



From Our Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

We are now in the season of Eastertide, a joyful time when the Church celebrates Jesus' Resurrection and the new life He brings. It's a time to rejoice in the Good News that Jesus is alive and present with us, and to reflect on what this means for our everyday lives.

Throughout April, we have explored the Gospel stories that help us think about believing in the risen Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life who leads us to a closer relationship with God the Father.

Coming together as a community is an intrinsic part of school life. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Big Breakfast this morning, which is one of the highlights of the year for me. I enjoy watching everyone come together and the enjoyment it brings. If you were unable to make it this year, please circle it on next year's calendar! A big thank you to Mrs Dias and all the staff team for their help.

Last week, we said goodbye to Mrs Buttigieg who has moved out of the area. We wish her well with her new adventure on the south coast.

Finally, I wish you an enjoyable bank holiday weekend. Here's hoping to good weather!

*With best wishes,
Mr Lynch*

Breakfast and After School Club

The Breakfast Club and After School Club are open from Monday to Friday term time only. Mrs Dias, Mrs Bennet and Miss Rai run the clubs and there are many activities, games and themed days to enjoy.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 8:00 am. The cost per session is £3.50, all payments need to be done via Arbor. You do not need to book for Breakfast Club.

After School Club

After School Club will operate from 3:20pm to 6:00pm. The cost per booking is £10.00, however you can collect your child anytime between 3:20pm and 6:00pm, snacks are served at 4:30pm

Please book Arbor in advance, the cut off for booking is 48 hours. If you cancel within 24 hours you will incur the cost. We are still able to take Ad Hoc bookings.

Please note late collection fees are £5.00 plus £5.00 per 5 minutes after 6:00pm.

Safeguarding Corner



ROBLOX - UPDATE

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, **it is important to monitor what your child is accessing as well as** set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.

New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts:

Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5–8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default.

Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here:

<https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>



Well done to Parks Class for their April Attendance

Thank you for working with us in ensuring your children are in school. We will regularly be reviewing the children's attendance and contacting parents where we are concerned .

Please note that no holiday during term time will be authorised. Holiday dates have been published on our website so please do book family breaks during this time.

We know that for some children, worries can make attending school tricky. Please do contact us if your child is worried about anything, especially school related, so we can offer support and resolve any issues.

	April	2026
Class	Attendance %	Lateness %
Shakespeare	97.02	2.26
Seacole	95.60	2.98
Anning	96.67	1.35
Parks	99.00	0.45
Einstein	94.05	0.60
Armstrong	96.55	1.19
Mandela	96.09	0.78



National Geographic Kids



With Earth Day being on the 22nd April every year, this brings awareness to our planet, however you can access National Geographic Kids any day of the year to find out about our planet. You can explore the world, learn about climate change and even 15 fascinating facts about Sir David Attenborough, click the link below to discover so much more!

[Click for more information on Earth Day](#)

[Click to discover National Geographic Kids](#)

Shakespeare Class



We have had such a busy start to our new half term theme of 'Grow, grow, grow! The children have already planted their bean seeds which are growing rapidly, there are tadpoles in the Paddock which we are observing every day and the caterpillars have already made their cocoons and we are eagerly awaiting butterflies to emerge.

Our theme will continue through this half term as we explore the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and then we will look at how we have grown, from a baby to now!

In a couple of weeks we will be visiting RHS Wisley - if any parent is willing to volunteer we would appreciate any help (please speak to a member of the YR R staff).

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Art

Year 1 responded to music by making different types of marks on paper to represent water, as part of their drawing in Art unit 'Make your mark'.

Year 1 Seacole Class

In today's Art session we explored the Australian artist Samantha Stephenson who uses metal to create sculptures that show movement by using curves. She uses colour to make her sculptures seem full of energy. Using her sculpture as inspiration the children created a sculpture by sticking paper rolls (cylinders) to a flat card base, using their rolling and cutting skills to create. Here are some of our creations.



L.F: Roll paper to make 3D structures

S.C: -Roll paper to make a cylinder

-Combine paper cylinders to make a sculpture

-Adapt my ideas as I work



Cooking Workshops – Learning Through Fun!

Our students have been enjoying exciting cooking workshops at school! These sessions give children the opportunity to develop new skills in a fun and practical way. During the lessons, pupils prepare healthy dishes together, learning how to handle ingredients carefully and safely. They work as a team, support one another, and share ideas.

What did we learn?

- how to work safely in the kitchen*
- the importance of hygiene and preparation*
- how to collaborate and support classmates*
- confidence in trying new things*

Students were very proud of what they made and were happy to take their dishes home to share with their families.

Student voice:

"It was really fun and I enjoyed working with my friends!"

"I liked making something that I could eat at the end!"

Cooking workshops are a fantastic way to combine learning with real-life skills — and, of course, they are delicious too!"

EASTER BONNET WINNERS

There were so many beautiful Easter Bonnets this year, everyone worked so very hard on their creations, well done! Our winners were Curtis, Noah, Suvam, Lily, Toby, Gabby, Liliana, Monica and Laura for their wonderful Easter Bonnets, Congratulations to you all.

EASTER GARDEN WINNERS

Well done to everyone that made an Easter Garden. There were so many wonderful designs. Our top five winners were Ailbhe, Rosie, Onesimus, Louie-James and Sofia, Congratulations to you all.



17th April 2026

Charism Character Awards

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Junior	For demonstrating perseverance, she is working hard to learn her phonics and tricky words, and apply these in her reading and writing.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Alson	For demonstrating perseverance in his Maths assessments – you did so well!
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Laura	For demonstrating perseverance in everything she does at school. She always gives everything 100% and takes her time.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Daisy	For demonstrating perseverance and hard work. You always try your best and never give up and, as a result, you are making great progress in all subjects. Well done.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Robin	For demonstrating perseverance over the Spring Term. When learning has been challenging, he has shown great maturity and determination, never giving up. Well done.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Nuwair	For demonstrating perseverance with his attention in class. Nuwair is working really hard to pay more attention in class and take part.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Jayden Q	For demonstrating perseverance in all lessons, with all learning this week. You have been so engaged and have been challenging yourself – especially with questions where you had to find the mean!



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Mission Maker Award

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Ellena	For demonstrating a passion to learn- working so hard at home to make an easter garden and an easter bonnet.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Lennon	For demonstrating the passion to learn this week, trying his best in all lessons.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Charlie	For demonstrating the passion to learn this week. He has tried hard with the presentation of his work and he has been very focused.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Nell	For demonstrating the passion to learn in Art. The techniques you used to create a 3D practise sculpture were excellent. Well done
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Sophia	For demonstrating a passion to learn, starting tasks independently especially in maths.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Phoebe	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Phoebe always works really hard across the board. Her work in English this week was particularly brilliant.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Arabella M	For demonstrating the passion to learn in everything this week – your happiness and engagement has been wonderful!



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Charism Character Awards

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Roy	For demonstrating perseverance, working so hard to make great progress in his phonics.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Levi	For demonstrating perseverance with his writing.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Elizabeth	For demonstrating compassion. Elizabeth always helps her class mates; she also shows fantastic passion for all her subjects!
Year 3 Ms McCue	Dylan	For demonstrating perseverance and making excellent choices this week. Well done.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Isabella	For demonstrating compassion towards others and perseverance in all aspects of her learning.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Rheynzo	For demonstrating compassion. He has been a really good friend to his peer who is injured. He makes sure he is helpful and supportive at all times.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Stephanie	For demonstrating all of the Charism gifts, always. You are an incredible role model to everyone in the school – both in and out of the classroom!



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Mission Maker Award

Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Ehiremen	For demonstrating the passion to learn, – showing a desire to write independently.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Amarachi	For demonstrating passion to learn in English.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Skye	Skye is always extremely helpful. She looks after her classroom and tidies up with a big smile on her face.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Aoife	For demonstrating the passion to learn. You are always focused, ready to learn and engaged in our lessons. Well done!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Louie	For demonstrating a passion to learn, writing a good range of sentences in English.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Naomi	For demonstrating the passion to learn. She has settled into Armstrong class unbelievably well and made lots of new friends.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Joey	For demonstrating the passion to learn in all subjects this week – especially maths and English. You have been engaged in all lessons and challenged yourself to improve your understanding!

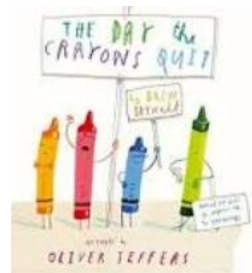
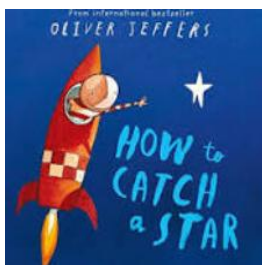
Author of the Month April

Oliver Jeffers



Oliver Jeffers is a visual artist and author working in painting, bookmaking, illustration, collage, performance and sculpture. Curiosity and humour are underlying themes throughout Oliver's practice as an artist and storyteller. Oliver grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland; he currently lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

Books by this author:



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<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPfCvpcYk4I>