



# GLEBE

## GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

### Open Mornings for Prospective Parents

We had two very successful and very well attended open mornings for the parents of children who are due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024.

The families were really impressed with what they saw and commented on how well behaved the children are and how engaged they were in their learning over the two mornings.

Mia and Freddy, our Head Girl and Head Boy gave excellent speeches about what it is like to be a pupil at Glebe and our Prefects were on hand over the two days to welcome our visitors and give them informal tours of KS2 and the upstairs rooms in school.

Once again, the praise for our Prefects was huge and I am so impressed with how they were so open and welcoming to the families who attended. I feel it is important for prospective families to see for themselves how our approach to the social and emotional aspects of education manifests in the confidence and friendliness of the children.

All of the children were excellent ambassadors for the school and I was really proud of them all.

### Weekly Attendance %

6K	100
3ME	99.7
4JL	99.3
6L	98.1
5G	97.9
5I	97.8
RB	97.6
2P	97.3
3R	97
1A	96.4
3V	96.3
2M	95.7
2S	95.3
6A	95.3
1L	94.8
1C	94.4
4W	93.2
4J	93.2
RP	92.4
RG	92.3
5V	91.7

### Whole School

# 95.4%

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

# SPORTS NEWS

## Hockey Tournament

What an amazing display last Friday! A year 5 and a year 6 team represented Glebe in the Quick Sticks Hockey competition and both of them impressed Mr Dwyer and myself! It was the first time our year 5 team have played in a hockey competition and they were incredibly strong; they even won their last game 6-0!

Our year 6 team achieved something that Glebe hasn't been able to achieve since 2019: they won the hockey cup! They won every game and no team was able to score against them.

I am incredibly proud of both teams and how they represented Glebe in such a mature way. Thank you to all the parents for cheering us on, thank you to Mr Dwyer to help out with the year 5 team and for getting me that well-deserved PE jumper!

Mr Vandorpe.



Kabir, Amelie, Charlotte, Ethan, Elliot and Diya



Erin, Harry C, Harry J, Bobby, Tilly and Jaya



# SPORTS NEWS

## Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday, Mr Young and I took the girls' team to the District tournament at Hillingdon Leisure Centre. We were drawn in a tough group alongside Hillside, Newnham and Sacred Heart and knew we'd need some big performances to qualify - which is exactly what we got! We drew 1-1 and then won 3-0 and 1-0 respectively and qualified for the ¼ finals where we were up against Warrender. When the boys team played them in the cup a few weeks ago Warrender had several girls playing for them so we knew we were in for a tough match. An entertaining game finished 0-0 and went straight to penalties where Warrender, who went on to win the tournament, just edged us out! A huge well done to Erin, Jaz, Alena, Amelie, Mia, Ava J, Ava V, Myla and Lily - you did Mr Young and I proud

Mr Dwyer







# SPORTS NEWS

## Boys Football Match

On Wednesday, I took the boys A team to Harefield for the ¼ final of the District Cup competition. We've had a fair bit of success against them in recent months (including the hockey final last week!) so we knew that they would be right up for the game - a fast start was imperative. Even I wasn't expecting the boys to start as quickly as they did though, taking a 1-0 lead after 7 seconds, made even more impressive by the fact Harefield kicked off! They ended up running out 14-1 winners and progressing to the semi-finals which will take place after Christmas. A huge well done to Kayden, Kaito, Daniel, Harry J, Harry C, Elliot, Blake, Ethan, Bobby and Georgie.

Mr Dwyer





A close-up photograph of two children in a field of yellow flowers. One child is holding a magnifying glass over a small object, while the other is holding a small white flower. The image is partially obscured by a brown banner at the bottom.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Reading Explorers

On Wednesday, a small group visited Ickenham library to learn about Rangoli patterns and Diwali. Miss Quirk, Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Godfrey were very impressed with the effort and thought that the children put into creating some amazing designs. There was lots of talk about symmetry and reflection as well as sharing resources and co-operating with friends.

Please remember to support your local library. There are lots of activities arranged by the library including a logo session and Christmas craft. After Christmas, the library will be shutting every Wednesday and it would be a real shame if it had to close on more days.



# REMEMBER



## Key Information & Dates



### Lunchbox Reminder

For health and safety reasons, sweets are not allowed in pupils' lunchboxes. Hard sweets are a choking hazard and we have seen a growing number of children bringing them in their lunchboxes.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep all of our pupils safe.

### Key Dates



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| Monday 27th November          | - 2M Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum                       |
| Tuesday 28th - Friday 1st Dec | - Scholastic Book Fair in the small hall before & after school |
| Monday 4th December           | - Year 4 Trip to Shakespeare's Globe (return @ 3.45pm)         |
|                               | - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am                         |
|                               | - Year 2 Christmas performance - 2.15pm                        |
| Tuesday 5th December          | - Year 2 Christmas performance - 10am                          |
|                               | - Nursery Christmas performance - 2.15pm                       |
| Wednesday 6th December        | - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am                         |
|                               | - Year 2 Christmas performance - 2.15pm                        |
| Thursday 7th December         | - Christmas Dinner Day (please book via The Pantry)            |
| Friday 8th December           | - Flu Immunisations [NOT mandatory] (Reception - Year 6)       |
| Wednesday 13th December       | - Christmas Fayre - during the school day, children only       |
| <b>Thursday 21st December</b> | <b>- Term ends - school day finishes 1 hour early</b>          |

**Please note: There is no training day after Christmas. The spring term starts on Monday 8th January 2024**

# REMEMBER



## Term Dates for 2024-25 September 2024 - July 2025



Please note the following dates are for next academic year – not this school year. I'm going to demand £1 from every parent/carer who calls, emails or catches me at the gate to say that I have got the dates wrong for this year. If previous years are anything to go by, The Mrs Penney Retirement Fund will get a massive boost!

The idea of sending them to you now is so you can plan ahead for holidays so you can avoid term time. These are also available on our website.

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 25 October 2024

Half Term - Monday 28 October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024

Monday 4 November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas Holiday - Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday 3 January 2025

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### SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025

Half Term - Monday 17 February 2025 - Friday 21 February 2025

Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025

Easter Holiday - Monday 7 April 2025 – Monday 21 April 2025

(Easter weekend 18 - 21 April)

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### SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025

(May Day Bank Holiday 5 May 2025)

Half Term - Monday 26 May 2025 - Friday 30 May 2025

(Spring Bank Holiday 26 May 2025)

Monday 2 June 2025 - Tuesday 22 July 2025

5 Inset (teacher training) days to be finalised and will be sent out shortly.





# REMEMBER

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### Scholastic Book Fair

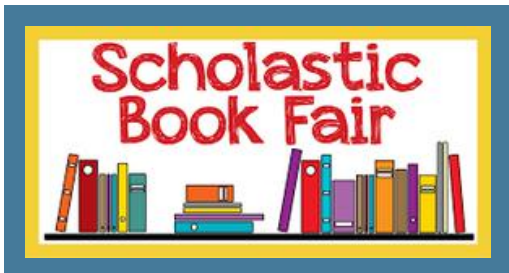
We are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair on:

- Tuesday 28th November
- Wednesday 29th November
- Thursday 30th November
- Friday 1st December

Where: in the small hall.

When: Before and after school

You can stock up on Christmas presents and school can earn FREE BOOKS for every book sold at the Fair so we hope to be able to re-stock our library and classrooms with brand new resources.



# UPDATES

**This week's  
winners are**



**Spelling Shed**

**3ME 4J**

**Doodle Maths**

**2M 4JL**

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.







A message from Dame Rachel De Sousa, Children's Commissioner for England.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in the London area are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) . Further resources are available on the Big Ambition [website](#).



# Our Winter Market is back!

**Date: Saturday 2nd December.**

**Time: 10am to 3pm!**

**Venue: Michael Sobell Centre (on the grounds of Mount Vernon Hospital, HA6 2RN).**



**Book to see Santa  
for only a  
£5 donation on  
our website:**



For more information visit,  
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[fundraising@harlingtonhospice.org](mailto:fundraising@harlingtonhospice.org).

# NURSERY



# HIGHLIGHTS



# RECEPTION



# HIGHLIGHTS



# YEAR 1



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 2

2P enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum.



In Computing, we took photographs in landscape and portrait format.



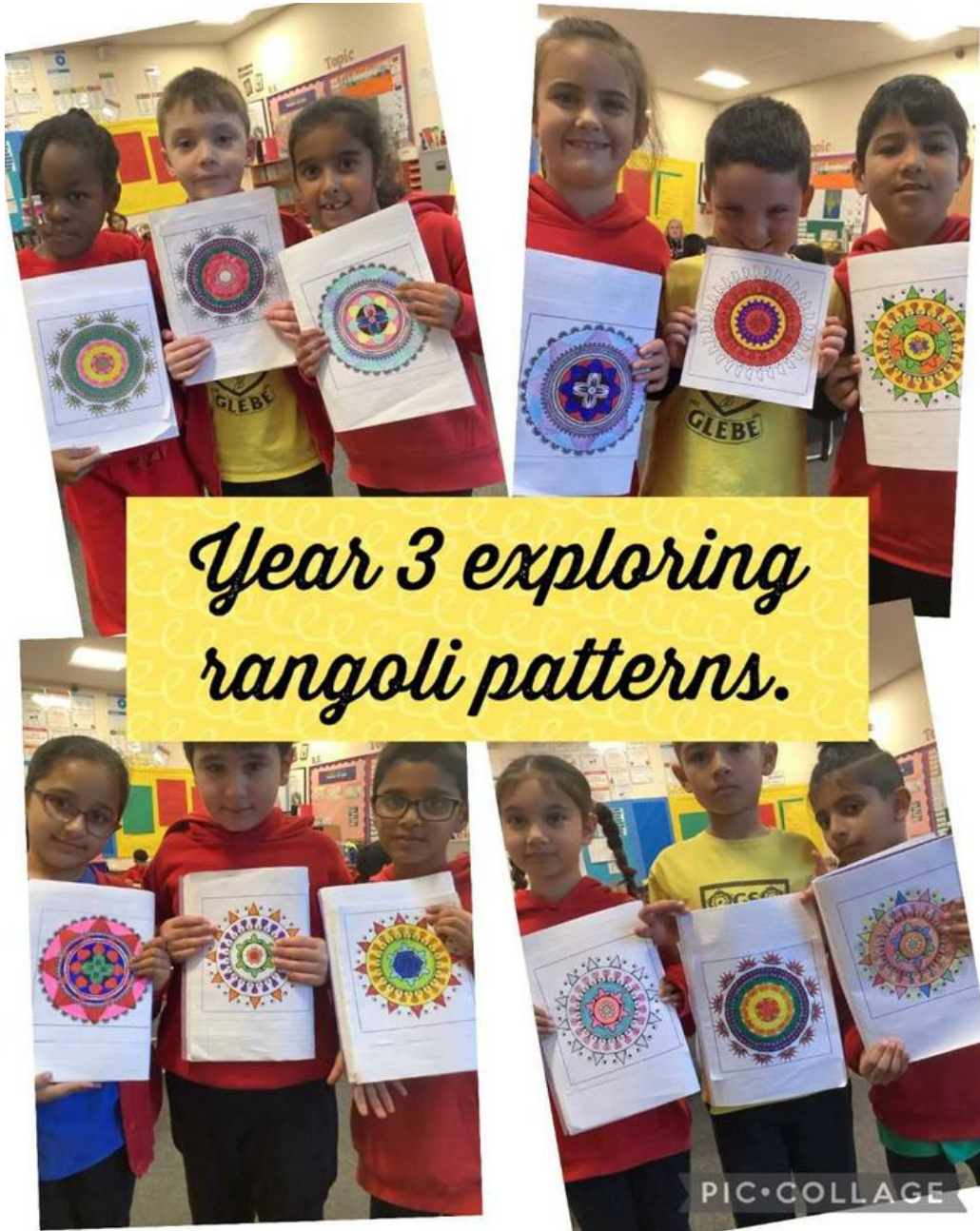
Interfaith Week - painting divas.



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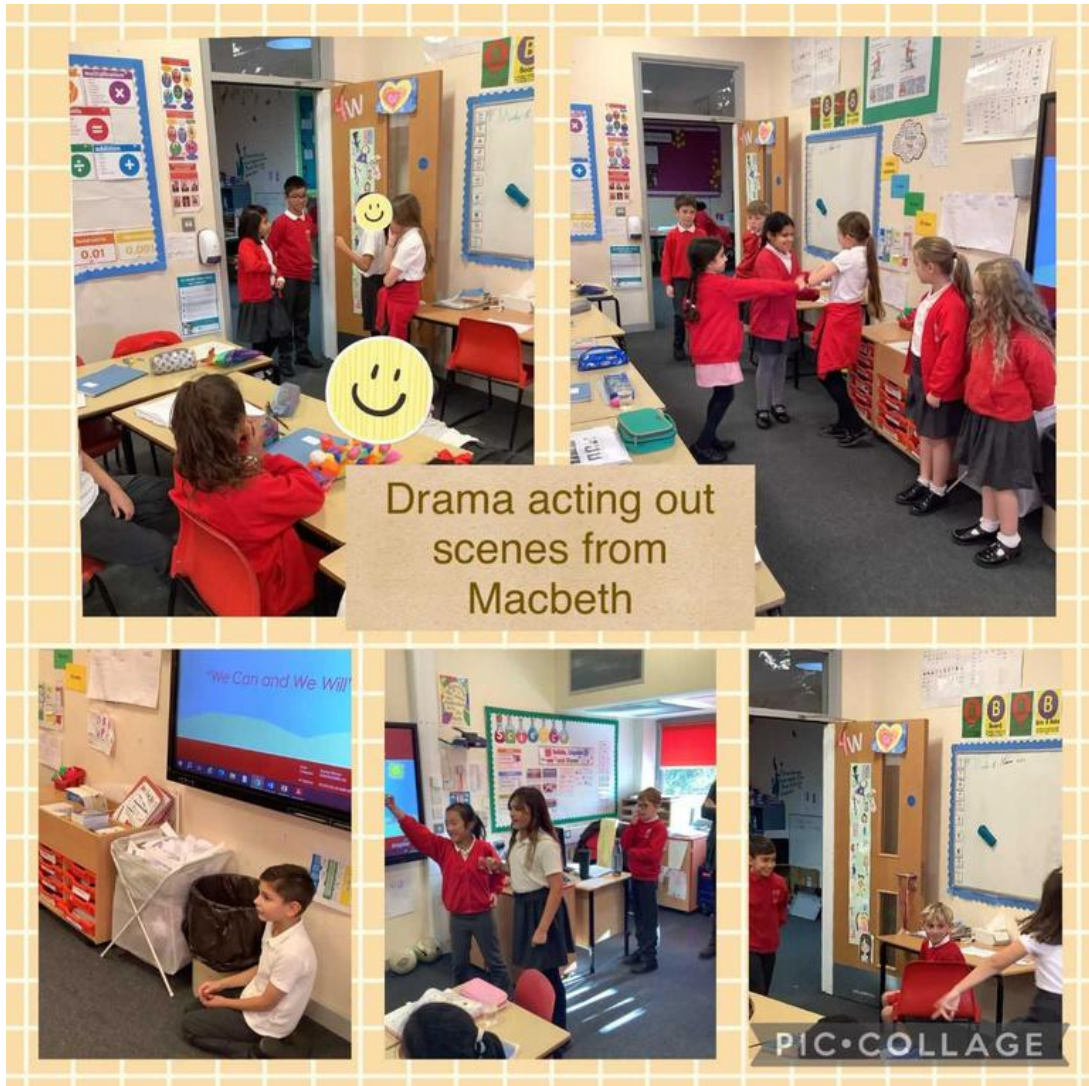
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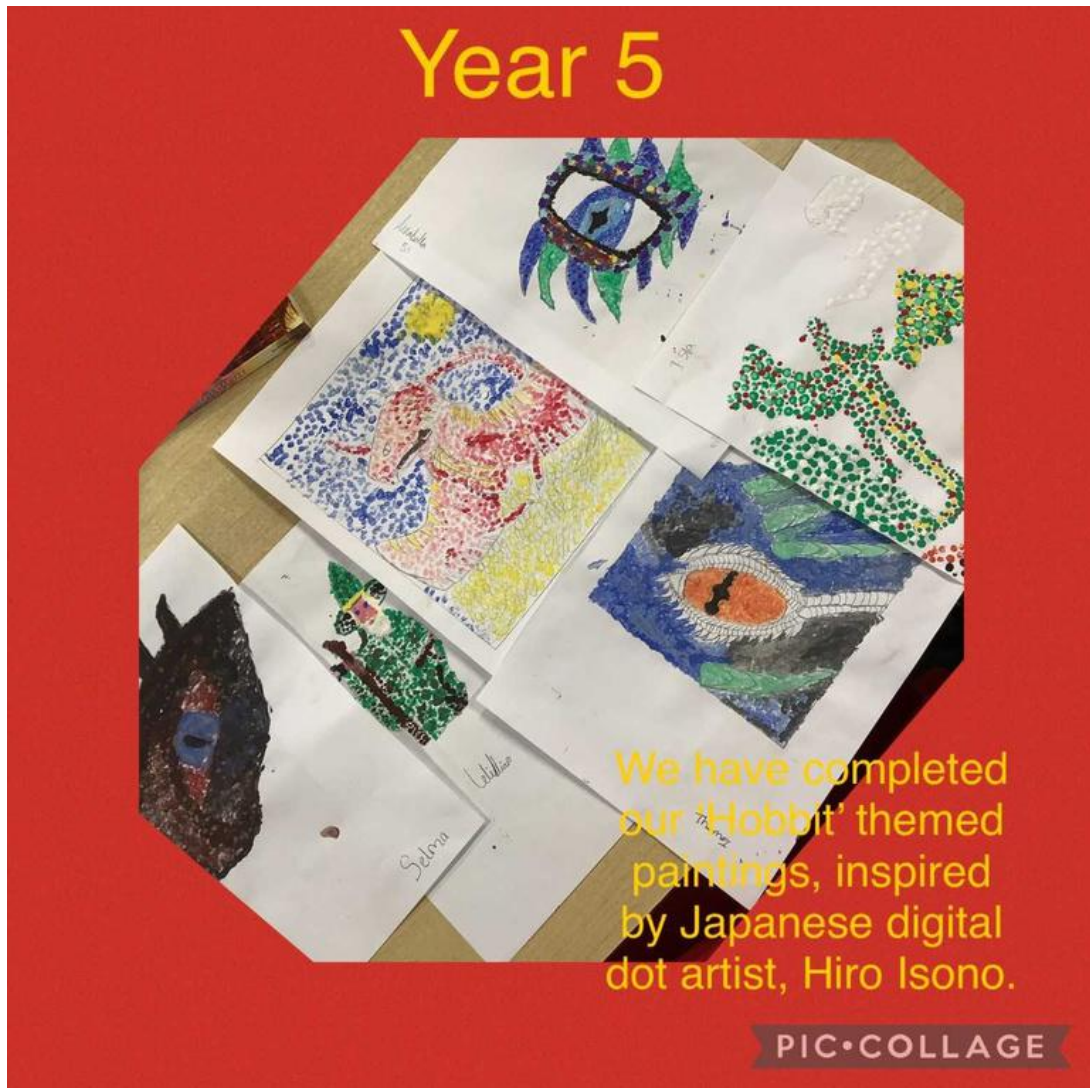


# YEAR 4



# HIGHLIGHTS

# YEAR 5



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# YEAR 6



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Wishing you all a lovely  
weekend.

Mrs Penney



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