



## KEY DATES

### FEBRUARY

14th

Fantastic Friday  
(Theme tbc)

Break up for half term

17th - 21st

Half Term

24th

School resumes

25th

Form 6

Unicorn Theatre Trip

28th

Forms 3 & 4

First swimming lesson

### MARCH

3rd

3:50 - 7:30pm

Pre-School—Form 6

Parent Interviews

5th

3:50 - 7:30pm

Pre-School - Form 6

Parent Interviews

11th

9:30 - 11:30am

Taster Session

13th

Form 5

Brentwood Tournament

14th

Open Morning

20th

Form 4

Unicorn Theatre Trip

30th

All Prep children

House Cross Country event

Raphael's Park

A big thank you to all the parents who completed the parental perceptions survey at the end of last term. We have now received the feedback, and we are working to put together an action plan to respond to some of the suggestions. We will be getting this to you when it has been finalised, and we look forward to working with you on this.

As you may be aware, each term our Houses decide upon the charity for the term. This term's charity has been chosen by Winchester, and it is the Hopefield Animal Sanctuary. We raised nearly £450 last term for the Canterbury Charity of Carter's Fight. We are very proud of the generosity of the charitable contributions made by our pupils and their families. Children gain a greater appreciation of what they have in comparison to others, and their innate generosity enables them to make positive changes in their world. A huge thank you to all pupils, staff and parents who work so hard and give so generously.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Whiskerd  
Headmistress



## Drama Club Update

Drama Club have hit the ground running with their rehearsals for this years production, 'Lights, Camera, Action'. The children have all done a superb job so far of learning their lines and hopefully the show will be a great success.

Don't forget to see Mrs Ridley to get your name down for the Drama Club trip to see Mary Poppins in June if you wish to attend.



## Life in Reception

In Reception we have been talking about what we did over the holidays and described and drew what we got for Christmas.

We chose our best present and drew a picture.

Children then used their phonics to complete a sentence and experimented with mixing primary colours to paint their pictures.

In Maths we have been finding one less and one more. We were shown how to use a number line to find the answer.



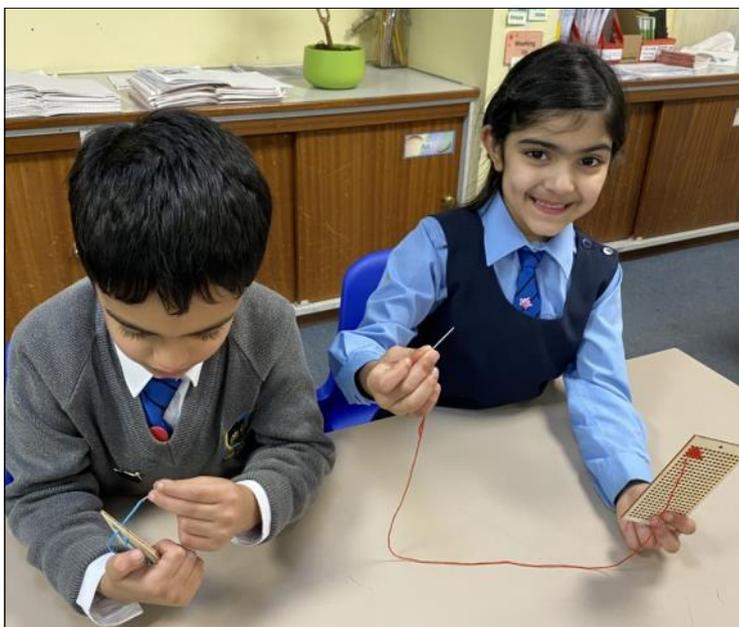
## Shape Work—Pre-School

The children in Pre-School have been busy learning about their shapes and the community and around us. They then used their knowledge to create a beautiful display showing which shapes they can see in the town around them.



## Knitting and Sewing Club

Our first knitting and sewing club of the term was very successful. The children could choose a skill to learn from cross-stitch, traditional knitting or French knitting using a knitting doll. They were careful and patient and some of our beginners picked up the skills very quickly; we can't wait to get back to work on our projects next week!



## Art with Mrs Gilbert

The Prep children have been working hard on their Art skills since we returned after the Christmas break. They have been learning about the work of Monet and experimented with his technique of dabbing the paint to create these beautiful water-lily pictures (work shown by Bobby Leslie, Thanisha Raajkumar and Aryan Krishna).

They have also been honing their drawing skills by drawing upside-down. This encourages them to focus on the shapes they are drawing rather than the picture itself.

