



# Headteacher's Blog

19TH MAY 2025

## Round up of last week...

I want to begin by saying how proud I am of our Year 6s for taking SATs in their stride, giving their best to each one and getting the job done! Thanks must also go to all of the Year 6 team who ensured that SATs were approached with calmness and positivity and to our fabulous kitchen team who ensured that there was a delicious breakfast waiting for the children each day.

**Care** was at the heart of Year 6s experience throughout the whole week!

Thanks to those who have responded with feedback to our Swansfield Way via the Google form on the school newsletter. We'd appreciate more feedback so please take two mins to send us your thoughts or questions.

KS1 finished the week in colourful style at The Elmer Adventure show at the Alnwick Playhouse. Children (and staff!) loved the three Elmer stories and the fantastic songs...and were thrilled when the actual Elmer made an appearance on stage! Thank you to Alnwick Playhouse for the tickets and for giving us a great afternoon!

What a lovely afternoon Maple had at The Alnwick Garden on Friday. It was wonderful for them to see their work on display alongside other primary schools and the high school. The class were lucky enough to have a guided tour from Craig, who is the climate action programme manager. The children were engaged throughout, learning about the history of the garden, its plants and more. The children also loved their time running through the maze and worked together to find their way out. Then to finish, they all enjoyed a swing in the cherry orchard.

Thank you to The Alnwick Garden and the Duchess High School for leading the Eco project.

## What's on this week...

Following their hard-working week, it's time for Year 6 to have some fun and they'll be heading off on residential on Wednesday. Please can we ask that you take some time to read the communication sent at the end of the week with all the finalised arrangements detailed. Can I ask you to take particular note that no electronic devices are permitted.

Year 5 have bikeability in the coming week. Please ensure that your child has their bike in school on the correct day.

It's Walk to School week and we want to encourage all children to walk - even if this means parking a little further away from school and having a walk from the car. There will be stickers in classrooms for those who come by foot! Don't forget that you can easily park at Roxburgh Place or Greenwell Lane car parks and it's a pleasant stroll up to school!

It's Plum Class assembly on Wednesday afternoon and friends and family are warmly invited to join us for this. Please come to the main entrance for a 14.30 start.

Summer 2 clubs brochure will be sent to parents this week with clubs then beginning the first week back after half term.

**Whole school attendance last week:**

**95.1 % Let's try to get it back up to 96+!**





**A huge well done to...**

*Jacob McFall, Dylan Rowberry, Harry Short, Sophie Oxley, Eddie Hoy, Albie Conroy, Carlisle De Villiers, William Green, Bobby Mowbray, Oliver Bonnett, All of Maple Class (for excellent engagement at Alnwick Gardens), Rim Gadema, Vincent Spence, Marshall Duffill and Seb Metcalf.*

*We are very proud of you all!*

## **Maple Class Eco Project at Alnwick Gardens...**



## Have a listen to this



I told the children in assembly this week that between now and the summer holiday, we're going to look at life in Britain from the end of WW2 to 1955 - the year that our school opened. We'll listen to music from this period, find out a bit about what life was like and how the country recovered from wartime.

This week we'll focus on 1946 and here's Tex Beneke with the Glenn Miller Band - Give Me Five Minutes More

## Family Support Morning



Don't forget that Nick and Sheila from Toby Henderson Trust will be ready to welcome anyone who would like to come along to our ASD support group on Tuesday morning at 08.45. The kettle will be on and anyone can come along to discuss and gain support and advice on anything Autism related. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis... you might just have a question or query.

