friday 30th May</i>	
	Monday 2nd June	Tuesday 22nd July
INSET Day: Friday 6th June		