

## Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Writing".



Reception -	Harry and Poyraz
Year One -	Yathra, Elouise and Milo
Year Two -	Ellie and Oddiyan
Year Three -	Bahar and Christopher
Year Four -	Harvey and Amber
Year Five -	Sidney and Tabby
Year Six -	Rayan and Mason

## Times Tables Awards

Congratulations to Nell, Harvey, and Clark in Year 4, who have achieved Maths Mastery in their times tables and division facts.

To achieve the Maths Mastery certificate the children have to be able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 without hesitation.

Well done!

## Red Nose Day

We are pleased to share with you that we raised £135 towards Red Nose Day—Comic Relief 2024.

Thank you to all who donated.



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## Nursery Places September 2024

If your child has been offered a place in our Nursery Class from September 2024 and you would like to take the place could you please let us know by confirming acceptance of the place by 26th April.

We still have a small number of places available—so its not too late to apply.

## Year 3 and 4 Liverpool Visit

On 2nd May our Year 3 and 4 children have the opportunity to visit Liverpool as part of their geography unit. The visit will deepen the children's geography understanding of 'Why is Liverpool a gateway to the world?'. During the day the children will take part in workshops provided by museum experts, a ferry trip along the Mersey and an art activity led by Mrs Holland.

Contributions of £26.75 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account.

Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled. Many thanks.

## Music Payment Reminder

A reminder please for final payments for music tuition if you haven't done so already.



## Year 5 Standon Bowers Assembly

Our Year Five Class Assembly, to share their experiences of their Standon Bowers Residential, will be on Friday 19th April at 9.05am.

Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to hearing all about it.



## Year 6 PGL Residential

If you haven't already done so, please can you ensure you have paid for in full for the Year 6 PGL Residential by no later than 30th April.

Deposits are due by close of play today.

Thank you.





## Spiderman Visited Reception

Yesterday, our Reception class were visited by Spiderman! Unfortunately, he was lacking in energy and his super powers had stopped working. After chatting with Spiderman, the children discovered he had not been looking after his health and they gave him lots of advice to help him to feel better. This included getting enough sleep, eating and drinking healthily, exercising and limiting his screen time. The children have been busy making some healthy fruit smoothies which we will be leaving out for Spiderman and his superhero friends to enjoy over the weekend!



## Reception Visit to Blists Hill

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Reception will be visiting Blists Hill Victorian Town. This will support the children's learning about the similarities and differences between life in the past and modern-day life. The children will tour the town as they take part in a 'Delivery Day' workshop based on the story of The Jolly Postman, as well as taking part in a laundry experience and candle dipping.

More information will be sent out to you early next week via ParentMail and will then be live on ParentPay also.

We rely on voluntary contributions for visits to take place. The cost of the trip is £28.00 to be paid via your ParentPay account.

Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



## Year 1 and Year 2 ~ Katherine House Fundraiser

Thank you to all that attended our Katherine House Fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Together we raised a wonderful £364.20. Katherine House will be in school on 20th May with a 'big cheque' for us to show how much we have raised for them.





## Year 5 and 6 R.E Learning: Eid al-Fitr



Year 5 and 6 were enjoyed a visit from an expert on the Islamic faith to talk about the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr. A number of children in the classes had recently taken part in the celebrations so it was great for the other children to deepen their knowledge of this special occasion and to understand what it means to some of their classmates.

Eid al-Fitr: As the holy month of Ramadan draws to a close, Muslims around the world anticipate the sighting of the new crescent Moon. This celestial event marks the end of fasting and the beginning of Eid al-Fitr, a festival that celebrates faith, community, and gratitude.



### Dates for your Diary

16th April

Reception to Year 6—Pep The Poet in school

19th April

Year 5 Standon Bowers assembly at 9.05am

2nd May

Nursery—Ash End Farm Visit (more info to follow shortly)

2nd May

Year 3 and 4 Liverpool Visit

3rd May

Reception Visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town

6th May

Bank Holiday—school closed

13th—16th May

Year 6 SATS week

27th - 31st May

Half Term—school closed

3rd June

INSET day—school closed

5th—7th June

Year 6 PGL Residential

6th June

Whole Class Photos (except Year 6)

17th June

Year 6 class photo at 11am

20th June

Nursery Sports Day at 9.15am

27th June

KS1 Sports Day at 1.30pm

27th June

KS2 Sports Day at 9.15am

## Pep the Poet

We are excited to welcome Pep the Poet to our school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Pep is a published poet who will be sharing his work with us. This is a great opportunity to learn about poetry and be inspired by a real-life poet.

Pep the Poet is a performance poet and wellbeing champion, who writes and performs amusing poems for 6 to 11-year-olds. He has published five poetry collections: Peter Pants, Quentin the Squirrel, The Funky Peacock, Tina the Rock-Hard Robin and The Dept. of Laughs & Giggles.

Pep will also hold a stall after school on this day if you wanted to purchase any books.

We are inviting contributions of just £2.50 towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account please which is now live.

Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



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**SUNDAY 14th April.**

**9 - 11am**

**FREE TENNIS SESSION**  
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Note for your diary—Our Open Day Sat 18th May. Juniors and families welcome all morning



# Poem of the Week

## What Have You Done to the Wind?

By Steve Turner

What have you done to the wind, now,  
And why is it moaning outside?  
Why is it screaming through keyholes  
And why is it trying to hide?

Why is it banging the gate shut  
And causing the gutter to leak?  
Why is it howling like hound dogs  
Which haven't been fed for a week?

What have you done to the wind, now,  
And why is it drunk in the street?  
Why is it tossing our tiles down  
And trampling our plants with its feet?

Why is it climbing the treetops  
While shaking the leaves to the ground?  
Why is it hurling our bin-lids  
And making a frightening sound?

What have you done to the wind, now,  
To make it so terribly mad?  
Did you slash at the air with a golf club  
Or whisper a word that was bad?

Did you stab the breeze with your finger  
Or dice it to bits with your car?  
With weather you have to be careful,  
For wind always knows where you are.

*Taken from The Day I Fell Down The Toilet And Other Poems by Steve Turner ©1997 Lion Publishing*