



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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It has been a pleasure to see the children's hard work, resilience and curiosity shine through in so many areas of school life over the past few weeks—from the classroom to the playground and beyond. This half term has been filled with so many memorable learning experiences, and I am incredibly proud of all that our pupils have achieved.

Celebration of Earth Day with our partner schools



Wren Class came together with the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership at Nyewood Infant School to celebrate Earth Day. The children had a wonderful time learning all about nature and the world around them. They loved exploring the outdoors and taking part in Forest School activities, where they could investigate, play and discover in a natural setting. It was a fun and memorable day that helped the children understand the importance of looking after our Earth while enjoying time learning together.

At the end of their *Dear Earth* learning journey, Year 2 were lucky enough to enjoy a beautiful day at West Wittering Beach, with blue skies, sunshine and warm weather. The children were so excited to explore this wonderful part of our world and see nature up close. It was a fantastic way to bring their learning to life and celebrate everything they had discovered about caring for our Earth.



Robin Class immersing themselves in our Roman heritage.



Year 2 also set off on a Roman exploration of Chichester to discover more about the city's Roman legacy. Their journey began at the North City Walls, where they learned about the extensive road-building that followed the Roman invasion in AD 43.

The children then visited the bathhouse at The Novium and enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers. At the Cathedral, Mrs. Rosie Bradberry showed them part of a Roman mosaic beneath the ground and explained the "thin ground" story — how modern Chichester was built on top of the Roman settlement of Noviomagus Reginorum.

At the Cross, the children explored the Roman street layout and saw how straight and well-built Roman roads were. On their way to Priory Park, they also stopped to look at the Temple Stone at the Assembly Rooms, the Forum Stones and the East City Walls. This visit was swiftly followed by a visit to the Fishbourne Roman Palace where the children furthered their knowledge of life in Roman Chichester.



Voices of the Rainforest



Woodpecker class started the half term with great excitement as they embarked on their new learning journey, *Voices of the Rainforest*. To launch this topic in a truly memorable way, we welcomed Zoolab into the classroom for a hands-on rainforest experience. They introduced Woodpecker Class to a fascinating range of animals that are perfectly adapted to life in the rainforest or similar areas, including a Giant African snail, a corn snake, a millipede and a beautiful tree frog.

The children were captivated as they learned about each animal's habitat, behaviour and special features. Everyone was given the opportunity to gently hold one of the animals, helping to build confidence, curiosity and respect for living creatures. It was a fantastic, immersive start to the term and sparked many thoughtful questions and discussions, setting the scene perfectly for our rainforest learning adventure.

Wren Class Trip to the Weald and Downland Museum



Year R and Year 1 had a fantastic time visiting the Weald & Downland Living Museum as part of their learning journey, *The Big Build*. The children explored a range of historic buildings and discovered how homes and buildings have changed over time. They enjoyed stepping back into the past, learning about traditional materials and building methods, and comparing old homes to the ones we live in today. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought their learning to life!

Chichester Cathedral Flower

A group of talented students from Woodpecker Class recently visited Chichester Cathedral to participate in a series of engaging, hands-on creative workshops. The children explored their artistic talents by crafting unique multimedia pieces using a colourful mix of wool, stamps, pens, beads, and fresh flowers.



You can view the spectacular results of their hard work and creativity first hand, as their pieces will be proudly showcased alongside artwork from other local schools as part of the highly anticipated Chichester Cathedral Flower Festival. The vibrant exhibition runs from 3rd June to 6th June, offering a wonderful opportunity for families and the community to support these young artists.

Trip to Jami Mosque



Year 5 took time out of the classroom to visit a mosque in Portsmouth as part of their Religious Education learning journey on Islam. The children received a warm and welcoming introduction to the mosque and its community. During their visit, they respectfully observed the community taking part in Salah, the daily prayers, which helped to deepen their understanding of Islamic worship and practices.

The pupils then enjoyed an informative and engaging talk from the Imam, who explained key beliefs and answered questions about life as a Muslim. The children had prepared thoughtful questions in advance and showed great curiosity and respect as they asked them, gaining valuable first-hand insight into the Muslim faith. The visit was a memorable experience that helped bring their classroom learning to life and strengthened their understanding of different cultures and religions.

Tests and Challenges

A very well done to all our children in year six who displayed an excellent attitude last week during their statutory National Curriculum Test week. May and June are always important months in school as the children undertake a number of end of year tests and all children are, or will be, involved in formal assessments over the coming weeks. As important as these tests are, we must remember they are only a snap shot of progress and certainly do not tell the whole picture of a child's learning journey. They are however useful evidence to support teachers ongoing assessments of children's progress and attainment.



Whole School production



The buzz around school has been incredible as we proudly unveiled *Disney's Aladdin JR.* as our summer production! Pheasant Class have recently auditioned, and we are delighted to say that roles have now been assigned. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, confidence, and energy throughout the process, and we can't wait to see them develop the range of roles they have been given. The whole school has enjoyed our first

Aladdin singing session too. We are all very excited to begin the process of piecing our show together and being a part of the magic of production season.



When we return to school after the half term break, the weather will hopefully stay warm. Therefore, all children must ensure they have their **school water bottle** in school every day. Children are welcome to take their water bottle home daily for a wash and refill – we do insist they go home at least at the end of every week for a thorough clean. **Please note that children should only**

bring in the standard school bottle which must be filled with water – not squash. Replacement bottles can be purchased for £2 on Arbor.

Sun cream and sun hats

Please also ensure you apply sun cream to your child before the start of the school day. All day sun cream is now readily available in shops which means there is no need for children to bring bottles of sun cream in to school. Children should also have an appropriate sun hat to wear outside.

We have a number of exciting events planned for after half term that would be good to have in your diary:

Friday 19th June
Saturday 20th June
Monday 22nd June
Wednesday 17th June

Friends Fathers' Day sale
Lavant Village Fair 1pm – Maypole dancers performing.
Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral
GAS Sports – A separate letter will be sent home for children involved

Thursday 18th June
Wednesday 15th July
Thursday 16th July
Wednesday 22nd July

School Sports Day (am) and Picnic
Matinee Whole school performance of Aladdin Jr
Evening performance of Aladdin Jr followed by Summer Social
Year 6 leavers service in school.
End of summer term



Reminder of key dates for next academic year

Tuesday 1st September (School closure day)

INSET Days

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 4th January

Friday 5th February

Wednesday 21st July

What a lovely end to a busy half term as the sun has finally come out. As we head into the May half term break, we hope it provides a well-deserved opportunity for rest, relaxation and time with family and friends.

Best Wishes



Adrian King



Dan Taylor

If you have any ideas or additional suggestions for our school please feel free to complete the slip below and return to the school office at your convenience

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