

Happy New Year and welcome back.

The new term has started incredibly positively and it has been lovely to see the children return with a great focus and enthusiasm for their learning which is reflected in their comments below.

With lots planned for the term including class trips and visits, sporting events as well as our spring term parent/teacher meetings this term is set to be full and busy.

You may be thinking about the upcoming half term and we were delighted to share our collaboration with AW Football and Coaching who will offer an additional February half term club led by their coaches alongside Coach Lewis. A separate parentmail has been shared with further information and all bookings and payments need to be made directly to them.

## Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

**Headteacher Postcard:** Stefano (Y1) George K (Y2) Thea (Y4) Fraser, Zara (Y6)

**Teacher postcard:** Leo, Josh (R), Emilia, Liam, Abigail, Frasier, Harrison, Mason, Maya, Lyra, Harry, Erin (Y2) Ronnie, George, Noah, Millie M, Daman (Y3) Frankie, Kemi, Charlie, Daisy (Y4) Samaira, Sienna (Y5) Zara, Will, Samuel, Jaideep (Y6)

**Gymnastics:** Esther, Milena (Y2)

**Super Creative Certificate:** Akain (Y4)

**Swimming:** Sriyaan (Y4) stage 4; Maisie (Y5)

**Football:** Teddy (Y4) player of the match; Daisy (Y6) Bexley District Girls football winners

**Ballet:** Florence R (R)

**Top Ten Texts:** Lottie (Y2) Will, Rohan (Y6)

**Park Run:** Finley (Y5) completed 200 junior park runs

**Blue Peter Badge:** Daman (Y3)

**Rainbows:** Lottie (Y2) badge of promise

**TTRS:** Effort: Emilia, Abigail, Maya, Sarnaee, Lottie, Isla (Y2)



## Diary Dates:

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

Year 4 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Year 5 Trip to Planetarium at Greenwich

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:**

Nursery 2025/26 open event at 2:00pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February:**

Year 1 trip to St Paul's Church

Better Together,  
Together



## Community/School Links:

### Local Community Activities:

Are you looking for an activity for your baby/toddler? Something that is low cost or free?

Across Bexley, there are a range of free drop in parent and baby sessions ranging from stay and plays; music groups; messy play; sign, sign and story times as well as stop and chat groups for expectant parents.

The sessions are running in a range of centres and libraries across the borough and more information can be found on the attached flyers.

## Pupil Voice:

It has been a busy start to the new term. Find out what the children have enjoyed so far...

*"In Year 6 I am enjoying using a video clip to inspire our writing. It has help me to write more descriptively."* Melissa Y6

*"I am enjoying learning about Floella Benjamin and writing about Trinidad because it's interesting to know what happened during the Windrush period."* Nathan Y4

*"I have been enjoying Science because we get to learn about the ear, and we created our own model of the ear using playdough. That was fun!"* Louie Y4

*"In maths, we have been exchanging when solving addition problems we used the dienes to help us."* Neve Y2

*"This is the best day ever!" - Logan YR (describing the airport experience today)*

*"I'm really enjoying reading our new book, The Thames and Tide Club."* Millie Y3

*"I'm enjoying our new Science topic and learning about different forces"* Freddie Y3

## Notices:

### Eco-Committee

An update from our Eco Committee who have been out and about litter picking with Betsy this week to ensure our school site remains free of rubbish.

They are again offering battery recycling so please do bring any used batteries into school to help us work towards a more sustainable school and planet.



## Attendance and Punctuality:

### School attendance is mandatory for all pupils

This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%

Last week, our whole school attendance was 95.5% which is a positive start to the new term and year. Brunel class had the best attendance with 99.6% - well done pupils in Brunel Class.

This week our whole school attendance was 95% which is at national but just below our target. Morris class had the best attendance with 98.5%. Well done to the pupils in Morris Class.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.