

# BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 27th March 2026



## A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

We are amazingly at the end of the Spring term. As always, we have had a very exciting week.

Last Saturday, our school choir performed at the annual WASMA concert at the Hexagon Theatre with other Wokingham schools. They were absolutely spectacular. They sang beautifully. Lily J and Salena sang solos. 12 of the choir performed a brilliant dance to the Blues standard 'Sweet Home Chicago' and they were tremendous. Some of our children also read scripts, and were really in role. The whole school got to see a sample of our talented choir today.

On Monday, the Open the Book Team, accompanied by Reverend Patrick, presented a special Easter assembly. Roland from the Open the Book Team played his accordion whilst our choir sang 'Lord of the Dance.' They were all fantastic.

On Wednesday, Red Squirrel Class and Hedgehog Class visited the Silchester Roman Ruins as a part of their history topic 'Roman Britain.' They all had a lovely time exploring the important historical evidence of the Roman presence in this country.

Hedgehog Class have been extremely busy with rehearsals this half term, and finally put on their production 'Who's Your Mummy!' - an exciting, comical tale that mixed Ancient Egypt with the modern day. The children performed beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Haden for leading on this, and to Mrs Deen and Mrs Smith (in police uniform) for ably assisting. It was a really special way to round off Mrs Haden's time with us before she moves onto exciting ventures new!

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On Thursday, our excellent PTA put on a whole school Easter Egg Hunt - with all of the children given an Easter egg. We really are so lucky to have such a dedicated PTA. Thank you to all of them.

Today, it has been great seeing the children in their Easter bonnets. There has been a real buzz of excitement.

We also had an extended Celebration assembly. In addition to the usual awards, we had attendance medals; a snippet of the WASMA performance from our choir; chess medals for our own chess club tournament; awards for the best Easter bonnets; and a very special farewell to Mrs Haden who will be very much missed after 9 years at Bearwood.

I do hope all of our families have a lovely Easter break.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 13th April.

Best wishes

**Funmi Alder**  
**Headteacher**



## EASTER BONNET WINNERS

**Year 1** Morrison

**Year 2** Maybelle

**Year 3** Florence

**Year 4** Alondra

**Otter** Toby

**Badger** Christopher

**Grey Wolf** Eva



## Chess Club Tournament

This year's chess club tournament winners:

First place - Tanishi  
Second place - Advik  
Third place - Jack Ho

A huge **THANK YOU** to Mr Howse for his support during Chess Club. The children really appreciated his valuable chess knowledge and advice.

## Events

- **13th April:** Children Return
- **16th April:** Vaisakhi Assembly
- **23rd April:** Red Squirrel Class Assembly at 9am
- **30th April:** Beaver Class Assembly at 9am
- **4th May** - Bank Holiday
- **w/c 11th May** - SATS
- **19th May** - Class Photographs
- **22nd May** - 9.30am Parent Tour
- **22nd May** - 2pm Country Dancing show to Parents
- **25th May** - Summer Half - Term
- **1st June** - Children Return
- **w/c 8th June** - Yr 1 Phonics Screening check
- **w/c 8th June** - Yr 4 Multiplications check
- **16th June** - Parents' Forum Meeting 9am
- **18th June** - GRT History Month Assembly

## Value for the term - Empathy

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*



# WEEKLY AWARDS



## Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - Kiara 'for using determination to recall lots of factors for her double page spread in History.  
Beaver Class - Kayla 'for always being on task and focused in all lessons.  
Red Squirrel Class - Albie 'for amazing contribution to class discussions and for always being ready to learn.  
Hedgehog Class - Whole Class 'for their amazing effort in their production. We are proud of you!  
Badger Class - Mason 'for working on including his great vocabulary in his writing.'  
Otter Class - Aidan 'for great determination and effort in his learning. Particularly with practice SATs this week.'  
Grey Wolf Class - Sahibpreet 'for great effort and focus in lessons - particularly in her double page spread.'

## PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Whole Class** 'for their perseverance and determination to dribbling a ball with their hands this term.'  
Beaver Class - **Whole Class** 'for dedication to dance this term.'  
Red Squirrel Class - **Sienna** 'for fantastic stamina when walking on our trip.'  
Hedgehog Class - **Eliza** 'for her brilliant basketball skills at breaktime!'  
Badger Class - **Whole Class** 'for working on their tag rugby skills and playing great mini games.  
Otter Class - **Hanna** 'for great effort and participation learning the hand jive dance.  
Grey Wolf Class - **Viaan** 'great movement in tag rugby.'

## Writer of the week ★

KS1 - Aariz 'for making sure he used golden sentences when writing his double page spread in history.

LKS2 - Robyn for transferring her Yr 4 writing skills in her double page spread.

UKS2 - Mollie 'for always pushing yourself and asking questions. You have had a great go at using your checklist to extend and improve your diary entries.

## Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 87%  
Beaver Class - 92.6%  
Red Squirrel Class - 94.4%  
Hedgehog Class - 90%  
Badger Class - 100% **(Winner)**  
Otter Class - 97.9%  
Grey Wolf Class - 94.2%  
Brown Bear Class - 95.5%

# WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



Oakley-Rose in Reception and Luca in Year 6 both both ran a mini marathon on Sunday! It was Oakley-Rose's first ever race and she loved showing her medal off in nursery on Monday. Well done Oakley-Rose and Luca! What **SUPERSTARS!** ★

**Would you like to star in our next newsletter?** ★

If you would like your child to star in our next week's Newsletter, please email a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements into the school office.

# WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



Shравan in Year 4 has reached a milestone in swimming, he is now able to swim 15 metres. **Well done Shравan!**



# OFFICE NOTICES



Please label your  
child's items.



THANK  
YOU



Just a reminder to label your child's items before they return in April. All labelled items will be returned to class. Thank you.

## Important Reminders

- Year 6 - Please order your Leavers' Hoodies - Deadline - **27th March 2026**
- Year 6 - Cuffley Residential **FINAL BALANCE** due - 10th April 2026
- Please order your school lunches on Sunday 12th April.

Children  
return  
Monday  
13th  
April!

Enjoy a cracking Easter  
holiday!



# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## EYFS Team



This week in EYFS the children have been finding out about Easter and Spring. All the children enjoyed making chocolate Easter nests and trying Hot Cross Buns. The Drawing Club book this week is *The Odd Egg* by Emily Gravett, you can listen to a version of it here: <https://youtu.be/XDwmrXJ5UO8>

The Nursery children listened to the story of *Supertato The Great Eggscape!* By Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. I wonder if the children can tell you about these stories at home?

The children had lots of fun at the Easter Egg Hunt, thank you to the wonderful PTA for organising this for the children.

**Happy Easter to all our families, thank you for your continued support and kindness.**

Happy Easter!



Class reminders



# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## Year 1- Fox Class



We finished our final piece of art this week. We have been learning about Eric Carle as an artist and have created our beautiful spring pictures using his collage technique.



## Class reminders

- Thursday 25th June - Class Assembly - 9am

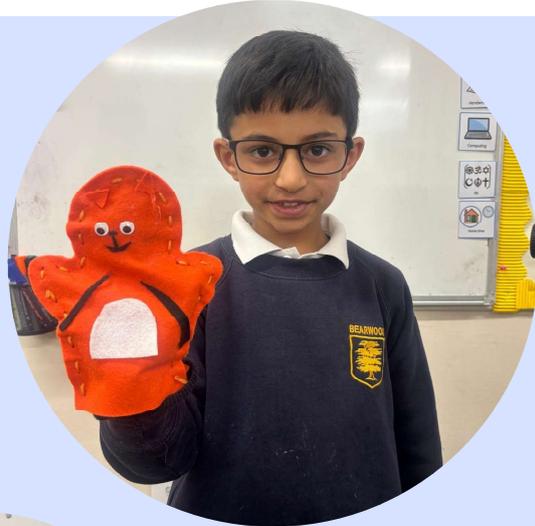
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## Year 2 - Beaver Class



This week we made our glove puppets in DT, we followed our designs well and evaluated what we would change next time. All the children were fantastic and persevered with sewing even when it got a bit tricky! Yesterday, we had a fantastic Easter Egg hunt and even got to meet the Easter Bunny! Have a lovely half term !



## Class reminders

- Thursday 30th April - Beaver Class Assembly 9am
- Thursday 7th May - Windsor Castle Trip

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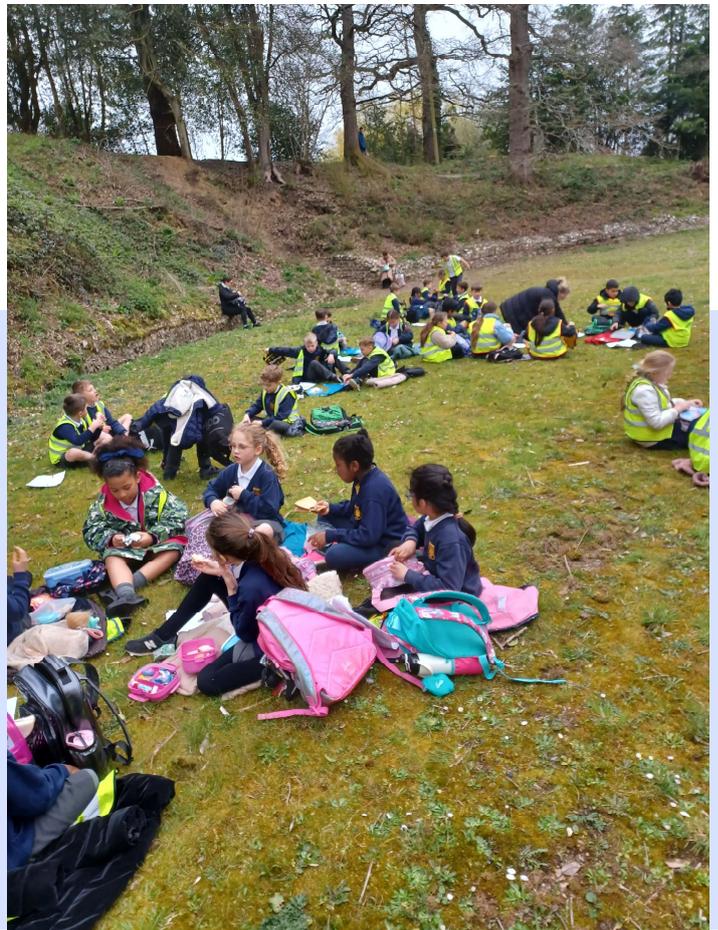
## Year 3 & 4 - Silchester Trip ★★

This week's year 3 and 4 visited Silchester. We visited the Roman ruins, seeing how the Romans built their towns for defense. We were impressed with the size of their walls and how they still remained 2,000 years on. We got to explore how the Romans changed Britain and the impact they had on life. We even got to see a Roman amphitheatre and spent time being gladiators entertaining their audience - the teachers.



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## Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



A big well done to Hedgehog Class for their fantastic performance of their end of term production. We are incredibly proud of you! You only had four weeks to pull it off and you really rose to the challenge.

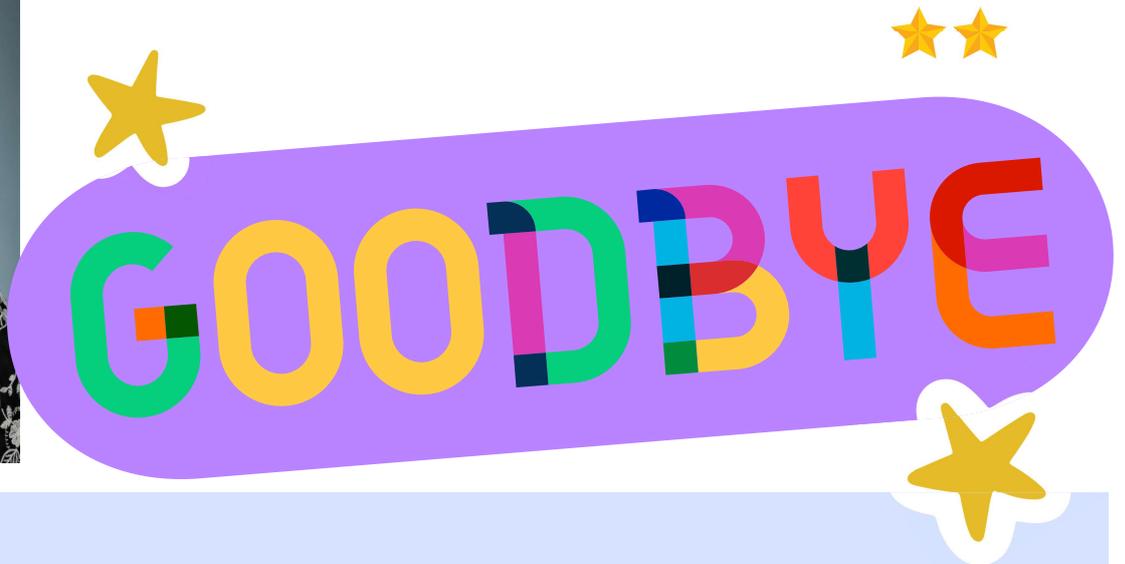
A huge well done to Shuban who took the time to learn a solo piano piece to open the production. Thank you to his piano teacher from Berkshire Maestros for supporting him. You can see from the photos that he really enjoyed the experience.

Have a well-deserved break everyone and take the time to do all of the things you enjoy, especially reading. ☐



Class reminders

# GOODBYE FROM MRS HADEN...



A big heartfelt thank you to you all for your incredibly kind words, they are truly appreciated and I will most definitely remember your words of encouragement as I start my new role at my new school. I have absolutely loved being a part of your children's learning journeys and I have many fond memories that I will treasure. Remember, that every day is a good day, there's always something to learn, care about and celebrate.

**Mrs Haden**

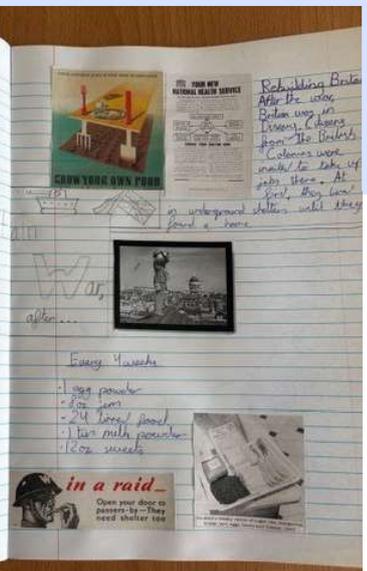
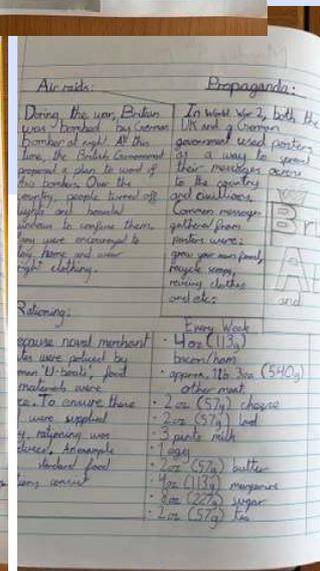
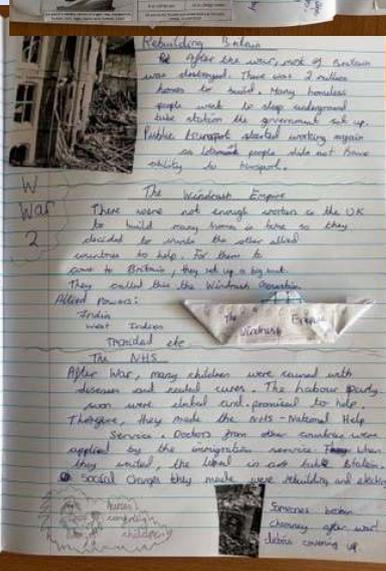
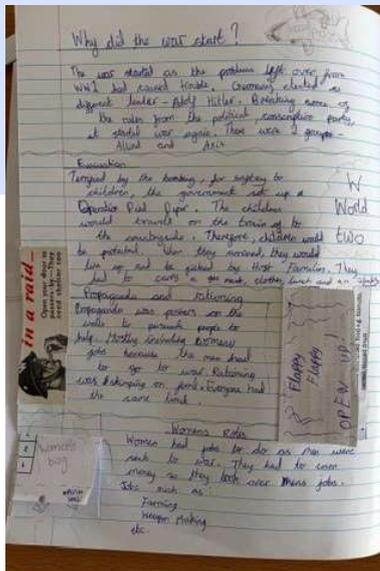
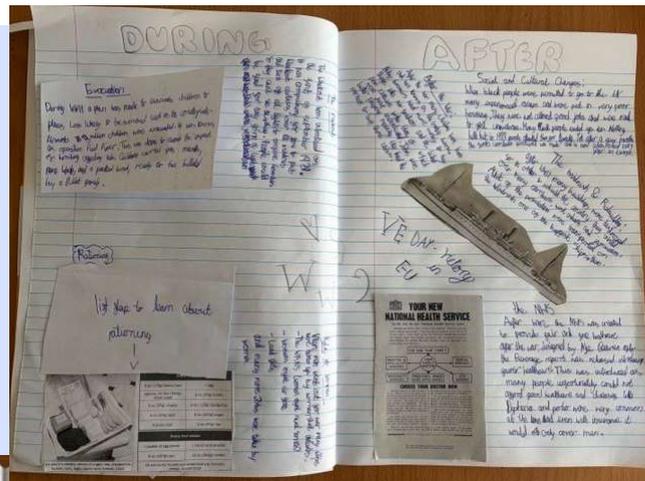
# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## Year 5/6 Badger



This week in Badger, we have reached the end of our learning about World War II. We have been using the knowledge we gained to answer two main questions, How and Why did life change for people in Britain during the War? How and Why did Britain change after the War? We included information about what it was like for different groups of people to live during the war as well as looking at the Windrush generation including the formation of the NHS. We also learnt about how technology changed life and began to form the way we live now.



## Class reminders

- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## Year 5/6 Otter



This week in Otter class we had the pleasure of attending Rafael's assembly. After celebrating neurodiverse week last week, it was a nice way to wrap that up. We enjoyed hearing about what life is like with hyperactivity. We are very proud of Rafael and think he did a fantastic job of presenting.



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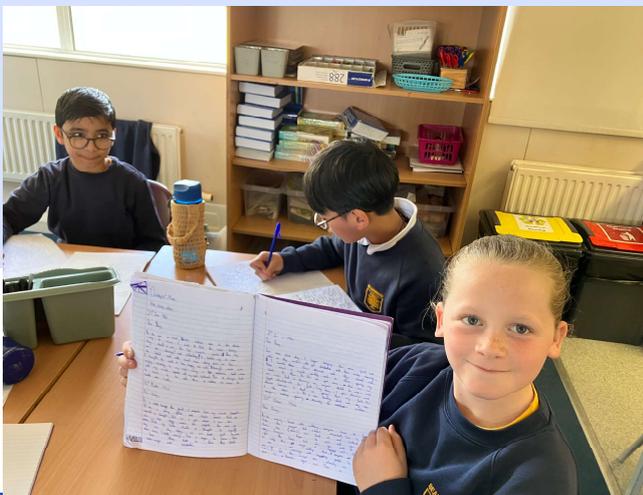
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## Year 5/6 Grey Wolf



UKS2 have been writing diaries this week based off the book 'Rose Blanche' - the story of a German girl in WW2 who discovers a Jewish concentration camp. They have shown how Rose's feelings and thoughts change over time and empathised with the characters of the book!



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# OTHER NEWS



A huge well done to our Bearwood Choir who performed at the weekend at the annual WASMA production alongside other schools. They certainly did Bearwood proud!

They also performed to the school during our open book assembly this week.

**Well done everyone!**



*Good Job!*







Last week, our Eco Warriors gardening club planted onions and carrots with our brilliant volunteer Jane.



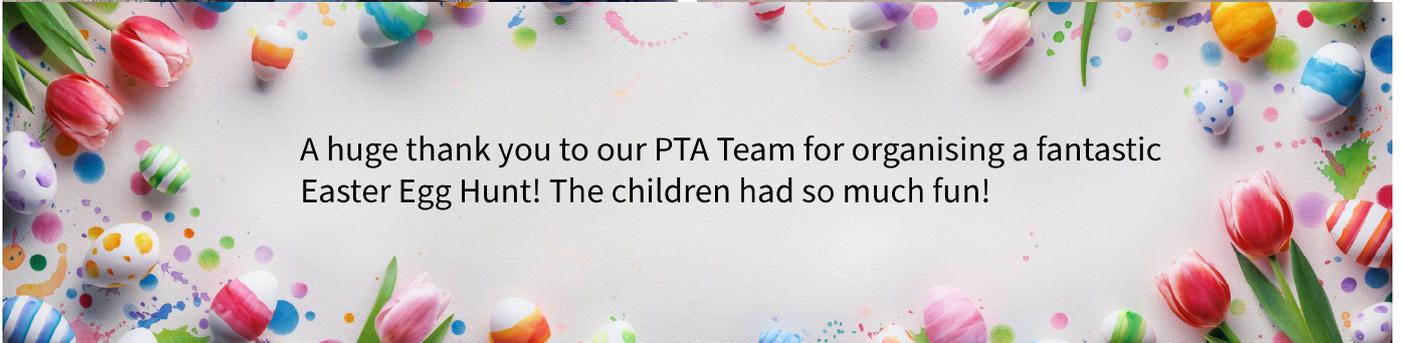
# OTHER NEWS



This week Andi from Little Musketeers held an informative assembly to teach the children all about their fun, safe and educational club that they will be hosting for the children next term to learn the sport of fencing.



# PTA NEWS



A huge thank you to our PTA Team for organising a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt! The children had so much fun!



# FLYERS

Meet and Learn About  
Guide Dogs for the Blind

## GUIDE DOGS



**Friday 10 April 2026**  
**10 am - 12 noon**

**Lower Earley Library**



**WOKINGHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



# FLYERS

## Teen Writing Group

### AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

JOIN IGNITING WRITING,  
WOKINGHAM LIBRARY'S TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

FACE TO FACE SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY  
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

SESSION FOR YEAR 6-8 9.45AM TO 11.15AM

SESSION FOR YEAR 9-13 11.45AM TO 1.15PM

THE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL  
YEAR 6 TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

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SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- FUN WRITING ACTIVITIES
- USEFUL WRITING TIPS
- GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON STORY IDEAS

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ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE  
TO SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS, VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON OUR  
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- 1 Select your hoodie with or without personalisation then choose size & add to basket (Hoodies are meant to be worn big, please size up!)
- 2 Click on your basket at the top right of the screen. **If applicable enter your nickname into the 'name box' exactly as you wish it to appear (ie. UPPER CASE or Title Case, No special characters or emojis allowed).**
- 3 Select...  
**'Deliver to your school on APPROXIMATELY 20.04.2026'**  
(at checkout this will show as school delivery address)  
**HOME DELIVERY IS NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS ITEM.**
- 4 You will be asked to log in or register at this point.
- 5 All orders must include child's name and class in the relevant box.  
All garments will be delivered to your school week commencing 20th April 2026.



**IMPORTANT: Orders must be received by Friday 27th March!**

**Please note:** Due to the bespoke nature of the garments leavers orders cannot be returned or exchanged

**For general queries, information about admissions or to request any information held on our website please contact:**

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Ask for Mrs Jennifer Proud or Mrs Annette Lee (Administrative Assistants).

The school office is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.