

17th April 2026

Our Weekly Update



Headteacher update

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We hope that you all enjoyed the long Easter weekend and that the children had lots of opportunity for rest and relaxation over the holiday. It has been lovely to see them come back to school enthusiastically over the last few days and to see the children so quickly engaged in their new learning.

Attendance this week has been fantastic. As we often write, good attendance in school is crucial in enabling children to make the most progress they can, both academically and socially. We hope that this continues as the term progresses.

The summer term is always a busy one, and in assembly on Monday we discussed the events that are approaching and how children may be feeling about them. We have statutory assessments coming up for Year 6, as well as Year 4's Multiplication Tables Check and Year 1's Phonics Screening Check. There will be the usual transition events later in the term, when children meet their new teachers and our Year 6s visit their

new secondary schools. Preparation is underway for Sports Day, and there are various trips, visitors and personal development experiences to come. Some of these events will naturally bring anxiety for children, as they face change and have to cope with being outside of their comfort zone. We discussed that this is natural, and looked at strategies to help when feeling nervous, the most important of these being talking to someone! Please do follow this up with your children at home so they can make the most of the events coming up and approach changes to come with optimism.

In staffing news, Mr Barker, our PE Coach, will be leaving at the end of next week to take up an exciting opportunity to train as a secondary school teacher. We wish him the best of luck, and welcome Mr Baxter to Somersham to take on this role.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Jonathan Clarke and the SPS Team



Key Dates – updates in blue



Monday 27 th April	Key Stage One Art Day (details tbc)
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Week beginning Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th May (09:20)	Reception production to parents/carers
Week beginning Monday 25 th May	Half term
Week beginning Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Week beginning Monday 8 th June	Healthy Week
Week beginning Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 12 th June	Sports Day: KS2 AM and Reception/KS1 PM (timings tbc)
Thursday 18 th June @ 16:00	PFA Make a Difference Evening
Friday 19 th June	INSET day – school closed to children
Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th June	Abbey College transition
Thursday 25 th June	KS1 trip to Hunstanton – details to follow
Week beginning Monday 29 th June	PSHE Life Bus visiting Somersham – more details to follow
Wednesday 1 st , Tuesday 7 th and Thursday 9 th July	Cromwell Community College transition



Reception	Sow	We have been looking at the poem How Does Your Garden Grow? We learnt that sowing seeds means to put them in the ground. Then in the right conditions the seeds will begin to grow. Have you sown any seeds before? What type were they?
Year 1/2	Tropical	We have begun our Geography unit on South America and compared the Andes to the Amazon Rainforest. Can your child describe the climate of each?
Year 3/4	Ennui	<p>In English, we have been reading The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. He is a porcelain rabbit with expressive ears. One of the descriptions is that he is 'full of ennui' which we found out means boredom.</p> <p>Can you find out where this word comes from and use it in a sentence?</p>
Year 5/6	Plummeted	<p>This week we have been writing a narrative about what would happen if Rock, Paper and Scissors met. We used the word plummeted to describe Rock dropping to warn Paper of Scissor's presence. The classes have produced some excellent writing!</p>

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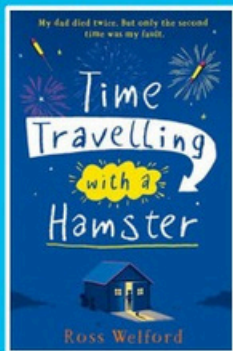
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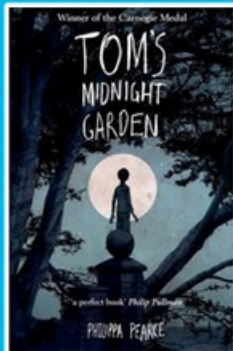
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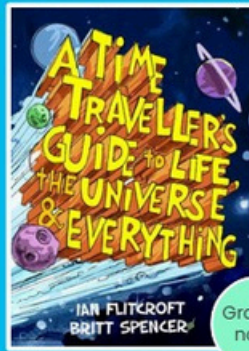
12-year-old history-obsessed Relic Hamilton lives with his grandad above Anansi Antiques, a treasure-trove of a shop that has been in their family for generations. When he finds a particularly curious oil lamp in the basement, he unwittingly releases a genie – only to discover that their benevolent reputation as wish-granters is far from the truth...



[Time Travelling with a Hamster](#) by Ross Welford

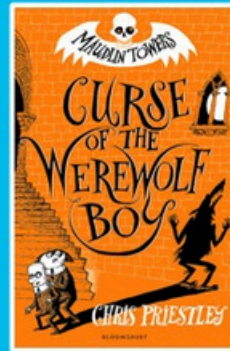


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