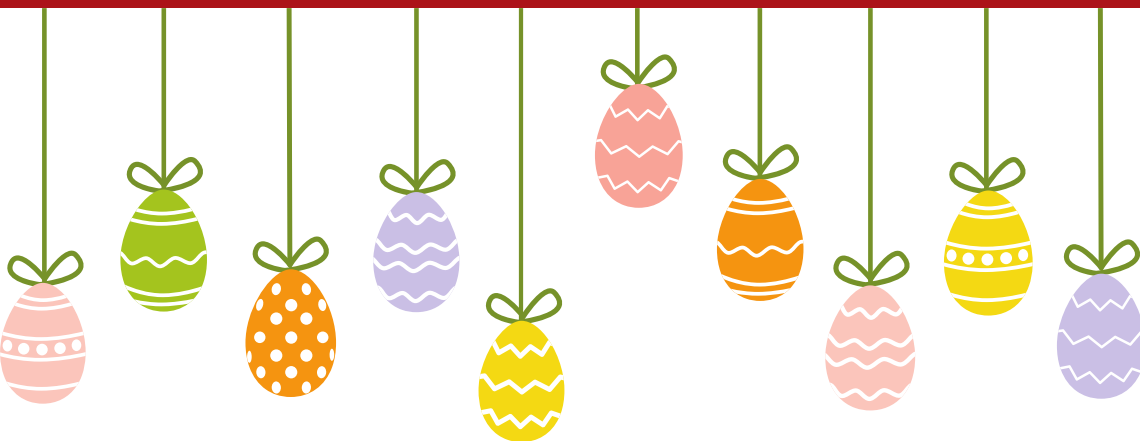




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GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



We have reached the end of another busy term. I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continued dedication and hard work. Thanks also to the children who have continued to thrive and make Glebe such a lovely place to work.

Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was.... Paddington! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



Attendance

No. of sessions missed this week
(SESSION = 0.5 DAY)

RW	8
3G	8
6A	12
3ME	16
4V	16
RB	17
1S	17
2C	17
2J	18
5I	19
2F	22
5IP	22
1M	23
6L	23
RP	24
4W	24
1G	25
5M	28
3D	37
6K	37
4JL	38

Whole School

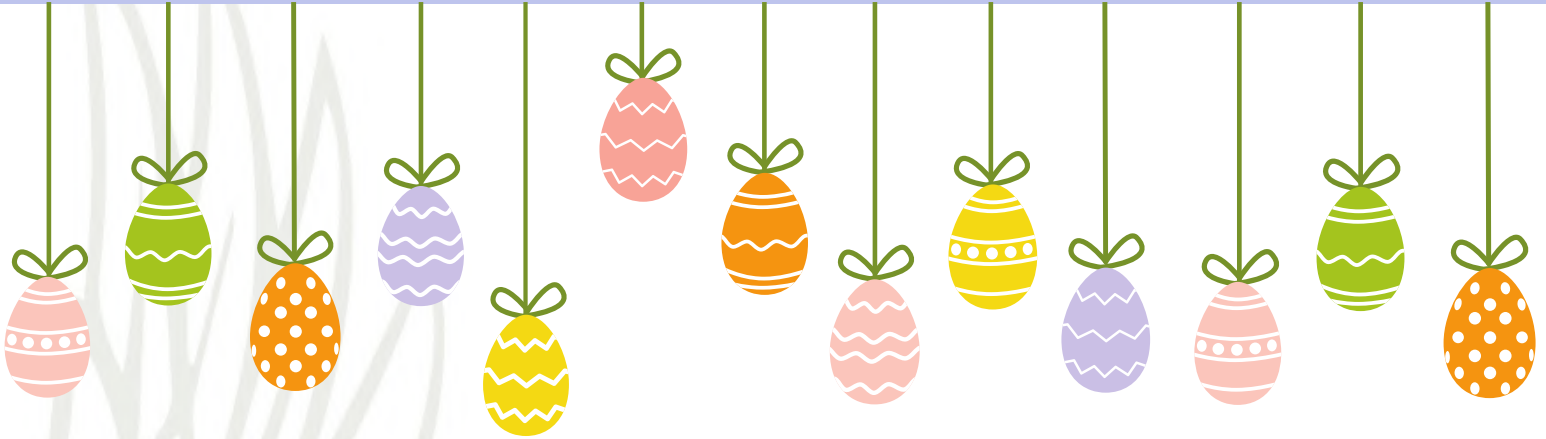
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sessions missed out of a possible 4,664 (4 days)

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

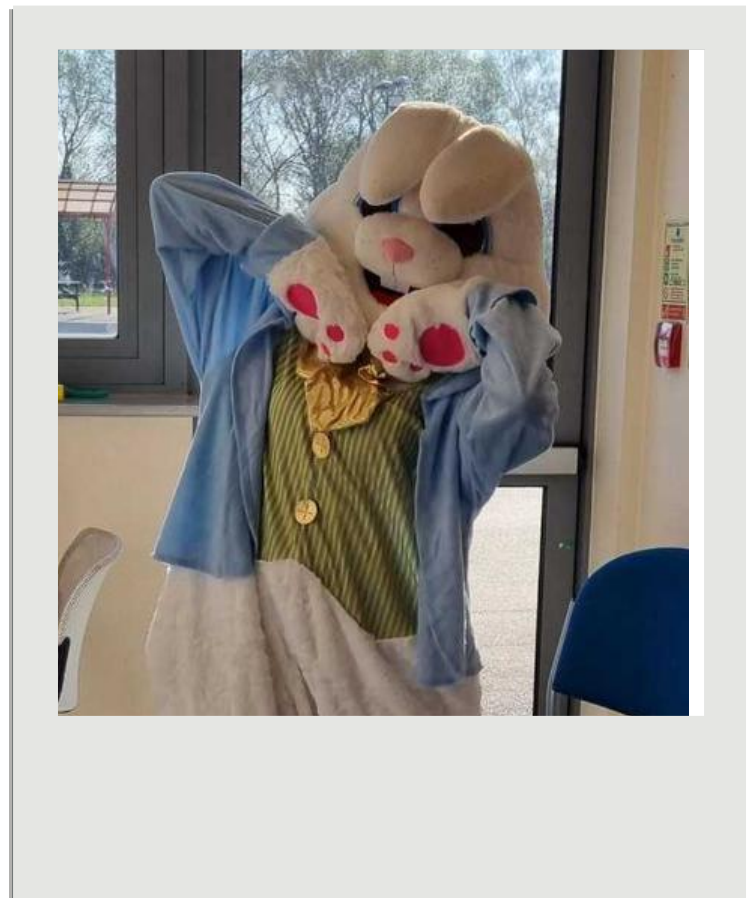
A Special Visitor



We were delighted to welcome the Easter Bunny to Glebe yesterday.

We are so fortunate that our FOG team have friends in such high places and were able to organise this visit, especially given that this is such a busy time for him.

The Easter Bunny, along with his trusty sidekick, Maria from FOG visited every classroom delivering Easter treats.



Maths Challenge

Last Thursday, four of our Year 6 pupils represented our school at the Maths Challenge held at Newnham Junior School in Ruislip. They tackled a series of tricky problem-solving tasks and worked brilliantly as a team, demonstrating great perseverance and mathematical thinking.

They showed enthusiasm and brilliant effort with one of our teams taking 6th place, finishing in the top half of the table out of 20 teams! We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication—well done to Shivanshi, Rutvi, Jensen and Kabir!



PIC•COLLAGE

MR DWYER'S SPORTS NEWS

Football - Alan Budden Memorial Cup

On Wednesday, the boys' A Team were at Northwood FC defending the Alan Budden Memorial Cup. Given last week's cup final victory, and their success over the last couple of years, Glebe were undoubtedly the team to beat. The boys started quickly, winning their first 4 group games, which saw them sitting top of the table with 2 games left to play. The boys did enough in those final games and finished top of the group, meaning they were up against Field End Juniors in the semi-final. It was a cagey game, where the boys looked comfortable at the back but created very little up the other end - in no small part down to the defensive approach of the opposition. The game finished 0-0 after extra time, meaning the game was to be decided by penalties! Glebe got off to a great start, with Oscar saving Field End's first penalty and the boys scoring all 5 of theirs. Glebe were into the final, where they would face Lady Bankes. Again, it was a cagey game with little between the 2 sides but with about 2 minutes to go, Lady Bankes got a corner and ended up scoring (if I was bitter, I would say it was definitely handball but I'm not so I won't...) and running out 1-0 winners.

Both Mr Young and I are incredibly proud of all the boys' achievements, it is difficult to be the team that everyone wants to beat and they essentially played 8 cup finals yesterday. They're not done yet though, as they've got the Borough Finals after the Easter break. A huge well done to: Blake, Harley, Oscar, Ethan, Georgie, Elliot, Fletcher and Harry.



MISS KIELTY'S SPORTS NEWS

Netball Tournament

On Monday 31st March we entered the B Team netball tournament at Newnham. The team played brilliantly from the first whistle and tried their best throughout. After five tough matches we finished 3rd in our group with two wins and 3 loses. Great effort all round and the we enjoyed the sunshine too!



REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



Closure of Breakspear Road South

Don't forget that the 3-week closure of Breakspear Road South will impact on the first week back after the Easter holidays (22nd - 25th April). More details are on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter but please ensure you leave extra time, whichever direction you come from. Although the road closure is not close to Glebe, the traffic caused by diverted traffic means that traffic is heavier than usual during this time.



'Purple Up! Day' Friday 25th April 2025!

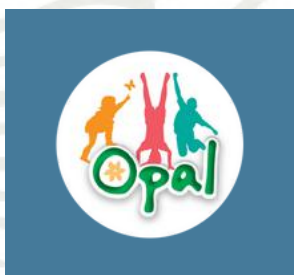
Don't forget that at the end of the first week back, we will be celebrating the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) 'Month of the Military Child'. **Friday 25th April** will be **Purple Up!** Day at Glebe. We would like school staff and children to wear a piece of purple clothing or a purple accessory (no purple hair!) as part of their school uniform to show their support for Service children here and across the country.

The colour purple has been chosen as it represents all Services.



No Training Day

Don't forget, there is no training day after the Easter holiday. The summer term will start on Tuesday 22nd April.



OPAL

This week we started on our journey to becoming an OPAL school. We met with our mentor and the founder of OPAL who will be supporting us and training the staff on how to revolutionise our play times. We are going to start introducing certain loose part elements to our play times to give the children more choice of what to play with. This is where you come in. If you can provide any lego/duplo, any role play toys such as medical kits, toy buggies, plastic tea sets, etc. as a starting point, this would be really appreciated.

REMEMBER



Key Information & Dates



Summer Term - 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	- School starts - NO TRAINING DAY
Wednesday 23 rd April	- Year 5 Viking Day
Friday 25 th April	- Purple Up! Day - wear a purple accessory or piece of clothing
Monday 28 th April	- PANTS Parents' Workshop: 9am in the school hall
Monday 5 th May	- May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 7 th May	- PANTS Parents' Workshop: 9am in the school hall
Thursday 8 th May	- 1S Class Assembly at 9.15am*
Friday 9 th May	- Pre-loved uniform sale at 3.30pm
Thursday 22nd May	- 1M Class Assembly at 9.15am*
<i>Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - Half term - School Closed</i>	
Monday 2 nd June	- Training Day - school closed

Advanced Notice

Thursday 19th June - 1G Class Assembly at 9.15am*

*Parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons for all 3 assemblies.

UPDATES

This week's winners are



Well Done to both classes!

RP 1M

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Notification



Road closure for new culvert installation on Breakspear Road South

March 2025 | www.hs2.org.uk

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain.

You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at

Our Community Engagement team is available to answer your questions about the project and the works in Hillingdon.

Our team would like to invite you to:

❖ **Visit the HS2 Information Hub**

Our Community Information Hub is open for drop-ins every Monday and Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm.

You can find us in the portacabin on the right of the West Ruislip Portal entrance on Ickenham Road.

❖ **Book a virtual one to one appointment**

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What work is taking place?

From **5 to 27 April 2025**, we will be carrying out works on Breakspear Road South, under a **full 24-hour road closure** north and south of the Network Rail bridge.

During the road closure we will:

- Remove and replace the culvert, including excavating a trench across the road to install the new drainage pipes
- Cut sheet piles along the area of the HS2 Breakspear Road bridge
- install ditches by excavating and by clearing some vegetation and trees

Please see the following pages for more information about the works, and a map showing the location of the road closure and the diversion route.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Duration of works

5 to 27 April 2025

The road closure will be in place 24 hours a day until works are completed

What to expect

Road closure and temporary traffic signage

No through access for emergency services

Operatives in the work area, as well as plant vehicles to carry out the installation

Your utility services will not be affected

What we will do

Maintain access to your property at all times

Clearly sign post the diversion route

Keep disruption to a minimum

Provide updates at:

HS2inHillingdon.co.uk

Road closure for new culvert installation on Breakspear Road South

www.hs2.org.uk

Notification



How these works will affect you

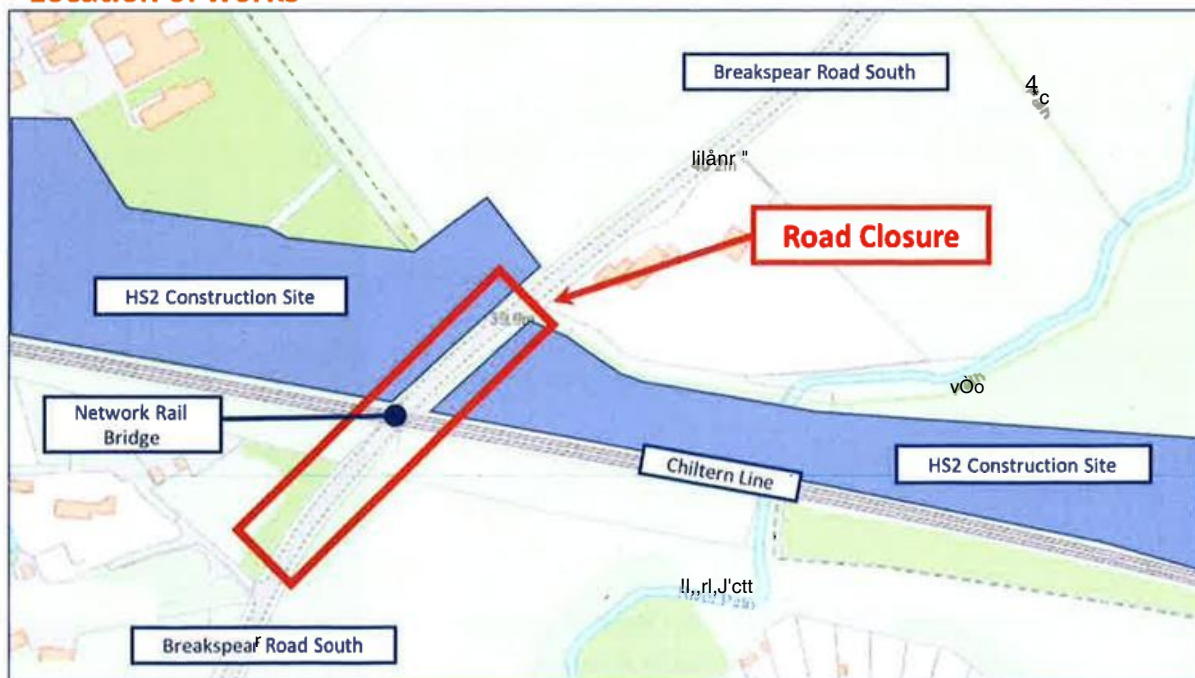
From 5 to 27 April 2025, Breakspear Road South will be fully closed from south of the Network Rail bridge to the area north of the HS2 Bridge. A clearly signposted diversion route will be in place via Swakeleys Road B467/ High Road B466/ Ickenham Road/ High Street/ Bury Street A4180/ Breakspear Road.

A full road closure will be in place to ensure that the work can be carried out safely. Local access to residential properties will be maintained, however, there will be no through access for emergency services.

Two weeks of the closure will be within the Easter school holiday from 7 to 21 April 2025.

We would like to apologise for any disruption or inconvenience these works may cause. Every effort is being taken to ensure that these works are carried out in the least impactful way. We will ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum.

Location of works



Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on **08081 434 434**

What's
on...

at Ickenham Library

April

Thursdays 4pm to 4.45pm (term-time only)

Story Stars

Fire up your imagination by listening to an exciting story followed by a fun activity. For ages 5-7

Places must be booked in advance



Tuesday 8 April 10.30am to 12pm

Celebrating the heritage of Nestles and Heinz in the Borough. Listen to a healthy story and design your own food packaging for a new product. For ages 5-11

Places must be booked in advance



Saturday 12 April 10.30am to 12pm

Imagine Hillingdon: A LEGO® Journey Through Time

We'll take a journey exploring homes over the past six Decades. Use your creativity to imagine and build a house of the future. For ages 5-11. Drop-in session



Saturday 19 April 10.30am to 12pm

Easter LEGO®

Help us decorate the library for Easter. For ages 5 to 11

Drop in session



Join us for board games and scavenger hunt during the Easter holidays





All About Family is a new free digital magazine aimed at giving parents/carers valuable information for their children.

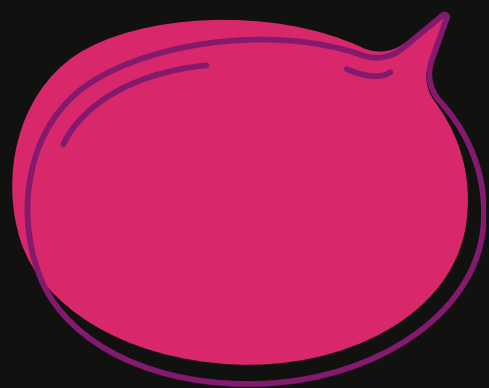
In this edition there is exclusive content from OFSTED, NSPCC, St John Ambulance plus more.

Within there is advice on;

- Internet Safety
- Phonics
- Books
- First Aid
- Healthy Eating
- Snap Chat/Instagram/WhatsApp Advice
- Family Law Advice
- Plus more.....

Below is a link to the Spring edition

<https://allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine/>



Learn Hillingdon Easter Activities for you and your child/children!

Date	Course	Time	Min age
Monday 07/04/2025	Easter Decorated Jars	10-12pm	5+
Monday 07/04/2025	Easter Decorated Jars	1-3pm	5+
Wednesday 09/04/2025	Stitched Easter Eggs	10-12pm	7+
Wednesday 09/04/2025	Stitched Easter Eggs	1-3pm	7+
Monday 14/04/2025	Easter Pizza	10-12pm	7+
Monday 14/04/2025	Easter Pizza	1-3pm	7+
Wednesday 16/04/2025	Easter nests	10-12pm	7+
Wednesday 16/04/2025	Easter nests	1-3pm	7+

Need something to do with your child/children during the Easter holidays? Book onto one of these **free** sessions! You will complete an activity with your child/children and meet other parents/children.

The sessions are for one adult with up to two children.

Parents are responsible for their child/children.

To book onto a session (**maximum of 2**) please contact our Harlington Centre on 01895 556252 or email:

familylearning@hae-acl.ac.uk

Spaces are limited so book as soon as possible.



Venue Address:

Learn Hillingdon

High street

Uxbridge

UB8 1UW



Junior Foundation Cricket @ Ickenham Cricket Club

When? - Every Friday from April 25th
Time? - 5pm - 6.15pm
Where? - Ickenham CC, UB10 8UT
Who? - Boys & Girls aged 6-11 years

How to get involved!
- Email colts@ickenhamcc.co.uk
- Turn up in the summer





BETTER

Short Course Swim Lessons

Looking for a fun and effective way to boost your child's swimming confidence, technique and skills during the half term break?

Our 1 week intensive swim course is perfect for beginners and improvers. With expert coaching and daily lessons progress is faster, safer and more enjoyable!

Dates : April 7th - 11th

April 14th - 18th

Times : 09:30 - 11:30

Benefits of Short Courses:

- **Builds Water Confidence** - Perfect for nervous swimmers or those looking to overcome fear.
- **Learn & Improve Quickly** - Daily sessions helps beginners grasp the basics and improvers refine their strokes.
- **Stay Active Over Half-Term** - A fun and healthy way to keep kids engaged during the break.
- **Small Groups for Maximum Progress** - More attention means faster learning and better results.
- **Prepare for School Swimming & Holidays** - Get ready for swimming assessments and upcoming trips.



5 x 30 minute sessions for just
£37.50



Highgrove Pool & Fitness Centre

THE JD FOOTBALL ACADEMY

EASTER CAMP



9AM - 3PM

WEEK 1: MONDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 11TH APRIL - £25 PER DAY/£100 FOR THE WEEK

WEEK 2: MONDAY 14TH APRIL - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL - £25 PER DAY/£80 FOR THE WEEK

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(INDOOR & OUTDOOR FACILITIES)**

**BOYS & GIRLS . RECEPTION - YEAR 8
PRIZES TO BE GIVEN OUT**

 **@THEJDFOOTBALLACADEMY**

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CONTACT JOE TO BOOK - 07432507300



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Closing date
15 June 2025
at
12:00 (Midnight)

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Cash Prizes
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FOR AGE GROUPS

9 - 11 YEARS

12 - 14 YEARS

15 - 18 YEARS

DOUBLES GAMES ONLY

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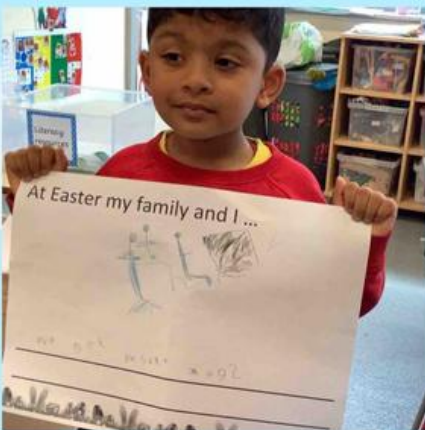
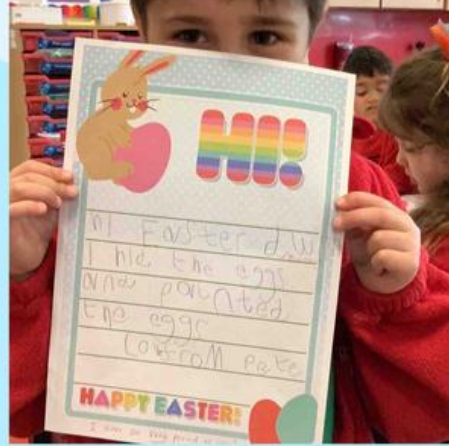


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RECEPTION



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EASTER IN RECEPTION

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HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 1



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2



Year 2 have loved learning about castles. We have finished making our castles and have enjoyed learning all about how castles were attacked.

battering ram

 It was a shield made out of wood to protect at least six soldiers could be protected under the shield.

wooden shield

 A catapult catapult which could launch stones or even a small dog it could launch at castle and break.

catapult


battering ram

 a battering ram was a huge heavy log with a pointed end.

siege tower

 a siege tower was a tall tower that rolled up to the side of the castle.

wooden shield

 a wooden shield was used by the soldiers for protection.

Thursday 3rd April 2025
 LO: To understand what weapons were used to defend castles.

battering ram

 A battering ram is a triangular piece of wood with a pointed end that is used to break through castle walls.

wooden shield

 A wooden shield is a flat piece of wood that soldiers use to protect themselves from arrows and other weapons.

catapult

 The catapult is a machine that shoots stones or other objects at the enemy. It can be used to break down castle walls.

siege tower

 A siege tower could be rolled up to the castle and broken well to each section they could climb in the but the section at the top they climb at the top of the castle.

ballista

 This is a big bow on wheels which could shoot out gigantic stones.

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HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 3



The Easter bunny came to visit!



In maths, we measured the duration of various events.



We took advantage of the lovely weather and went outside!

HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 4

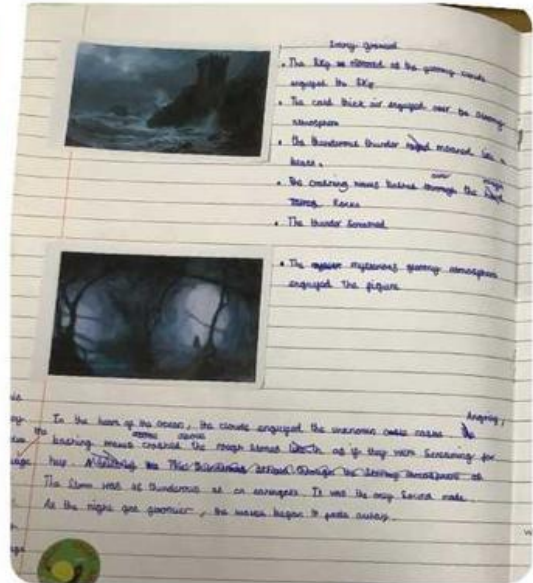
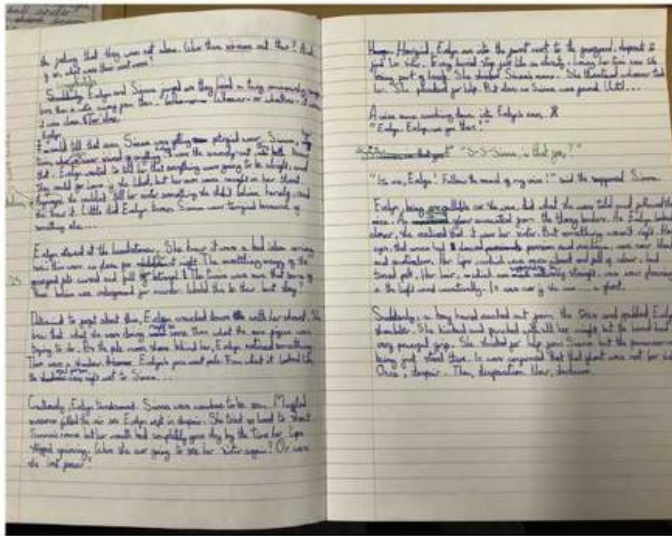


MAKING MUSIC

PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

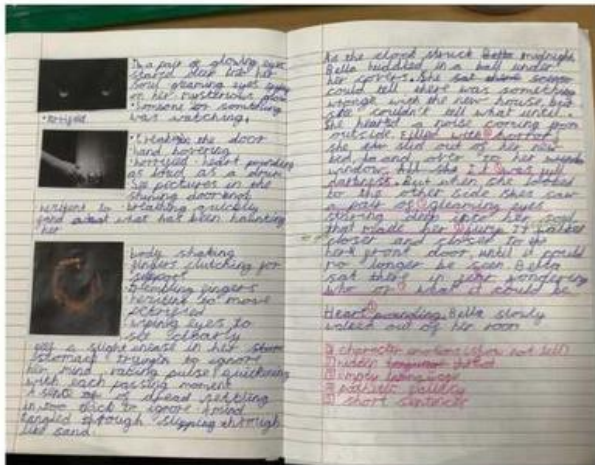
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YEAR 5



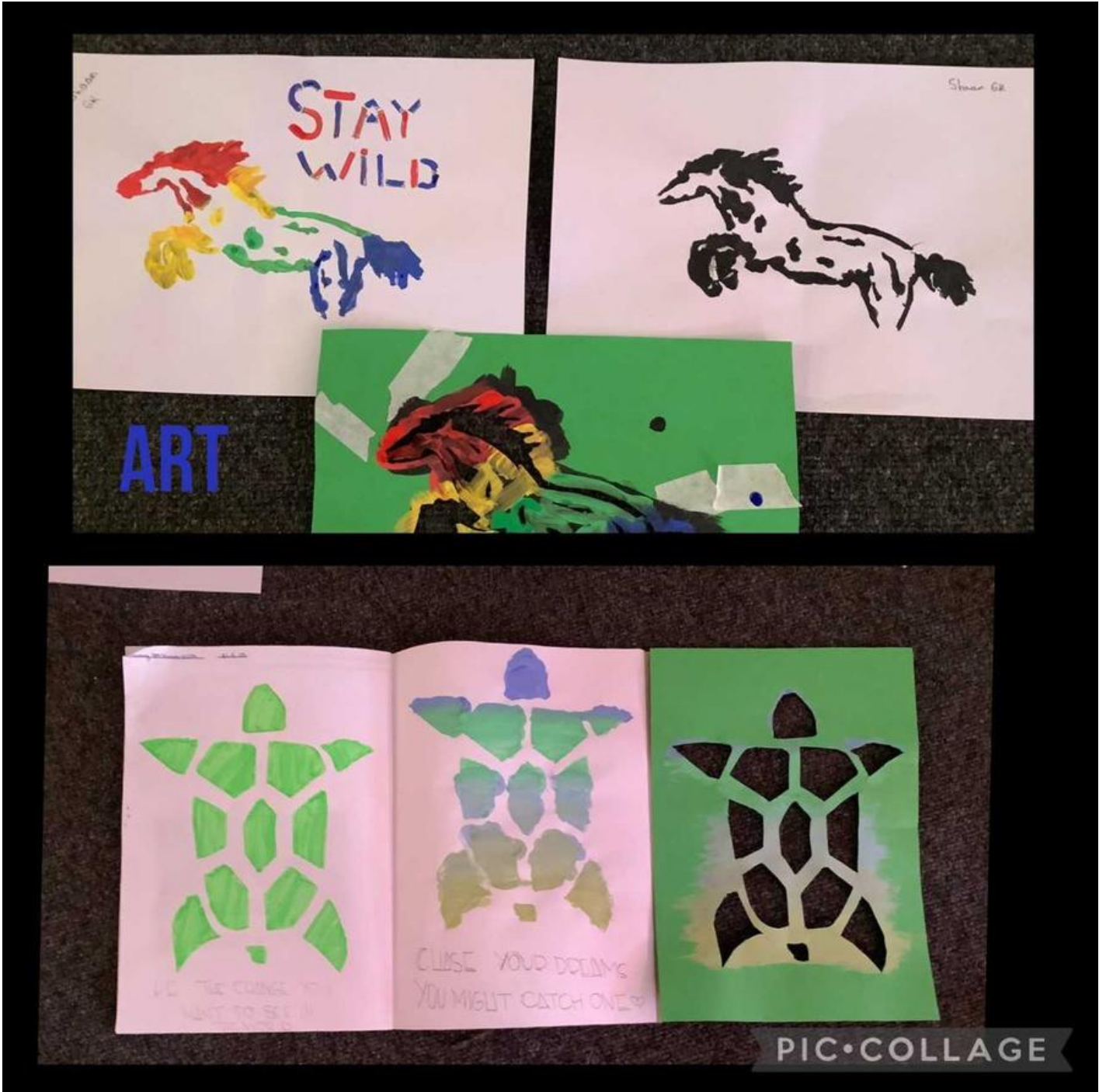
YEAR 5

WE HAVE FINISHED OUR LAST PIECE OF WRITING FOR THE TERM
AND SOME STUDENTS MADE SOME DELICIOUS PANCAKES



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 6



HIGHLIGHTS

Wishing you all
a lovely Easter
holiday. See you
on Tuesday 22nd
April.

Mrs Penney



Who is our mystery guest?

Clue 1: I am an animal who is a symbol for new life - which is perfect for spring time celebrations.

Clue 2: I am originally from Germany where I was known as Oschter Haws.

Clue 3: In old German stories, I would lay colorful eggs for well-behaved children to find.

Clue 4: I have visited Glebe this week.



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