

Upcoming dates

Mon 26th June

Sports Week

Tues 27th June

Changeover day

Weds 28th June 6:45pm

Welcome to EYFS meeting for new starters

Fri 30th June

Sports Day KS1 am, KS2 pm

Wednesday 5th July

Whole School photo

Sat 8th July

150th birthday celebration

Weds 12th and Thurs 13th July 6:30pm

Falcon Class production

Thurs 20th July 1:15pm **End of academic year**

Tues 5th September Start of new academic year

Sun 5th November

Thameside Firework Fiesta

Sun 19th - Sat 25th November

Year 6 residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau

Message from Mrs Holland

There have been plenty more outside learning opportunities this week as we've taken advantage of the continued Summery weather.

Preparations for our events are also in full swing as the children gather sponsors for our visit by an Olympian. Falcon Class run through their lines and songs for their end of term production and many of you have signed up to volunteer for various roles at our 150th anniversary picnic.

There has been much excitement for the members of our Coding Club, too. Code written by them as part of the European Astro Pi Challenge 'Mission Zero' has been run at the International Space Station! Daniel, Jax, Arlo, Belle, Mason and Harry B are very pleased with their achievement. Many thanks to Ian Howard for volunteering his time this academic year to organise and run the Club.

Well done also to Mrs Pickering, Mrs S Smith and Mrs Tigwell for completing their Stormbreak Surge training. We will be sharing with the whole school details of this initiative next term.

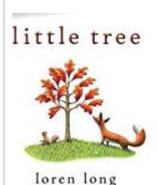
Unfortunately I have not been able to share with you all the plans for next term's wraparound care this week, as I had planned to. Please see my other letter this week

This Week in Collective Worship...

This week we launched our Jigsaw theme for the half term: **Changing Me.** On Monday we thought about growing up and the changes that brings.

In Class Candle Time, we've been reading 'Little Tree', a lovely story all about a tree who is so happy with his leaves and the way they are, until the seasons change and he has some tricky decisions to make...

This Thursday, the children worked in House Groups to reflect on the changes they've experience and future changes they are looking forward to. We also talked about our mental wellbeing toolkit and shared ideas for some things we can do to support our wellbeing during periods of change.



Year 4 & 5 trip to the Gaia School experience

Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a visit to Reading Museum on Wednesday morning. They went to see the incredible Gaia exhibit by Luke Jerram as part of the Reading Climate Festival. Watching the 7m glowing globe of planet earth, created from pictures from NASA, slowly rotating was an amazing sight to see.

'On Wednesday we took the public bus all the way to Reading museum. At Reading museum, we saw a giant inflated globe with pictures of the earth on a satellite.

We then did lots of cool activities and we looked at how we can care for our environment. It was a really fun experience and I would definitely see it again!' - *Jax Year 5*







Sunny Weather

As the weather is becoming warmer, just a reminder that the children will need **a sun hat** to wear for playtimes and outdoor PE. The children may also use **a high factor sunscreen** – please apply sunscreen before arriving to school. If you wish, you child can bring in a named sunscreen bottle, which must be handed to the class teacher, to top up if they do outdoor PE in the afternoon.



Sports Day

Parents and families are most welcome to come along to our Sports Day on Friday 30th June. **Key Stage 1** pupils (Badger) will compete in the **morning** and **Key Stage 2** (Owl and Falcon) pupils in the **afternoon**.

For more details regarding Sports Week and Sports Day please see the letter that was sent home this week with your child.

Community News

Our 150th Birthday Celebration is happening soon!

Thank you to those who have signed up already to help with preparation, setting up and stalls on the day. There are still some opportunities for you to join in. Please click this <u>link</u> to commit an hour or so to help us on the day! Thank you to those who have signed up over the last week.

We have our fingers crossed for sunshine and a relaxed family celebration to mark this milestone.

