



# Weekly Newsletter

## Spring Term 1

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,  
Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see you all this week and welcome the children back to school. We hope you enjoyed the break, are well rested and ready for a new term. We have a short but busy term ahead.

### Homework and class newsletters

This term's homework and class newsletters will be handed out by today. Please make sure you read them carefully, PE times have changed for some classes, and you will be able to find out about the topics your child will be studying this term.

### Published Data

We are pleased to announce our results from the KS2 2024 SATs tests were published over the holidays. These results are the best the pupils and school have achieved for the past 5 years and we are really proud of the children, teachers and hard work of the whole school team and families. Our results are above the national picture and this is something we are proud of.

63% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.

73% of pupils achieved the expected standard in SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) with 35% of these pupils achieving at the higher standard.

### Reading Together Sessions

It was lovely to see so many of you turn up for the reading together sessions last Monday.

Moving forward we will be asking you all to sign in and wear a reading together visiting badge. At the end of the KS1 session at 3.25pm you will be asked to leave the classroom and wait in the playground for your child to be dismissed. This is for safety reasons as we cannot have you all wondering around the school. We thank you all in advance for your support here.

### Term events

This term we have several events to look forward to. In January the children will be learning about Holocaust Memorial Day, the Lunar New Year and taking part in National Storytelling Week. In February we will celebrate Number Day, Safer Internet Day, Mental Health Week and take part in an intra school sports competition. Please make sure you keep an eye out for information about these events.

### Personal Items

Please avoid sending your child to school with precious items (toys, keyrings, jewellery). Where items are a **necessity** if your child walks home alone such as a mobile phone, please speak to them to ensure all personal items including money are handed to class teachers in the morning each day. All classes have a small safe for items to be stored securely. If items are not handed to school staff we will not be taking responsibility for them. Several items have been lost lately and staff have spent a large amount of the day searching for these missing items to find them in playgrounds, under cupboards and sometimes discovering they have simply been left at home.

### Internet safety

A number of children have been using the internet in an unsafe/ derogatory way. Please make sure you are checking your child's browsing history to make sure they are researching items that are appropriate for their age. Any inappropriate use of the computers at school will result in an internal exclusion and we will be contacting you to let you know.

### Cold Weather

It has been very cold this week so please remember to wrap your child up for the freezing conditions. Please make sure their name is clearly written on coats, scarves, hats and gloves to ensure items get back to the correct owners.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and we will see you all on Monday at 8.50am.

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# School Information

## Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week








School Year	Class	%
<b>Autumn Term</b>		
Attendance KS1 Winner	<b>Venus</b>	<b>94.7</b>
Attendance KS2 Winner	<b>Saturn</b>	<b>98.1</b>
KS1 Punctuality Winner	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>95.6</b>
KS2 Punctuality Winner	<b>Aurora</b>	<b>98.4</b>
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	
Venus	94.7	
Mercury	86.1	
Planet Earth	90.4	
Saturn	98.1	
Jupiter	92.3	
Galaxy	90	
Neptune	95.2	
Pluto	87.1	
Aurora	90.2	
Sky	96	
Whole school	<b>92</b>	

## Dates for the Diary



10/1/25	Class newsletters and new homework project sent to parents
27/1/25	Holocaust Memorial Day
29/1/25	Yr 6 SATs meeting
29/1/25	Lunar New Year
1 <sup>st</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Story Telling Week
WB 3/2/25	Children's mental health week
07/02/25	Intra School Sports competition
11/2/25	Safer Internet Day
14/2/25	Tutorial Day - school closed for children
17/2/25 - 21/2/25	<b>HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN</b>
24/2/25	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN</b>

## House Winners

Tim Peake 	<b>516</b>
Stephanie Wilson 	<b>564</b>
Neil Armstrong 	<b>486</b>
Helen Sharman 	<b>638</b>
Bernard Harris 	<b>411</b>

## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	<b>100%</b>	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	<b>99%</b>	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	<b>97%</b>	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	<b>95%</b>	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	<b>90%</b>	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	<b>85%</b>	Very Concerned



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### Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "valiant". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

#### Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day:

**valiant**  
(val-iant)

Word Class  
(adjective)

Pronunciation / Syllables

#### Definition:

A valiant action is very brave and determined, though it may lead to failure or defeat.



Ernie made a **valiant** effort in solving the tricky puzzle.

Synonym:

courageous  
gallant

Antonym:

afraid  
meek

Prefix / Suffix:

-ly  
-s

Rhyme:

Link Word:

truly  
incredibly

### Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "HOPE". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

**"Hope is able to see that there is light despite all the darkness." (Desmond Tutu)**



## Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Izaiah	Star	5
Muhammed	Star	5
Francis	Mercury	6
Liya	Sky	11
Yousef	Venus	6
Woomy	Jupiter	8



### Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

# Write



## Mathletics



Winning Class: **Saturn Class**

School's total points: **25,300**



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## Class Gallery

### Year 6 – Sky and Aroua Class

Year 6 completed their learning about the Second World War before we broke for the holidays. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own Woolton pies based on a World War II recipe. They chopped, peeled and sliced vegetables to place in their rolled pastry which was then baked before they tasted their creations!



### Year 4 – Galaxy Class

Year 4 brought history to life with their incredible Tudor portrait sketches! Using their shading and sketching skills, they captured the essence of the past with every detail.





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# Rewards

## Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Hope**  
**EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2**

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Grace	For always trying her best to finish her tasks.
Mercury	Ifza	For her determination to practice and improve her writing.
Planet Earth	Jake	For a fantastic first week with a great attitude to his learning.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Nkateko	For writing great expanded noun phrases independently.
Mercury	Tiana	For her independence letter writing.
Planet Earth	Rahim	For amazing independent writing.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Khadijah	For confidently using different resources to represent the number 10.
Mercury	Peace	For great maths work in our new unit this week.
Planet Earth	Hannan	For excellent recall of coins and the best strategy to find the total value.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Zenah	For reading her book with so much confidence and building her fluency.
Mercury	Jalayah	For a great start in phonics this term.
Planet Earth	Alice	For excellent progress in her reading.



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# Rewards

## Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Hope**  
**Years 3 to 6**

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Yana	For always having that 'never give up' attitude towards her learning.
SATURN	Samyra	For showing a fantastic mindset to her learning for the new year.
GALAXY	Scarlett	Always having a positive mindset about her learning.
PLUTO	Zeemah	For having a great attitude towards her learning.
NEPTUNE	Rhema	Always having a positive approach to her learning.
AURORA	Ralphie	For trying his best in all lessons.
SKY	Luqman	For making valuable contributions during our class discussions.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Calvin	For the fantastic vocabulary he used in his setting description.
SATURN	Max	For great independent writing.
GALAXY	Sabrina	For always presenting and completing her English work to an excellent standard.
PLUTO	Samson	For great work with subordinate clauses.
NEPTUNE	Jimmy	For showing great enthusiasm about our new text.
AURORA	Ricco	For his effective use of noun phrases.
SKY	Manzour	For excellent effort writing a prologue for The Odyssey.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Amir	For his recall of the multiplication tables.
SATURN	Luciana	For excellent explanation of communicative calculations.
GALAXY	Emmanuel	For great work during our multiplication unit.
PLUTO	Daniel	For great work adding fractions.
NEPTUNE	Deonnah	Brilliant work on adding fractions this week.
AURORA	Rhys	For his brilliant work on decimals.
SKY	Aminat	For trying hard to solve decimal questions independently.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Woomy	For his improvement in reading and moving up to the next book level.
SATURN	Knadia	For excellent reading record entries over the holidays.
GALAXY	Ebrahim	For great reading with expression.
PLUTO	Jamaldeen	For sharing great ideas with his reading group.
NEPTUNE	Isha	For thoughtful questions with great accuracy.
AURORA	William	For answering questions with great accuracy.
SKY	Ali	For fantastic progress in reading.



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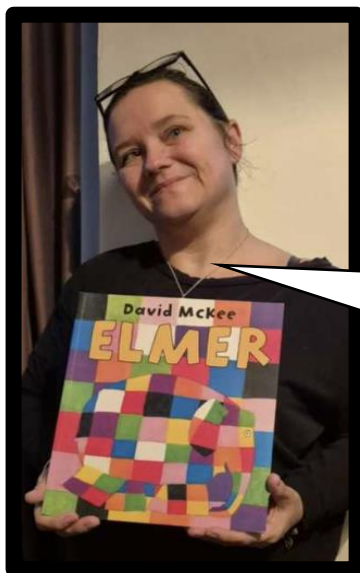
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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also. This week Miss Clare has chosen one of her favourite books to share in assembly.

## Favourite book Friday



I chose the book Elmer, by David McKee because it shows compassion and friendship. As much as Elmer is happy with his patch work appearance among the other grey elephants, he still tries to hide.

I recommend this book to children in the EYFS, but anyone can enjoy Elmer as we are all unique.

Miss Clare

## Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the boroughs of  
Lambeth or Southwark? Aged 4-16?**

**Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and  
protect yourself this winter!**

**Saturday 11 January, 10:00 - 14:00  
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW**

**Saturday 18 January, 10:00 - 14:00  
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW**

**Saturday 25 January, 10:00 - 14:00  
Big Yellow Flexi Offices, SE5 7SW**

**Our clinics are walk-in, so no need to  
book an appointment.  
Call 020 8614 5495 for more  
information**





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# UNDER 8s & 9s GIRLS OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS  
IN YEARS 3 AND 4 TO JOIN A NEW U9 GIRLS TEAM.  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST ENTHUSIASM!

**FREE WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS**  
FOR INTERESTED GIRLS WILL START  
ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS  
FROM 14TH JANUARY, 4.30-5.30PM.

**ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB, HOMESTALL ROAD, SE22 ONP**